

Rider University

Spring 2023 Course Evaluations

Course: GameDesign: GAM-200-GG1

Instructor: Matthew DiMatteo *

Response Rate: 13/17 (76.47 %)

1 - Is this course required for your program?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	11	84.62%					
No	(2)	2	15.38%					
				0 25 50 100				
				Response Rate				
				13/17 (76.47%)				

2 - What grade do you expect for this course?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
A	(1)	8	61.54%					
A-	(2)	3	23.08%					
B+	(3)	0	0.00%					
B	(4)	2	15.38%					
B-	(5)	0	0.00%					
C+	(6)	0	0.00%					
C	(7)	0	0.00%					
C-	(8)	0	0.00%					
D+	(9)	0	0.00%					
D	(10)	0	0.00%					
D-	(11)	0	0.00%					
F	(12)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
				Response Rate				
				13/17 (76.47%)				

3 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: The course materials were well prepared and carefully explained.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
8	(8)	2	18.18%					
9	(9)	1	9.09%					
10	(10)	8	72.73%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.82	10.00		

4 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: Assignments added to my understanding of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
9	(9)	5	45.45%					
10	(10)	6	54.55%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.52	10.00		

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5 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Assignments reflected the content and emphasis of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	2	18.18%		
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	8	72.73%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.82
					Median
					10.00

6 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The amount of work in this course was manageable.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
5	(5)	1	9.09%		
7	(7)	2	18.18%		
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	6	54.55%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				8.73	1.74
					Median
					10.00

7 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Coursework was engaging.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
6	(6)	2	18.18%		
7	(7)	1	9.09%		
8	(8)	3	27.27%		
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	4	36.36%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				8.36	1.57
					Median
					8.00

8 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Class lessons were engaging.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	3	27.27%		
8	(8)	3	27.27%		
9	(9)	2	18.18%		
10	(10)	3	27.27%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				8.45	1.21
					Median
					8.00

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9 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Class discussions were rich and added to my understanding of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	9.09%		8.82
8	(8)	5	45.45%		
10	(10)	5	45.45%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				8.82	1.17
				Median	
				8.00	

10 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:I acquired valuable skills and/or knowledge in the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	4	36.36%		9.09
9	(9)	2	18.18%		
10	(10)	5	45.45%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.09	0.94
				Median	
				9.00	

11 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:I found the course intellectually challenging.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
0	(0)	1	10.00%		6.60
2	(2)	1	10.00%		
7	(7)	3	30.00%		
8	(8)	3	30.00%		
9	(9)	1	10.00%		
10	(10)	1	10.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
10/17 (58.82%)				6.60	3.13
				Median	
				7.50	

12 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:I increased my ability to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	10.00%		9.10
8	(8)	1	10.00%		
9	(9)	4	40.00%		
10	(10)	4	40.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
10/17 (58.82%)				9.10	0.99
				Median	
				9.00	

13 - Would you recommend this course to a friend?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
Yes	(2)	11	100.00%		
No	(1)	0	0.00%		
Response Rate	11/17 (64.71%)				

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14 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor's teaching style contributed to learning material covered in the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	9.09%		9.55
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	9	81.82%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	1.04
					Median
					10.00

15 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor clearly explained the goals and requirements of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	1	9.09%		9.91
10	(10)	10	90.91%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.91	0.30
					Median
					10.00

16 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was well organized and prepared for class.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		9.73
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	9	81.82%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.73	0.65
					Median
					10.00

17 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The Canvas resources for this course were valuable and well organized.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		9.73
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	9	81.82%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.73	0.65
					Median
					10.00

18 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Class slides were a valuable resource.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		9.82
10	(10)	10	90.91%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.82	0.60
					Median
					10.00

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19 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was responsive to student needs and concerns.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	2	18.18%		
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	8	72.73%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.82
					Median
					10.00

20 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor used student questions and comments to help students understand course material.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	9.09%		
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
9	(9)	2	18.18%		
10	(10)	7	63.64%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.36	1.03
					Median
					10.00

21 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was accessible to students outside of class time.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	10.00%		
8	(8)	2	20.00%		
9	(9)	2	20.00%		
10	(10)	5	50.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
10/17 (58.82%)				9.10	1.10
					Median
					9.50

22 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Methods utilized for evaluating student work were fair and appropriate.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
9	(9)	3	27.27%		
10	(10)	7	63.64%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.69
					Median
					10.00

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23 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor provided valuable feedback on assignments.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	10	90.91%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.82	0.60
				Median	
				10.00	

24 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor graded assignments in a timely manner.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
9	(9)	2	18.18%		
10	(10)	8	72.73%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.64	0.67
				Median	
				10.00	

25 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor communicated enthusiasm for the subject matter.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	2	18.18%		
9	(9)	2	18.18%		
10	(10)	7	63.64%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.45	0.82
				Median	
				10.00	

26 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor presented background for concepts or skills developed in class.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
9	(9)	4	36.36%		
10	(10)	6	54.55%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.45	0.69
				Median	
				10.00	

