Syllabus   GRA3194c Technology & Processes   University of Florida

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TR 5-7 / 118 FAC   Prof. Brian Slawson

Course Description: This is a studio-based design course where we will make creative projects. This particular course in "technologies and processes" emphasizes exploration of contemporary tools, materials, and methods. The course consists of a series of smaller, experimental exercises to introduce students to topics such as designing with AI, modeling and printing in 3D, and motion design. One larger project has a focus on UIUX design. Also, occasional small ungraded activities. Beyond the creative work, the course activities will involve on-going feedback/critique from the instructor and peers, presentations, demos, discussions.

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 3-5pm. As always you can also talk to me during class or via Zoom.

Contacts: You can email me at – slawson@ufl.edu – or even better post an email directly through Canvas e-Learning. The SAAH office telephone contact is: 352-392-0201. My Zoom details: https://ufl.zoom.us/my/brianslawson

Weekly Schedule: See the Canvas e-Learning site for a day-to-day specific calendar. But, in general the first half of the course is divided into three smaller tech exercises. And the last half is dedicated to one longer project. Canvas is also used to submit all assignments and make announcements.

Grading and Evaluation: It is crucial to understand the grading process for any of your classes. For this course, the three tech experiments are 20% each of the final grade. The UIUX project is the remaining 40%. Each project has a set of submission requirements listed on Canvas, and if you fundamentally meet these goals the project is awarded full points. The grade is derived from completing activities (example: documenting your process, turning things in on time, presenting your work for feedback, posting and sharing your work in the hallway, and so on). Essentially this works as a pass/fail mechanism. This process is very performance-based as opposed to subjective.

Attendance and Participation: Remember that the most important feedback comes during the in-progress critiques from your instructor and peers. Engagement with the studio learning environment is vital for success: learn from others and likewise contribute to the community of learners in the studio. Attendance is assumed necessary to complete all of the project requirements. Excused absences follow standard university policy (including illness, religious holidays, athletic competition, jury duty). https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/

Official UF Grading Policy: You can view the UF letter grade to GPA structure here...
https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/

Accommodations for students with disabilities: Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.
https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/

Textbooks, Materials: There is no textbook for this class. Lab fees cover the basic use of design area printing and production facilities. As always you may need to supplement the provided materials depending on your specific project needs.

Technologies: We will use several web-based services that are free during the class. Examples are Miro, Claude AI, TinkerCAD, Figma. Access to a computer and Adobe Creative Suite is required for this class.

Technology Help: If you need assistance with technology access or support you can ask the instructor for advice, talk with our teaching lab specialist, or contact the UF Help Desk.
https://helpdesk.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-4357

Course Evaluations: Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals (in Canvas). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens.
https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/

Honor Code and Classroom Behavior: A reminder that we must act professionally and practice collegiality in our shared studio community. You can review the student conduct and honor code at this link: https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-%20code-student-conduct-code/

Online Course Privacy: If we use Zoom video, the instructor has the capability to record meetings. There are NO PLANS for our class sessions to be audio-visually recorded. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress. https://umatter.ufl.edu/

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services. https://counseling.ufl.edu/

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need. https://shcc.ufl.edu/

University Police Department: Visit UF Police Department website or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). https://police.ufl.edu/

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608. https://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services. https://career.ufl.edu/

Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources. https://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/