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**New or Modified Course Proposal Form**

**[X] Undergraduate Curriculum Council**

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| **[X]New Course, [ ]Experimental Course (1-time offering), or [ ]Modified Course (Check one box)** |

Signed paper copies of proposals submitted for consideration are no longer required. Please type approver name and enter date of approval.

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1. **Contact Person (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)**

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1. **Proposed starting term and Bulletin year for new course or modification to take effect**

Bulletin Year 2021-22

Starting Term: Fall 2021

**Instructions:**

*Please complete all sections unless otherwise noted. For course modifications, sections with a “Modification requested?” prompt need not be completed if the answer is “No.”*

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|  | **Current (Course Modifications Only)** | **Proposed (New or Modified)**  *(Indicate “N/A” if no modification)* |
| **Prefix** |  | **GRFX** |
| **Number\*** |  | **2723** |
| **Title** |  | **Virtual Reality Concepts** |
| **Description\*\*** |  | **Introduction to VR and AR career opportunities, techniques, and technologies. Focus on the design principles and challenges of virtual reality content creation.** |

***\**** (Confirm with the Registrar’s Office that number chosen has not been used before and is available for use. For variable credit courses, indicate variable range. *Proposed number for experimental course is 9*. )

\*\*Forty words or fewer as it should appear in the Bulletin.

1. **Proposed prerequisites and major restrictions** **[Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(Indicate all prerequisites. If this course is restricted to a specific major, which major. If a student does not have the prerequisites or does not have the appropriate major, the student will not be allowed to register).

1. **Yes** Are there any prerequisites? 
   1. If yes, which ones?

**Grade of C or better in GRFX 2223**

Why or why not?

This course is introductory, but requires some basic animation and VR production skills learned in the previous course in the sequence.

1. **Yes / No** Is this course restricted to a specific major?
   1. If yes, which major? No
2. **Proposed course frequency [Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(e.g. Fall, Spring, Summer; if irregularly offered, please indicate, “irregular.”) *Not applicable to Graduate courses.*

**Fall**

1. **Proposed course type [Modification requested? Yes/No]**

Will this course be lecture only, lab only, lecture and lab, activity (e.g., physical education), dissertation/thesis, capstone, independent study, internship/practicum, seminar, special topics, or studio? Please choose one.

**Studio**

1. **Proposed grade type [Modification requested? Yes/No]**

What is the grade type (i.e. standard letter, credit/no credit, pass/fail, no grade, developmental, or other [please elaborate])

**Standard Letter**

1. **No**  Is this course dual-listed (undergraduate/graduate)?
2. **No** Is this course cross-listed?

*(If it is, all course entries must be identical including course descriptions. Submit appropriate documentation for requested changes. It is important to check the course description of an existing course when adding a new cross-listed course.)*

1. **No**  Is this course in support of a new program?

a. If yes, what program?

Enter text...

1. **No** Will this course be a one-to-one equivalent to a deleted course or previous version of this course (please check with the Registrar if unsure)?

a. If yes, which course?

Enter text...

**Course Details**

1. **Proposed outline** **[Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(The course outline should be topical by weeks and should be sufficient in detail to allow for judgment of the content of the course.)

Note: This is an AOS course.

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| **Course Outline by Module with Topics, Dates and Assignments** |
| Module 1: What is VR? Introduction to virtual reality |

1.1 Discussion: What is VR?

1.2 Assignment: Project Introduction / Research

Module 2: What can VR do? VR features and support

2.1 Discussion: Discovering VR

2.2 Assignment: Project Planning

Module 3: Is VR for you? Defining the project purpose and audience

3.1 Discussion: VR thoughts

3.2 Assignment: Define Purpose / Audience

Module 4: How does AR fit? / project week 3

4.1 Discussion: Difference between AR and VR

4.2 Assignment: Project Continued

Module 5: What do I do now? The future of VR applications

5.1 Discussion: VR past, present, future

5.2 Assignment: Project Continued

Module 6: Revisions / project week 5

6.1 Discussion: VR Research

6.2 Assignment: Project Revisions

Module 7: Final Presentation

7.1 Discussion: Sharing projects

7.2 Assignment: Final Presentation

1. **Proposed special features** **[Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(e.g. labs, exhibits, site visitations, etc.)

none

1. **Department staffing and classroom/lab resources**

Enter text...

