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Module Content

- What are Serious Games?
- Why study them?
- What are the key concepts behind them?
- What are the main challenges?
 - Content Integration
 - Assessment Integration
 - Adaptivity/Personalisation
 - Human Factors
 - Evaluation
 - Business Models

Module Content

- Serious Games/GBL Concepts
- Learning Concepts
- Analysing Research Papers
- Week 4 Pitch of the Game
- Writing a Research Paper
- Design Principles of Serious Games
- Content Integration
- Assessment Integration
- Evaluation of Serious Games
- Story and Narrative
- Statistical Analysis Techniques

Module Organisation

- Coursework
 - Groups of 2–4
 - Choose a serious game to implement (must be for someone over 14 years of age)
 - Categorize papers in terms of quality
 - Investigate background to your game and how others have tackled the same/similar area – Produce A Small Literature Review
 - Design and implement serious game using an web-based assessment engine that will be provided
 - Evaluate serious game
 - Critical Appraisal (Individual)

Schedule

- Paisley
 - Lectures (Tuesday 10.00 13.00 maximum)
 - H326a
 - Will also hold progress meetings on coursework
- New Lanarkshire (Wednesday 10 13.00)
 - LK1.2.15
 - Will also hold progress meetings on coursework

Schedule

- Pitch
 - Week 4 25th/26th of September
- Reading Week
 - Week 6 13^{th/} 14th of November
- Paper assignments and literature review
 - Week 8 31st of October
- Course work demonstration
 - Week 12 27th/28th of November
- Course work hand in date
 - Week 14 14th of December

Engagement

- University has the same engagement policy this year
- Attendance will be monitored at the lectures

Recommended Reading

- Connolly, T.M., Stansfield, M.H., Boyle, E. (2009). Games-Based Learning Advancements for Multisensory Human Computer Interfaces: Techniques and Effective Practices. Ideas Group.
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- Prensky, M. (2001). Digital game based learning. McGraw-Hill.
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