

The Art Institute of Seattle
Course Syllabus

Course Title: INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS: USABILITY & PROTOTYPING
Course Number: GWDA318

Course Description Students design, prototype, and analyze effectiveness and usability of interactive projects.

Course Length: 11 weeks
Contact Hours: 44 hours
Credit Value: 3

Quarter Credit Hour Definition

A quarter credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

- (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for 10-12 weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- (2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

*Course Competencies:

At the conclusion of this course the student should be able to...

Define prototyping methodologies

- Describe the techniques and iterative process of prototyping
- Discuss the role of prototyping in the design and development of digital publications

Create prototypes for interactive publications

- Evaluate industry standards for designing non-linear prototypes
- Apply theories and techniques towards the design and production of prototypes

Evaluate effectiveness and usability of interactive prototypes

- Identify methods of usability testing
- Apply various user-testing methods
- Conduct peer-review of functional effectiveness
- Propose design revisions based on testing results

Present completed prototypes

- Generate professional quality prototype presentations

Course Prerequisites: INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS: PLANNING & RESEARCH

Method of Assessment: See Instructor's Syllabus Addendum for details. Information literacy assessment included.

Textbooks:

Title: Digital Textbook: Project Guide to UX Design: For User Experience Designers in the Field
Author: Unger, R.
Date: 2012
Publisher: Pearson
ISBN: 9780321815385

Required Supplemental Materials: See Instructor's Syllabus Addendum for details.

Attendance Policy:

Students must notify the Registrar's Office if they will be missing two weeks of classes. After two consecutive weeks of absences in all courses students are subject to being administratively withdrawn from school, regardless of notification.

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