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Dear «First»:

**Something is changing at RVCC and it affects *you!***

The **Interface Design & Web Development (IDMX)** program that you are enrolled in is— along with the Game Development and Game Art programs — merging into a *brand new program* that combines the strengths of all three: **Game & Real-time Interactive Design** or **GRID** for short:

***GRID*** *is an interdisciplinary program designed to equip students with the creative and technical skills needed to excel in digital media, game development, and interactive computing. Blending design principles, programming, user experience, and rich media production, the program prepares students for careers in game design, web development, interactive storytelling, and emerging creative technologies. With hands-on projects, industry-standard tools, and a focus on innovation, students build a strong foundation in both artistic and technical aspects of interactive media.*

**What does this mean for you?** The IDMX major you’re enrolled in is being phased out and replaced by this new program **effective June 2027**. Because of State regulations, **this date is not flexible**. So with this in mind you have two choices. You may either:

1. **Complete your degree before June 2027** and graduate with an IDMX degree. This may require taking some course equivalencies as the the new program phases in; or
2. **Change your major to Game & Real-time Interactive Design (GRID)** with an Option of your choice (such as the Web Development, Entrepreneur, or other pathway).

If you’re not sure what you should do, you can:

* Come to an information session on at in to discuss your remaining degree requirements with Professor Steve Caruso directly; or
* Schedule a Student Hours session with Professor Caruso during the semester to discuss things one-on-one via Calendly, here: <https://calendly.com/prof-caruso/20min> (in-person and video chat sessions will be available); or
* Alternatively, you can make an appointment with Charlie Hilfiker in Advising ([charlie.hilfiker@raritanval.edu](mailto:charlie.hilfiker@raritanval.edu)) to plan out the remaining program requirements you must fulfill; or
* Reach out to Department Chairs Virginia Smith ([virginia.smith@raritanval.edu](mailto:virginia.smith@raritanval.edu)) or Darren McManus ([darren.mcmanus@raritanval.edu](mailto:darren.mcmanus@raritanval.edu)), or Professor Caruso ([steven.caruso@raritanval.edu](mailto:steven.caruso@raritanval.edu)) with questions about IDMX courses you need to complete if they are not listed in the attached schedule.

Either way, please complete the attached document and return in the postage paid envelope provided. We wish you success in all your classes as you work toward fulfilling your educational goals at Raritan Valley Community College.

Sincerely,

Virginia Smith & Darren McManus

Department Chairs – Arts & Design

**Course Offerings**

The following table shows when program specific *required classes* are offered along with their *equivalents* after they have been phased out. A check mark (✓) indicates that a class *will* run that semester, where a dash (—) indicates that it *may* run depending on numbers.

If a class is not on this list, it should remain unaffected.

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| **Classes** | **Fall 2025** | **Spring 2026** | **Fall 2026** | **Spring 2027** |
| CSIT 103 or 105 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ↳ *equiv to* GRID - Creative Computing I  *\*plus\** GRID – Intro to GRID |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |
| IDMX – Interactive Multimedia | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |
| ↳ *equiv to* GRID – Creative Computing II |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |
| IDMX – Interface Design & HCI |  | ✓ |  |  |
| ↳ *equiv to* GRID – User Experience Design |  |  | — | ✓ |
| IDMX – User Interface Programming | ✓ |  |  |  |
| ↳ *equiv to* GRID – GRID Production I |  |  | ✓ | — |
| IDMX – IDMX Capstone |  | ✓ |  |  |
| ↳ *equiv to* GRID – GRID Production II |  |  | — | ✓ |
| IDMX → GRID - Web Page Development I | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| IDMX → GRID – Web Page Development II |  | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| IDMX → GRID – JavaScript | ✓ |  | ✓ | — |

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Yes, I can attend the information session on .

No, I can’t attend the session, but I would like to set up an appointment with Professor Caruso to discuss my options.

No, I no longer have an interest in pursuing the IDMX degree or the new GRID degree. Please remove my name from future communications.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***Please return this form in the enclosed, prepaid envelope.** \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*