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MEMORANDUM

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| ATTENTION | Senate  | DATE  | February 8, 2013 |
| FROM      | Gordon Myers, Chair                                       | PAGES | 1/1              |
|           | Senate Committee on                                       |       |                  |
|           | Undergraduate Studies                                     |       |                  |
| RE:       | Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (SCUS 13-03) |       |                  |

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of February 7, 2013, SCUS approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2013:

1. School of Interactive Arts and Technology (SCUS 13-03a)

- (i) New Course Proposal: IAT 210-3, Introduction to Game Studies: Theory and Design
- (ii) B-Hum/Soc Designation for IAT 210

2. School for the Contemporary Arts (SCUS 13-03b)

- (i) Change course description to include 'may repeat for credit' for:  
FPA 120, 229, 249, 253, 269-273, 289, 311, 312, 314, 322, 323, 337, 352, 370-373,  
400-404, 406, 411, 416, 425, 427, 428, 470-473



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**MEMORANDUM**

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| <b>ATTENTION</b> | Gordon Myers, Chair<br>Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies  | <b>DATE</b>  | January 28, 2013         |
| <b>FROM</b>      | DD Kugler, Chair<br>Undergraduate Curriculum Committee<br>Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology | <b>PAGES</b> | 10, including cover memo |
| <b>RE:</b>       | SCUS, February 7, 2013  |              |                          |

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On January 24, 2013, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee approved the following curricular revision:

- School of Interactive Arts + Technology
  - IAT 210: new course proposal, and B-Hum/Soc designation
- School of Contemporary Arts
  - Courses to be coded as “repeatable for credit”

Please place both items on the agenda of our next SCUS meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DD Kugler', written in a cursive style.

DD Kugler



SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

I OF 3 PAGES

IAT 210

**COURSE SUBJECT/NUMBER**

**COURSE TITLE**

LONG — for Calendar/schedule, no more than 100 characters including spaces and punctuation  
Introduction to Game Studies: Theory and Design

**AND**

SHORT — for enrollment/transcript, no more than 30 characters including spaces and punctuation  
Game Studies

**CAMPUS** where course will be taught:  Burnaby  Surrey  Vancouver  Great Northern Way  Off campus

**COURSE DESCRIPTION (FOR CALENDAR). 50-60 WORDS MAXIMUM. ATTACH A COURSE OUTLINE TO THIS PROPOSAL.**

~~An introduction to the medium of games~~ Reviews the history of games, tracing the evolution of game design from board and card games through the latest electronic products. Examines the medium of games through various lenses: games as rules (game design), games as play (game experience), and games as culture (cultures within games, and role of games and game cultures).

**LIBRARY RESOURCES**

NOTE: Senate has approved (S.93-11) that no new course should be approved by Senate until funding has been committed for necessary library materials. Each new course proposal must be accompanied by a library report and, if appropriate, confirmation that funding arrangements have been addressed.

No Additional Library Resources are required.

Library report status

**RATIONALE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THIS COURSE**

Games Studies is a growing scholarly area of study, as evidenced in numerous games studies programs and faculty positions opening in North American, European and Asian University programs. This growth in games studies reflects the broader cultural growth of games, game design, and game experience. This course is intended as a non-SIAT major breadth course (B-HUM) that examines the medium of games from a variety of perspectives. It includes the history of games and games studies, and develops a series of critical lenses to understand game design, game experience and game culture. It addresses a range of relevant issues such as the role of narrative, the technological foundations of game experience, the business of games, the 'gamification' phenomenon (the application of games in non-entertainment domains), and emergent forms of game design. SIAT is well positioned to offer this course - games are a dominant form of interactive art and technological expression, and our curricular and research expertise cover the many facets and issues of this complex and emergent form.

**SCHEDULING AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

Indicate effective **term and year** course would first be offered and planned **frequency** of offering thereafter:  
Fall 2013

Will this be a required or elective course in the curriculum?  Required  Elective

What is the probable enrollment when offered? Estimate: 200 students

JULY 2012



**CREDITS** 3

Indicate number of credits (units):

Indicate number of hours for: 3 Lecture 0 Seminar 0 Tutorial Lab Other

**FACULTY** Which of your present CFL faculty have the expertise to offer this course?  
- Jim Bizzocchi, Steve Dipaola, Chris Shaw, Niranjana Rajah

**WQB DESIGNATION** (attach approval from Curriculum Office)  
B-HUM  
B-SOC

**PREREQUISITE**

Does this course replicate the content of a previously-approved course to such an extent that students should not receive credit for both courses?

If so, this should be **noted in the prerequisite.**

No prerequisite required.

This course does not replicate the content of any SIAT course, nor any known SFU course.

