

CMSC 325 7380 Game Design and Development (2218)

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Course Description

Prerequisite: CMSC 230 or CMIS 242. A project-driven study of the theory and practice of game design and development. The aim is to build realistic graphical 3-D worlds, animate characters, and add special effects to games. Discussion covers critical mathematical concepts and real-time game physics. Projects include collaborative development of interactive games.

Course Introduction

This course allows students to apply theory and key concepts of game design to the development of modern, interactive games. This is a project-based course that will use rapid prototyping and iterative processes, allowing you to write your own games.

Course Outcomes

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- analyze and map requirements into design elements using principles of mathematics, modeling, physics, networking, and graphics
- design, code, and test 3D graphics, data structures, game strategies, and user interfaces and produce appropriate documentation
- implement games and simulations using modern object-oriented languages and game engines, adhering to industry best practices and ethical standards
- test and debug games to ensure that they meet requirements and document results
- critically analyze and describe current games and industry trends and issues

Course Materials

[Click to access your course materials information \(http://webapps.umgc.edu/UgcmBook/BPage.cfm?C=CMSC%20325&S=7380&Sem=2218\)](http://webapps.umgc.edu/UgcmBook/BPage.cfm?C=CMSC%20325&S=7380&Sem=2218)

Class Guidelines

Faculty Information

To locate information within your LEO classroom, log in and review your faculty member's information, which is found in the Start Here section of your classroom after clicking on the **Content** link.

Contacting your Faculty Member

You can use the Pager feature within the classroom to send a message to your faculty member. Click the Classroom Walkthrough Videos link below, and then click **The Pager** link, to view a how-to video on how to use the Pager function within the classroom:

[Classroom Walkthrough Videos Link \(http://www.umgc.edu/students/leo/videos.cfm\)](http://www.umgc.edu/students/leo/videos.cfm)

Within the **Content** section of your classroom, view the **Start Here** section or **Additional Course Information** section within the **Syllabus** to learn more about contacting your faculty member.

Contacting Advising or the Department

- If you have questions related to the course content or any of the graded deliverables, please contact your instructor.
- For questions and concerns related to advising, you can call 800-888-8682 (toll-free), or, write to undergrad.advisor@umgc.edu (if you are an undergraduate student), or grad.advisor@umgc.edu (if you are a graduate student).
- For other questions and concerns about this class, you can contact your program director by writing to infotechnologydept@umgc.edu. Please be sure to mention the course name, course number, and your section number in the "Subject:" field of your email. Your email will be treated confidentially.

✓ Grading Information

This course consists of the following graded items:

Online participation	15%
Homework (5@17% each)	85%
Total	100%

Participation

By registering for a Web-based course, you have made a commitment to participate in course conferences as well as other online activities. Plan to participate regularly. Participation for this course is defined as proactive discussion in weekly conferences and discussion questions. This requires you to actively reflect on weekly readings and to develop original ideas in your responses. You are expected to demonstrate critical thinking and your understanding of the content in the assigned readings as they relate to the issues identified in the conference discussion.

You are expected to respond to the main discussion topic(s) each week and read and respond to other student posts to contribute additional knowledge to the class. Note that your online conference participation counts significantly toward your final grade.

When communicating with others in this class always work to be respectful.

The rubric used to grade your online discussion contributions is shown below:

Criteria	Exceeds (5 points)	Meets (3-4 points)	Does not Meet (0-2 points)
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Completeness of Submission	<p>Responses thoroughly addressed all parts of the discussion question adding depth to the overall conversation.</p> <p>Responses were clear and of the highest quality demonstrating mastery of writing.</p> <p>References were properly cited.</p>	<p>Responses addressed some of the question but additional clarification and details would have strengthened the discussion.</p> <p>Responses were well organized with rare spelling or grammar distractions.</p> <p>References were properly cited.</p>	<p>No responses or responses were incorrect, or missing significant details.</p> <p>No responses or responses were poorly written, disorganized with many spelling and grammatical errors.</p>
Submitted on time	Initial responses submitted at least 3 days before the due date.	Initial responses submitted on or within 2 days before the due date.	No responses or responses submitted after the due date.
Interaction with Others	Responded to student posts providing additional contributions clearly supporting learning and successful accomplishment of assignments and classroom activities.	Responded to student posts providing additional contributions.	No responses to other students or responses to other students do not provide additional insight and are not substantive.

Late Assignments

The first day that a graded assignment is late there will be a 5% deduction in points. Each additional day there will be a 3% grade deduction. The total grade deduction cannot exceed 20% for the assignment. The one exception is the end of the course. All assignments must be submitted by the end of the course unless there is an approved Grade of Incomplete.

Extra Credit

There are no extra credit opportunities for the class.

Project Descriptions

Descriptions and details for all homework and projects are listed in the assignments area found in the Navigation bar under assignments and in the content area.