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27 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Where relevant, the instructor presented contrasting points of view on topics.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
0	(0)	1	9.09%		8.18
7	(7)	1	9.09%		
8	(8)	2	18.18%		
9	(9)	3	27.27%		
10	(10)	4	36.36%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				8.18	2.89
					Median
					9.00

28 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor promoted an atmosphere that was conducive to students sharing ideas and knowledge.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		9.55
9	(9)	3	27.27%		
10	(10)	7	63.64%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.69
					Median
					10.00

29 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was respectful of differing viewpoints expressed by students.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		9.55
9	(9)	3	27.27%		
10	(10)	7	63.64%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.69
					Median
					10.00

30 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor treated students with respect.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
10	(10)	11	100.00%		10.00
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				10.00	0.00
					Median
					10.00

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31 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor wanted students to succeed and encouraged/motivated me to do my best in this course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	9.09%		9.73
9	(9)	1	9.09%		
10	(10)	9	81.82%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.73	0.65
					Median
					10.00

32 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor challenged me to think.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	9.09%		9.27
8	(8)	1	9.09%		
9	(9)	3	27.27%		
10	(10)	6	54.55%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.27	1.01
					Median
					10.00

33 - Would you recommend this instructor to a friend or take another course with this instructor?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
Yes	(2)	11	100.00%		
No	(1)	0	0.00%		
Response Rate		11/17 (64.71%)			

34 - Please indicate aspects of the instructor's teaching or of the course that have been most valuable to you.

Response Rate	6/17 (35.29%)
- I think the lessons/ discussions we do were almost always productive, everyone talks and it creates very fun and interactive conversations on a topic. - Engaging with the class Breaking down subjects Allowing students to explore their creative ideas - Allowing us to not just playtest others games in class but make up new games. - Flexibility + Playtest points. Due to how flexible the class has been, I was able to produce quality work (in my opinion) with just about all of my assignments. - Matt really knocked it out of the park with this one. Classes were engaging (if a bit long winded) and assignments enhanced both my technical and creative skills. Providing the slides to us before class was also a big plus. - I really liked being able to turn in play-test points in exchange for passes on some assignments, it allowed me a lot of flexibility with my workload and made my other courses much more manageable. It was easy to share and engage with other classmates and their ideas when it came to game prototypes and play-tests. Overall it was a solid class that taught me a lot of valuable information about the early game design process.	

35 - Please indicate aspects of the instructor's teaching or of the course that you feel need improvement.

Response Rate	5/17 (29.41%)
- Personally, the style of teaching was great for me. I was engaged throughout the whole time and overall it was a great experience. - Having only to make physical games was disappointing and while I understand why we did it, ONLY making physical games seemed like a waste, I feel like it would of been better to do like 3 physical games and then 1 or 2 digital games (if you wanted to) I was really excited to do digital. - There are no areas needing improvement. - Not really sure. - I don't really know if there is anything you can do about this, given the class length, but a lot of the time I felt like you were loosing my attention in the second half with how much you talked about in your slides. Maybe instead of the one longer break you sometimes do in the middle of class, have two or three smaller ones about an hour apart from each other?	

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36 - Please provide any other comments regarding the instructor's teaching or the course.

Response Rate 4/17 (23.53%)

- Still a great class and glad I took it :)
- Had fun with this class!
- N/A
- Good job Matt

37 - What do you wish you knew going into this course at the start of the semester? What advice would you give someone taking this course for the first time?

Response Rate 5/17 (29.41%)

- Some advice I would give to someone just taking the class would be to not be afraid to ask for any help or anything, the instructor is really understanding and really nice. They would absolutely help with anything needed.
- If someone was taking this course for the first time, I'd say to have fun in being creative and engaging with the class if they like games.
- Prototyping is much more time consuming than initially thought of.
- I would advise someone taking this course for the first time to not try and make something revolutionary or overly complicated. You'll just end up with confused play testers and a game that feels like it drags on forever.
- If I had to give someone else advice I'd tell them to prepare to get very creative, creating physical games encouraged me to think outside of the box with some my concepts. I'd also suggest getting Tabletop Simulator as that was a major help with this class.

38 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: Playtest Points and flexibility on deadlines for reading responses and game journals allowed me to focus more on projects that meant more to me.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	2	18.18%		9.45
9	(9)	2	18.18%		
10	(10)	7	63.64%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
11/17 (64.71%)				9.45	0.82
				Median	
				10.00	

39 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: I was easily able to find playtesters for my games.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	11.11%		9.67
9	(9)	1	11.11%		
10	(10)	7	77.78%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
9/17 (52.94%)				9.67	0.71
				Median	
				10.00	

40 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: Prototyping assignments provided me with valuable portfolio pieces.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
3	(3)	1	10.00%		8.80
7	(7)	1	10.00%		
8	(8)	1	10.00%		
10	(10)	7	70.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
10/17 (58.82%)				8.80	2.30
				Median	
				10.00	

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41 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:This course gave me ample opportunity to be creative.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
7	(7)	1	9.09%		9.55			
9	(9)	2	18.18%					
10	(10)	8	72.73%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
11/17 (64.71%)				9.55	0.93		10.00	