**COREQUISITE**  
no Corequisite required.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon satisfactory completion of the course students will be able to:

- Write critically about the history and evolution of games, including the situation of specific games within recognized game genres.
- Analyze the design of non-electronic and electronic games, identifying the role of critical design variables such as challenge, choice, asset allocation, role of narrative, etc.
- Analyze and critique game experience, relating it to the fundamentals of game design.
- Produce and critique a variety of short games.
- Identify and discuss critical cultural and social issues in games and game cultures
- Identify the roles of technology in supporting and extending the design and experience of electronic games
- Identify and discuss a variety of emergent game paradigms

**FEES**

Are there any proposed student fees associated with this course other than tuition fees?  YES  NO



RESOURCES

List any outstanding resource issues to be addressed prior to implementation: space, laboratory equipment, etc: There are no outstanding resource issues.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Articulation agreement reviewed? YES NO Not applicable
Exam required: YES NO
Criminal Record Check required: YES NO

APPROVALS: APPROVAL IS SIGNIFIED BY DATE AND APPROPRIATE SIGNATURE.

1 Departmental approval indicates that the Department or School has approved the content of the course, and has consulted with other Departments/Schools/Faculties regarding proposed course content and overlap issues.

Chair, Department/School Date

Chair, Faculty Curriculum Committee Date

2 Faculty approval indicates that all the necessary course content and overlap concerns have been resolved, and that the Faculty/School/Department commits to providing the required Library funds.

Dean or designate Date

LIST which other Departments, Schools and Faculties have been consulted regarding the proposed course content, including overlap issues. Attach documentary evidence of responses.

Other Faculties' approval indicates that the Dean(s) or Designate of other Faculties AFFECTED by the proposed new course support(s) the approval of the new course:

Date
Date

3 SCUS approval indicates that the course has been approved for implementation subject, where appropriate, to financial issues being addressed.

COURSE APPROVED BY SCUS (Chair of SCUS):

Date



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ATTENTION Thecla Schiphorst, UCC Chair, SIAT TEL

FROM SUSAN RHODES, Director (Acting), University Curriculum and  
Institutional Liaison

RE IAT 210 breadth designations

DATE January 28, 2013

TIME 8:59 AM

Please be advised that the University Curriculum Office has approved the following for a new course proposal from SIAT:

IAT 210 (Game Studies) – B-Hum/Soc, effective Fall 2013

cc Don Kugler, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, FCAT

**Senate Committee on  
Undergraduate studies  
COURSE CHANGE/DELETION FORM**

**School for the Contemporary Arts  
Courses Repeatable for Credit**

**Rationale:**

SFU registrar has noted a large number of students enrolled in SCA courses as 'exceptions' for courses that are actually repeatable. The following SCA courses can be repeated for credit, and could be coded as such for greater efficiency in registration:

FPA 120-3 Introduction to Dance Forms: Contemporary and Popular  
FPA 229-3 Selected Topics in Dance I  
FPA 249-3 Selected Topics in Music I  
FPA 253-3 Playmaking II  
FPA 269-3 Methods and Concepts: Selected Topics  
FPA 270-3 Production Ensemble I  
FPA 271-3 Production Ensemble II  
FPA 272-6 Production Practicum I  
FPA 273-6 Production Practicum II  
FPA 289-3 Selected Topics in the Fine and Performing Arts  
FPA 311-4 Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts  
FPA 312-3 Selected Topics in Art and Culture Studies  
FPA 314-3 Readings in the History of Art and Culture  
FPA 322-3 Ballet I  
FPA 323-3 Ballet II  
FPA 337-4 Intermediate Selected Topics in Film and Video Studies  
FPA 352-3 Playmaking III  
FPA 370-3 Production Ensemble III  
FPA 371-3 Production Ensemble IV  
FPA 372-6 Production Practicum III  
FPA 373-6 Production Practicum IV  
FPA 400-3 Directed Studies (Studio)  
FPA 401-3 Directed Studies (Theory/History)  
FPA 402-4 Directed Studies (Studio)  
FPA 403-4 Directed Studies (Theory/History)  
FPA 404-5 Directed Studies (Studio)  
FPA 406-4 Internship in Contemporary Arts  
FPA 411-3 Interdisciplinary Studies in the Contemporary Arts  
FPA 416-3 Practices in Art and Culture  
FPA 425-5 Intensive Studies in Performance  
FPA 427-3 Ballet III  
FPA 428-3 Ballet IV  
FPA 470-3 Production Ensemble V  
FPA 471-3 Production Ensemble VI  
FPA 472-6 Production Practicum V  
FPA 473-6 Production Practicum VI