1. Will this require additional faculty, supplies, etc.?

Current Digital Technology and Design Faculty will teach most classes (2 faculty on 5/5 load), with additional key adjuncts (existing) teaching some classes. This will be paid from AOS.

Software is open-source, or Adobe Creative Cloud; technology supplies are in-line with the AOS program requirements. Any additional costs are nominal. For example, a basic VR headset is $20.

1. No Does this course require course fees?

*If yes: please attach the New Program Tuition and Fees form, which is available from the UCC website.*

**Justification**

**Modification Justification (Course Modifications Only)**

1. Justification for Modification(s)

Enter text...

**New Course Justification (New Courses Only)**

1. Justification for course. Must include:

a. Academic rationale and goals for the course (skills or level of knowledge students can be expected to attain)

Virtual Reality is an emerging field within Technology and Design. There are no current Virtual Reality courses within the Digital Technology and Design degree program. We feel this course would benefit students entering the career field with a portfolio that demonstrates a 360-degree content creation skillset.

b. How does the course fit with the mission of the department? If course is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive.

The Department of Art + Design’s mission: The Department of Art + Design is dedicated to the creative, aesthetic and cultural development of visual art students that builds upon a well-rounded liberal arts education. This course adds to this mission.

c. Student population served.

This course will be an elective for the BS Digital Technology and Design (Digital Innovations) degree.

d. Rationale for the level of the course (lower, upper, or graduate).

This course is introductory, but requires some basic animation and VR production skills learned in a previous course, therefore a 2000 level is appropriate.

**Assessment**

**Assessment Plan Modifications (Course Modifications Only)**

1. **Yes / No** Do the proposed modifications result in a change to the assessment plan?

*If yes, please complete the Assessment section of the proposal*

**Relationship with Current Program-Level Assessment Process (Course modifications skip this section unless the answer to #18 is “Yes”)**

1. What is/are the intended program-level learning outcome/s for students enrolled in this course? Where will this course fit into an already existing program assessment process?

This course will supplement the PSLO’s below, but will not fall under the current Taskstream Curriculum Map, as they would be part of the 38 hours of electives in the degree plan.

#1: SWBAT apply a working knowledge of digital design create a professional portfolio.

#2: SWABT apply the aesthetic skills required of a professional designer

1. Considering the indicated program-level learning outcome/s (from question #19), please fill out the following table to show how and where this course fits into the program’s continuous improvement assessment process.

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| **Program-Level Outcome 1 (from question #19)** | SWBAT apply a working knowledge of digital design to create a professional portfolio. |
| Assessment Measure | **Direct Measure**:  Description: In Digital Innovations Portfolio, students present ≥ 10 professional-level works to a committee made up of Design Faculty and Faculty from the area of concentration. This is a capstone course designed to prepare students for entrance into professional practice.  Measure: Student applies subject knowledge to conceptualize, develop, and complete professional work that answers project objectives.  Faculty Scores students on multiple aspects of production (conceptualizing, development, completion) and intent (project objective, audience, purpose and context) on a scale from 1 to 5.  **Data Collection:** Each Measure is scored on a 5 point scale.  **Scale:** 1 being unacceptable, 2 poor performance, 3 average, 4 good, 5 high/excellent  **Data Analysis:** Successful students will score a combined average of 3.5 or higher.  **Indirect Measure**:  Description: In Digital Innovations Portfolio, students complete an exit survey. Alumni survey every 3 years. |
| Assessment  Timetable | In Portfolio Class, Year 1 (2020-2021) on a two-year cycle. |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | Digital Innovations Faculty report to Assessment Chair |

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| **Program-Level Outcome 2 (from question #19)** | SWABT apply the aesthetic skills required of a professional designer. |
| Assessment Measure | **Direct Measure**:  Description: In Digital Innovations Portfolio, students make an oral presentation and defend their professional portfolio in real time with a committee of Faculty representing all areas of the program.  **Measure:** Student can evaluate his/her outcomes based on critical, ethical, and aesthetic issues.  Question: Choose one of the works (or series/campaigns) that you presented and explain why you believe this is the best solution to the problem in the context of contemporary critical, ethical, and aesthetic issues.  **Data Collection:** Written and Oral Answers scored on a 5 point.  **Scale:** 1 being unacceptable, 2 poor performance, 3 average, 4 good, 5 high/excellent  **Data Analysis:** Successful students will score a combined average of 3.5 or higher.  **Indirect Measure**:  Description: In Digital Innovations Portfolio, students complete an exit survey. Alumni survey every 3 years. |
| Assessment  Timetable | In Portfolio Class, Year 2 (2021-2022) on a two-year cycle. |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | Digital Innovations Faculty report to Assessment Chair |

