Course guides
804240 - P2VJ - Project II

Unit in charge: Image Processing and Multimedia Technology Centre
Teaching unit: 804 - CITM - Image Processing and Multimedia Technology Centre.

Degree: BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN VIDEO GAME DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (Syllabus 2014). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2021 ECTS Credits: 6.0 Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Santamaria Pena, Ramon

Others:

PRIOR SKILLS

Knowledge of programming using C and C++. Experience coding small 2D video games.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CEVJ 2. Schematically and visually represent complex concepts, ideas and/or data based on personal skills and external references, in order to convey attractiveness, originality and creativity.

Generical:
CGFC1VJ. Design, develop, select and evaluate applications and computer systems from 0 for video games, ensuring their reliability, security and quality, in accordance with ethical principles and current legislation and regulations.
CGFC6VJ. Analyse, design, build and maintain video game applications robustly, securely and efficiently, choosing the most appropriate paradigm and programming languages.

Transversal:
01 EIN. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION: Knowing about and understanding how businesses are run and the sciences that govern their activity. Having the ability to understand labor laws and how planning, industrial and marketing strategies, quality and profits relate to each other.
05 TEQ N2. TEAMWORK - Level 2. Contributing to the consolidation of a team by planning targets and working efficiently to favor communication, task assignment and cohesion.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

During each class, the lecturer will first show the students the theory behind the problem that need solving. Together with the students, the lecturer will explore the different solutions that exist in the present that solve and simplify the complexities of real time applications like videogames.

The students will have to work on a special research project assigned by the teacher to then show it in class. All the material will stay online.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Learn how to embark in the development of a video game of mid size.
Learn how to work in a large team and coordinate with the rest.
How to structure a micro studio, bringing all the required documentation.
**STUDY LOAD**

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**Total learning time:** 150 h

**CONTENTS**

**Creation of a micro studio**

**Description:**
- Study of the project and group formation.
- Development of the internal roles for the groups.
- Presence inside the social networks.
- The SCRUM methodology.

**Full-or-part-time:** 15h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Self study: 9h

**Planification and documentation**

**Description:**
- Structure of a Game Design Document
- Creation of the Technical Design Document
- Creation of the Project Development Document
- Method to introduce your product to investors
- Creation and presentation techniques of the Pitch

**Full-or-part-time:** 20h
- Theory classes: 8h
- Self study: 12h

**Coding the Vertical Slice**

**Description:**
- Internal structure of the videogame.
- Path finding using Dijkstra.
- Using the A* algorithm for better pathfinding.
- Dynamic obstacles during navigation.
- Searching entities in an area.
- System to accumulate modifier on entities.
- System to development of Skill Trees.

**Full-or-part-time:** 45h
- Theory classes: 18h
- Self study: 27h
Coding the Alpha

**Description:**
- System for input management.
- System for minimap and radar generation.
- Creating the Fog of War.
- Systems to load and save games.
- Follow up on the Alpha protocol.

**Full-or-part-time:** 50h
- Theory classes: 20h
- Self study: 30h

Coding the Beta

**Description:**
- Theory behind quality assurance on software.
- Follow up on the Beta protocol.

**Full-or-part-time:** 20h
- Theory classes: 8h
- Self study: 12h

**GRADING SYSTEM**

Each student will individually do a research project that will be presented in class as an online tutorial: 25% of the final grade

- Practices
  - Practice 1 with a weighting of 10% of the final grade of the subject: Presentation of the micro company and Concept Discovery
  - Practice 2 with a weighting of 15% of the final grade of the subject: Presentation of the prototype of the video game.
  - Practice 3 with a weighting of 20% of the final grade of the subject: Presentation of the Alpha version of the video game.

- Final project
  - Practice with a weighting of 20% of the final grade of the subject: Presentation of the final gameplayable with and documentation of the evolution of the product.

Participation and learning attitude, which will be valued at 10%

**EXAMINATION RULES.**

All exercises will be presented in class. The content will be important as it will be the presentation skills of the group.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**Basic:**

**Complementary:**