

Course Calendar*

Week	Required Videos	Required Readings (in course reserves)	Suggested Readings/Videos	Suggested Games
1. What are Games? Aug. 30 - Sept. 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature and Gaming: Exploring the Role of Story in Interactive Media (stop at 28 minutes and 47 seconds) • The Magic Circle - How Games Transport Us to New Worlds - Extra Credits 	Your Move, Ch. 1 Welcome to the Magic Circle by Joan Moriarity p. 3-10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zork Free Online • Zork Cheat Guide • Stanely Parable Demo (Free on Steam)
2. Race and Ethnicity Sept. 6 - 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour Coded: Race, Gender, and Representation in Video Games • Race/Ethnicity of Avatars - Avatar Psychology for Designers 	Your Move, Ch. 9: All your culture belongs to us by Jonathan Kay pp. 82-95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evil Races are Bad Game Design - Bioessentialism & Worldbuilding - Extra Credits • Dr. Kishonna Gray Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World of Warcraft (Free to play until level 20) • Small World Board Game • Dungeons and Dragons • Among Us
3. Gender Sept. 13 - 17	<p>All:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Gendered Mechanics - How Genre Stereotypes Limit Games and Players - Extra Credits • trans representation in video games <p>Jigsaw (choose one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damsel in Distress: Part 1 - Tropes vs Women in Video Games (23m) • Damsel in Distress: Part 2 - Tropes vs Women in Video Games (26m) • Damsel in Distress: Part 3 - Tropes vs Women in Video Games (24m) 	The Proteus Paradox, Ch. 6 The Locker Room Utopia by Nick Yee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trans Gamers Talk About Their Favorite Characters (Video) and Article • Lingerie is not Armor - Tropes vs Women in Video Games • Sounding out Sexism in Video Games Milena Droumeva TEDxSFU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unequalopolis • Final Fantasy VII • Tomb Raider • Bayonetta • Game of Life • Portal
4. Sexuality and Romance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AlterConf Boston 2014- Sex & Love (VS Violence) in Games 	The video game theory reader- Ch. 8: Hot dates and fairy-tale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Your Exotic Fantasy - Tropes vs. Women in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stardew Valley • The Game of Life

Sept. 20 - 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by Emily Care Boss and Lizzie Stark • The Value of Playing Gay in Videogames Game/Show PBS Digital Studios (stop at 6 minutes 25 seconds) • Romance in Games - Can We Play with Lasting Relationships? - Extra Credits 	romances: Studying sexuality in video games by Mia Consalvo	Video Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sims • Harvest Moon • Portal • Tomb Raider • Bayonetta • Mario Games
5. Religion** Sept. 27 -29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Aspects of Religion • Religion in Games - I: Mechanics, Lore, and Heart - Extra Credits • Religion in Games - II: How Games Can Explore Faith - Extra Credits • Top 10 Fictional Religions in Video Games 	Studying Religion in Digital Gaming A Critical Review of an Emerging Field by Grieve and Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why there are So Many Environmental Themes in Nintendo Games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sid Meier's Civilization VI • Pikmin 3 • Skyrim • Runescape.com • World of Warcraft • Zelda
6. Oct. 4 - 8	Holiday No Class			
7. Oct. 11 -15	Midterm Listening Exam			
8. Oct. 18 - 22	Midterm Presentations			
9. *** Oct. 25 - 29	1-on-1 Meetings with the Instructor and Theme of Your Choice			
10. Environmentalism Nov. 1 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environmental Impact of Digital Games // HeavyEyed 	Where are all the climate change games? Locating digital games' response to climate change By Benjamin Abraham and Darshana Jayemanne		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wingspan • Powergrid • Plague inc • Evolution • Metro 2033
11. Economies Nov. 8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Time a Video Game had an Economy Almost as Strong as Russia 	The Proteus Paradox, Ch. 5 Yi-shan Guan by Nick Yee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catan • Monopoly • Game of Life

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dark Side of the Video Game Industry Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj Netflix 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everquest • Animal Crossing • Istanbul
12. Politics, War, and Propaganda Nov. 15 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Animal Crossing Got Banned in China • Propaganda Games - Ethical Game Design - Extra Credits • Politics in Games - All Media is Political - Extra Credits 	Have you played the war on terror? Stahl (2006)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk • Call of Duty • Chess • Dear Leader • Rise of Nations • Civ 6 • Animal Crossing
13. Future of Gaming Nov. 22 - 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The transformative power of video games Herman Narula 	Woke Gaming, Ch. 13 Activism in Video Games by Taylor Anderson-Barkley and Kira Foglesong		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pokemon go • Animal Crossing • Ant Farm on Alipay • VR games
14. Nov. 29 - Dec. 3	Final Listening Exam			
15. Dec. 6 - 10	Final Group Presentations			

* This calendar serves as a summary only. It does not tell you which day videos or readings are due and does not represent ALL course assignments (including homework). Please check the daily posting under the Training Grounds for a complete list of assignments due for class. This schedule may also change. You must check the Training Grounds in Brightspace for the most up to date assignments.

** In week 5, on September 29th at 8:00pm we will have a guest speaker Dr. Grieve Zoom into our class to discuss Religion and Video Games. This class period will replace October 27th's regularly scheduled class.

*** In week 9, October 25th and 27th's class period are canceled in place of 1-on-1 conferences. Only October 27th's class must be rescheduled (see above).