*For further assistance, please see the ‘Expanded Instructions’ document available on the UCC - Forms website for guidance, or* ***contact the Office of Assessment at 870-972-2989.***

*(Repeat if this new course will support additional program-level outcomes)*

**Course-Level Outcomes**

1. What are the course-level outcomes for students enrolled in this course and the associated assessment measures?

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| **Outcome 1** | Student will apply problem-solving strategies in relation to VR content creation. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Weekly assignments, Final Project |
| Assessment Measure | Project rubrics based on technical skill, ability to follow directions, and a clear understanding of the subject matter. |

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| **Outcome 2** | Student will examine the history of VR and discover current and future career opportunities and applications of VR/AR technologies. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Weekly assignments, Final Project |
| Assessment Measure | Project rubrics based on technical skill, ability to follow directions, and a clear understanding of the subject matter. |

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| **Outcome 3** | Student will produce and present VR content through the use of computing devices and industry standard software and equipment. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Weekly assignments, Final Project |
| Assessment Measure | Project rubrics based on technical skill, ability to follow directions, and a clear understanding of the subject matter. |

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| **Outcome 4** | Student will recognize current best practices in relation to VR technology, software and hardware |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Weekly assignments, Final Project |
| Assessment Measure | Project rubrics based on technical skill, ability to follow directions, and a clear understanding of the subject matter. |

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.**  **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.** |

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**Current**

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**GRFX 2303. Typography and Layout** Craftsmanship, terminology and application of classical typography in traditional and digital print processes. This course requires three or more hours per week outside of class. Prerequisites, a grade of C or better in ART 1013 and GRFX 2203; or instructor permission. Corequisite, GRFX 3400. Fall, Spring.

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**GRFX 3400. Graphic Design Review** Portfolio review for BFA in Graphic Design admission. Prerequisites, a grade of C or better in ART 1013, ART 1023, ART 1033, ART 1043, ARTH 2583, ARTH 2593; a 2.75 GPA in all ART, ARTH, GRFX courses; and advisor permission required. Corequisite, GRFX 2303. Fall, Spring.

**GRFX 3503. Identity Design** Graphic design strategies using metaphors, iconography, and the creative process. Emphasis on problem solving using type and image and conceptual thinking. This course requires three or more hours per week outside of class. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites, a grade of C or better in GRFX 2013, and CR in GRFX 3400. Fall, Spring.

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**GRFX 4803. Portfolio Capstone** Capstone course required for all graduating BFA, Graphic De­sign emphasis students. Preparation of portfolio of graphic design solutions that demonstrate the students overall knowledge and special skills. Prerequisite, advisor, instructor and chair permission, minimum GPA of 2.75 in all course work with an ART, ARTH, ARED, or GRFX prefix. Corerequisite, GRFX 4503. Spring.

**GRFX 4813. Digital Design Portfolio Capstone** Development of an online portfolio and addi­tional digital assets as well as job-seeking skills such as interviewing and networking in preparation for professional practice. Restricted to BFA in Graphic Design with an emphasis in Digital Design. Prerequisites, advisor and instructor permission, minimum GPA of 2.75 in all course work with an ART, ARTH, ARED, or GRFX prefix. Spring.

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**GRFX 4803. Portfolio Capstone** Capstone course required for all graduating BFA, Graphic De­sign emphasis students. Preparation of portfolio of graphic design solutions that demonstrate the students overall knowledge and special skills. Prerequisite, advisor, instructor and chair permission, minimum GPA of 2.75 in all course work with an ART, ARTH, ARED, or GRFX prefix. Corerequisite, GRFX 4503. Spring.

**GRFX 4813. Digital Design Portfolio Capstone** Development of an online portfolio and addi­tional digital assets as well as job-seeking skills such as interviewing and networking in preparation for professional practice. Restricted to BFA in Graphic Design with an emphasis in Digital Design. Prerequisites, advisor and instructor permission, minimum GPA of 2.75 in all course work with an ART, ARTH, ARED, or GRFX prefix. Spring.