Video game technology and design is a huge topic. In addition, there are a number of ways to present the material. We ask you to complete this questionnaire to help us tailor and focus the course appropriately for your skill levels, interests and resources.

Please answer the questions truthfully. This is not for grading and will not be used outside this class.

Some of the questions are only relevant if you answer yes to questions above it. If a question is not relevant, please write N/A (Not Applicable) in the space.

Name: ____________________________________________

Status:  □ Undergrad/Year________
         □ Grad(MS/PhD)________
         □ Other: __________________________

This Course

What are your goals for this course? ______________________________________________
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At this point (the first week of class) are you committed to taking the course, or just looking to see if you want to take it? (Your answer will not be used against you.)

   Just looking – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 – I’m definitely in for the long haul

What best describes your professional goals related to this class?

   □ I will focus primarily on getting a job in the gaming industry
   □ I would seriously consider a job in the gaming industry
   □ I hope to eventually end up in the game industry
   □ A job in game development would be nice, but I am hoping for a job in
      (name industry): ________________________________________________
   □ I’m taking this class solely for personal interest, not any professional aspiration
**Video Games**

How many hours per week do you play video games? _____________

What is your favorite genre? __________________________

What is your favorite game? __________________________

What was the first video game you played? __________________________

What was the first video game you loved? __________________________

Have you ever attempted to design or write a video game? _____________

Have you ever succeeded in writing a video game? __________________

Please describe the game? ________________________________________

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What was the hardest part of that experience? ______________________

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**Programming experience**

How would you rate your programming ability?

   Clueless – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 – Expert (circle one)

Please note the programming languages you have used and how many years (or months) you used them: (Example: C++ 2 yrs.  Java 4 mo.)

Basic ____  VB ____  C ____  C++ ____  Java ____  Perl ____  Python ____

TK/TCL ____  PHP ____  Other __________________________

Operating systems comfortable with:  □ Windows  □ Macintosh  □ Unix

Do you have any experience with computer graphics programming? ______

Please describe your experience and libraries used (e.g. Direct-X, OpenGL)

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What software development environments are you familiar with (e.g. Visual C++, GNU, MacOS, JRUN)?
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Have you ever used any 3D game engines? If so, which ones? ___________________________

**Artistic experience**

How would you rate your artistic abilities?

I can hold a pencil (I think) – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 – professional artist

What 3D Computer Graphics packages have you used (Softimage, Alias, 3DS Max, Poser, …) and how good are you at them (beginner, competent, expert)?
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Please check the kinds of tasks you have done with the above systems:

- [ ] Modeling 
- [ ] Animation 
- [ ] Rendering 
- [ ] Scripting

**Other experience**

Please list any creative writing experience you have: _________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Please list any story-telling experience you have: _________________________________
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Please list any project management experience you have: ____________________________
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Computing Resources

If you own a laptop or home computer, please specify?

Type:  ☐ Laptop  ☐ Desktop

OS:   ☐ Macintosh  ☐ Windows  ☐ Linux/Unix  ☐ Other __________

Internet access:  ☐ None  ☐ Dialup  ☐ DSL/Cable  ☐ Corporate or university LAN

If you don’t own a computer, please describe the nature of your access to a computer and the kinds of software available to you (e.g. library computer with Word and Internet):

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Comments

If there anything else you would like to tell us, please write it here?

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Thank you.