Academic Policies

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) has adopted a [Philosophy of Academic Integrity \(https://www.umgc.edu/current-students/learning-resources/academic-integrity/philosophy.cfm\)](https://www.umgc.edu/current-students/learning-resources/academic-integrity/philosophy.cfm) to guide the university's commitment to a culture of academic integrity and authentic education encompassing a set of dispositions and behaviors that are socially beneficial, educationally critical, and professionally necessary.

All members of the University community must maintain the highest level of integrity across the academic experience. For students, intellectually honest academic work represents independent analysis, acknowledges all sources of information that contribute to the ideas being explored, and ensures the ability to engage in life and work authentically. Your instructor is your primary resource for how to uphold the highest ethical standards in the context of this course's specific requirements.

Turnitin is enabled within the classroom to support the development and assessment of authentic student writing. To learn more about Turnitin, the feedback it provides, how to use feedback to improve your work, and your options regarding the inclusion of your work in the Turnitin database, visit University guides for Turnitin at sites.umgc.edu/library/libresources/turnitin.cfm

(<https://sites.umgc.edu/library/libresources/turnitin.cfm>)
and <https://sites.umgc.edu/library/libresources/turnitin.cfm#studentcopyright>
(<https://sites.umgc.edu/library/libresources/turnitin.cfm#studentcopyright>).

Other Academic Integrity resources and guidelines are found at <https://www.umgc.edu/current-students/learning-resources/academic-integrity/index.cfm> (<https://www.umgc.edu/current-students/learning-resources/academic-integrity/index.cfm>).

CLASSROOM CIVILITY

University of Maryland Global Campus is committed to the success of our global community and values the diverse identities and backgrounds of our students, faculty, and staff. Each one of us has a broader life and set of experiences beyond UMGC that we bring with us to each interaction. Sharing your story with your classmates provides opportunities to learn, relate, and gain inspiration from each other. Engagement often begins with introductions at the beginning of the course. Sharing your preferred name, preferred pronouns, and other details about yourself and your life builds a foundation for connection, understanding, and a richer and more personalized learning experience.

We also recognize that some of life's responsibilities and challenges outside of the classroom, such as childcare, a change in employment status, or illness, have an impact on success in a course. To the extent you are comfortable, we encourage you to communicate with your faculty member or Success Coach about any concerns you have for this course or as a student at UMGC so we can help you navigate potential obstacles and stay on track to achieve your goals.

Students are expected to work together cooperatively, and treat fellow students and faculty with respect, showing professionalism and courtesy in all interactions. Please review the Code of Civility for more guidance on interacting in UMGC classrooms:

<https://www.umgc.edu/students/support/studentlife/conduct/code.cfm>
(<https://www.umgc.edu/students/support/studentlife/conduct/code.cfm>).

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

UMGC is committed to ensuring that all individuals are treated equally according to Policy 040.30 [Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, and Sexual Harassment](https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/administration-policies/affirmative-action-and-equal-opportunity.cfm) (<https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/administration-policies/affirmative-action-and-equal-opportunity.cfm>).

Students with disabilities who need accommodations in a course are encouraged to contact the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) at accessibilityservices@umgc.edu, or call 800-888-8682 or 240-684-2287.

The following academic policies and procedures apply to this course and your studies at UMGC.

150.25	<p>Academic Integrity Policy (http://www.umgc.edu/policies/academicpolicies/aa15025.cfm) The University expects all members of the university community—students, faculty, and staff—to use guidelines to work with and promote integrity. If you are aware of any academic misconduct, please contact integrity@umgc.edu. All cases of academic misconduct will be addressed in accordance with Policy 150.25 (http://www.umgc.edu/policies/academicpolicies/aa15025.cfm) and associated procedures.</p> <p>You are expected to engage in new learning that furthers your development of knowledge, skills, and abilities in each course. According to this policy, you may not submit a substantial portion of any coursework that you have submitted to any course previously without express written approval through assignment guidelines or other forms of communication.</p> <p>You must use UMGC course materials responsibly. Uploading course materials to any website outside of UMGC's online classroom is prohibited by this policy.</p>
151.00	<p>Code of Student Conduct (https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/student-affairs/code-of-student-conduct.cfm)</p>

