

Module Details	
Module Title	Introduction to Computer Programming for Games
Module Code	GAV4005-B
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	20
School	Department of Media Design and Technology
Subject Area	Games, Animation and Visual Effects
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 4
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Online Lecture (Synchronous)	24
Laboratories	24
Directed Study	152

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
To provide an introduction to computer programming with particular emphasis on program design and implementation.

Outline Syllabus
Software and program design: algorithms, pseudo code, loops and branches, pointer and array concepts. Programming development environments: entering, editing, compiling, linking, debugging and flow control. Games programming languages and API's: for examples XNA, Unity or similar, Scripting languages, data types, expressions, operators, control structures, pointers, arrays, structures, objects, classes, stacks, queues, and Windows Forms Applications. Basic game design and development.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Gain the knowledge and understanding of both the theoretical and practical aspects of constructing high level computer games programs; evaluate a range of computer programming approaches to identify the most appropriate solution to a given problem.
02	Deploy a range of Windows-based computer programming techniques using industry-standard computer languages and games API's.
03	Demonstrate skills in systematic problem solving, data interpretation, general communication skills and the ability to use a PC software development environment. Work collaboratively.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
Teaching and learning on this module will comprise lectures and practical lab sessions. The lectures will cover the theoretical foundations of computer programming with the specific application to the production and development of computer games; practical work will give opportunity for hands-on lab based computer exercises; lab sessions will provide opportunity for practise and further clarification of particular elements of the theoretical and practical aspects of the module. The mid-term practical exercise will measure students' progress and allow for feedback to improve the final assessment.

Mode of Assessment				
Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Mid-term coursework comprising a programming exercise	N/A	30%
Summative	Coursework	Game programming exercise	N/A	70%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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