DON’T JUST PLAY GAMES, DESIGN THEM.

SUMMER ACADEMY

SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN

VIDEO GAME DESIGN & CONTENT CREATION

“The Video Game Design & Content Creation program helps you get the necessary experience and critical knowledge to create your own games -- all you need is a good idea.”

– Will Matterer
Associate Producer
Broken Circle Studios

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ARE YOU GAME?

Want to change your passion for playing games into a rewarding career? Do you have ideas for what the next great game should look like? If you are creative, detail-oriented, and enjoy using the latest technology, a career in video game design could be the challenge you are looking for. Come to our state-of-the-art computer lab and learn how to use the same tools the pros use. You will leave with the practical, marketable skills sought after in today's competitive market.

Opportunities for aspiring game developers are diverse. While computer programmers represent half of all game developers, equally important are digital artists, game designers, producers, and many others who collaborate in the making of a game. Game designers work in highly focused teams – no single person designs the entire game. You'll be part of a creative, dynamic and high-energy group driven to succeed. And the salary you will earn is directly related to that success. Sound appealing? Then this is the place for you.

This program was developed and designed in association with faculty from the UCR Computer Science Department, rated as one of the top schools in the country in game design* and The Game Developers Academy. Using a hands-on approach, you will receive an intensive, in-depth exposure to the core of game design and content creation. The program offers 100 hours of university-level instruction. Industry professionals with real-world experience teach all courses.

* independent rating by Princeton Review, March, 2010

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Game mechanics
- Theory of fun
- Story and plot development
- Market research
- Feedback mechanisms
- Environmental and character assets
- Heuristic testing
- Designing for animation
- Correcting topology
- 3D mesh data and symbolic armatures
- Rigging and skinning techniques
- Rig testing
- How to use Maya and Blender to create designs and characters for your own ultimate personal visual impact.

HOW TO EARN THIS PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Complete 10 units of required courses, all with a grade of B or better.

INTRODUCTION TO GAME DESIGN 2 UNITS

GAME MECHANICS 2 UNITS

3D MODELING FOR GAMES 3 UNITS

RIGGING, SKINNING AND ANIMATION 3 UNITS

- Completion time: 3 Weeks, July 11-July 29, 2011
- Cost: $2,700
- Includes all class materials, application for candidacy fee, and parking.
- Reserve your place by paying a $500 deposit, with the balance due on or before July 11. Call Student Services at (951) 827-4105. (Deposit is nonrefundable after June 27.)
- No refunds of any kind will be granted after June 27, 2011.

ALSO OF INTEREST

- All Summer Academy programs meet the high standards of excellence and are approved by the UC Riverside Academic Senate.
- Some academy programs combine classroom activities with the convenience of online learning.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information contact us at:

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WHAT IS A SUMMER ACADEMY?

The Summer Academy is a shortened, intensive period of study that allows you to earn a Professional Achievement Award on an accelerated timeline. Summer Academies require the same amount of completion hours and offer the same high quality of instruction as the longer, academic year programs. You work hard and your instructors require a high level of commitment from you, expecting you to understand that “short” does not mean “less.”

MORE POWER TO YOU

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