170.40	The following policies describe the requirements for the award of each degree:
170.41	Degree Completion Requirements for the Graduate School(https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/graduate-school-degree-completion-requirements.cfm)
170.42	Degree Completion Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree(https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/bachelors-degree-completion-requirements.cfm) Degree Completion Requirements for an Associate's Degree(https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/associates-degree-completion-requirements.cfm)
170.71	Policy on Grade of Incomplete(https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/grade-of-incomplete-policy.cfm) - The mark of I is exceptional and considered only for certain courses. Students who have completed 60% of their coursework with a grade of B or better for graduate courses or C or better for undergraduate courses and request an I before the end of the term. The mark of I is not available for noncredit courses.
170.72	Course Withdrawal Policy (https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/course-withdrawal.cfm) - Students must follow drop and withdrawal procedures and deadlines available at https://www.umgc.edu/ under Academic Calendar.
130.80	Procedures for Review of Alleged Arbitrary and Capricious Grading(https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/capricious-grading-review.cfm) – appeals may be made on final course grades as described herein.
190.00	Intellectual Property (https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/research/intellectual-property.cfm) - All university faculty, staff, and students must comply with University guidelines on the use of copyrighted material. Uploading UMGC or faculty copyrighted material without authorization degrades and corrupts the integrity of the teaching and learning experience and is a potential violation of UMGC policy and copyright law. You must obtain permission to post UMGC or other's copyrighted material to third-party websites, including social learning network sites. UMGC reserves the right to take appropriate action to remove copyrighted material uploaded without authorization.
205.06	Calculation Of Grade-Point Average (GPA) for Inclusion on Transcripts and Transcript Requests (https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/academic-affairs/grade-point-average-calculation-for-inclusion-on-transcripts-and-transcript-requests.cfm) - Note: Undergraduate and graduate courses have different Grading Policies. See Course Syllabus for Grading Policies.
270.00	Acceptable Use (https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/fiscal-and-business-affairs/acceptable-use.cfm) - The security of the online classroom is critical to ensuring a strong culture of academic integrity and authentic education at the University. It is a violation of the University's policies for anyone to share logon, password, and any other secure information about a UMGC online account, including credentials required to access the online learning environment.

GRADING

According to UMGC's grading policy, the following marks are used:

	Undergraduate	Graduate
A	90-100	90-100
B	80-89	80-89
C	70-79	70-79*
D	60-69	N/A**

F	59 or below	69 or below
FN	Failure-Non attendance	Failure-Non attendance
G	Grade Pending	Grade Pending
P	Passing	Passing
S	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
I	Incomplete	Incomplete
AU	Audit	Audit
W	Withdrew	Withdrew

* The grade of "B" represents the benchmark for graduate courses. Students must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. Classes where final grade of C or F places a student on Academic Probation must be repeated.

** UMGC does not award the grade of D in graduate courses.

GRADE ROUNDING

Scores to individual assignments are calculated based on rubrics in the class and are not rounded to the whole point. The final grade for the course is determined by weighted average and will be rounded to the nearest whole point using mathematical rule (grades with .5 and above to be rounded to the next whole point).

EXTRA CREDIT

Assignments are designed to enable students to achieve course objectives and succeed in the program. In the interest of equity and fairness, there will be no extra credit opportunities. All assignments are identified in the syllabus.

COURSE EVALUATION SURVEY

UMGC values its students' feedback. You will be asked to complete an online evaluation toward the end of the term. The primary purpose of this evaluation process is to assess the effectiveness of classroom instruction in order to provide the best learning experience possible and make continuous improvements to every class. Responses are kept confidential. Please take full advantage of this opportunity to provide your feedback.

LIBRARY SUPPORT

Extensive library resources and services are available online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <https://sites.umgc.edu/library/index.cfm> (<https://sites.umgc.edu/library/index.cfm>) to support you in your studies. The UMGC Library provides research assistance in creating search strategies, selecting relevant databases, and evaluating and citing resources in a variety of formats via its Ask a Librarian service at <https://www.umgc.edu/library/libask/index.cfm> (<https://www.umgc.edu/library/libask/index.cfm>).

EXTERNAL LINK DISCLAIMER

This course may contain links to external sites neither owned nor maintained by UMGC. UMGC bears no responsibility for the accuracy, legality, or content of external sites or for that of subsequent links. In addition, the terms of use, security policies, and privacy policies may differ from those of UMGC. Contact the external site for answers to questions regarding its content, terms of use, and policies.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUPPORT

Those requiring technical assistance can access Help@UMGC Support directly in LEO under the Help menu. Additional technical support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week via self-help and live chat at <https://www.umgc.edu/help/> (<https://www.umgc.edu/help/>) or by phone toll-free at 888-360-8682.

SYLLABUS CHANGES

All items on this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor and the Office of Academic Affairs.

Class & Assignment Schedule

SESSION	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Java 2D• 2D Coordinates• 2D Rendering• Primitives• Text and Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1 discussions
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Java2D• Drawing 2D Primitives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 2 discussions• Homework 1
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Java2D• Loading Images• Creating Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 3 discussions
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Java2D• 2D transforms• Rendering Quality• User Interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 4 discussions• Homework 2
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• jME set-up• Hello jME	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 5 discussions• Homework 3
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• jME• SceneGraphs• 3D Transforms• Loops• User Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 6 discussions• Homework 4
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• jME• 3D Math• Materials• Buttons• Collisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 7 discussions
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• jME• Physics• Sound• Particle Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 8 discussions• Homework 5

Students can access their complete list of assignments and their corresponding due dates within the **Assignments** section of the classroom by navigating to the **Assignments** section of the class from the main navigation bar. Follow the link below, and then click **Assignments**, for a video demonstration on how to utilize this feature.

[Classroom Walkthrough Videos Link \(http://www.umgc.edu/students/leo/videos.cfm\)](http://www.umgc.edu/students/leo/videos.cfm)

Students also have access to a calendar tool on the course homepage within the classroom.
