

Student Handbook & Catalog

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Authorization

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A Message from the Executive Director

An Eastern proverb states, "When the pupil is ready the teacher will appear." In the spring of 2014, the Digital Media Institute at InterTech was born. DMII spun out of a workforce program at a local university, through large grant support from the Caddo Parish Commission, extensive investment by BRF and support from key members of the community. Out of this, our state-of-the-industry digital media facilities and equipment around you were designed, built, and integrated. Top instructional talent from the digital media industries were brought together to design and implement our intensive and effective coursework. Staff worked tirelessly to overcome hurdles: State Licensing, our first classes, then candidacy, and, eventually, nationally accredited status with Council on Occupational Education that brought us Federal Title IV aid status. However, all the hard work, marketing, recruiting, paperwork and effort had but one purpose - to be ready for you: the successful admissions candidates to join us as students in order to accelerate your journey toward a career in the ever growing and changing future in digital media. We ask only that you put forth an effort worthy of ours and the successful alumni who have preceded you. We know you are ready.

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff,

Welcome to DMII.



John J Miralles, MFA
Executive Director

Statement of Philosophy

The Digital Media Institute at InterTech's mission is to deliver high caliber training taught by industry professionals in a state-of-the-art environment and enhance workforce development in the area of digital media.

The Digital Media Institute strives to be an educational institute that prepares its students for employment in the real world. Utilizing a "learn by doing" approach, the instructors and administrators create an atmosphere that facilitates real-world scenarios designed to educate students in a project-based format that accurately mimics the pressures and deadlines similar to those they will face upon graduation.

Our digital media programs use a one-year intensive format that gives students immersive training and access to opportunities in the digital media industry that are specifically focused on occupational skills. Students who complete the course leave the program with extensive training in industry-standard programs and applications. Students who give their full effort leave the programs with a portfolio that can be used in interviews and demo reels.

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Admissions Procedures

Admission Requirements

Prospective students must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. If the applicant is under the age of 18, but holds a high school diploma or GED, they may be admitted to the program.

All applicants must fill out an application, take an entrance exam, submit high school and any post-secondary transcripts, a letter of intent, and successfully pass an interview with the admissions committee. Please see the Academic Recruiter or Admissions Representative for additional guidance on admission procedures.

DMII uses a need-blind admissions process, everyone is encouraged to apply regardless of financial need as it is not an admissions criteria.

Entrance Exam

Due to the intense nature of the program, all potential students to the DMII must complete the entrance exam module before admission into the program. The purpose of this module is to determine the students entering skill levels and prospective success in completion of the course work.

The entrance exam module is an online, skills evaluation and testing for prospective students. Participants are directed to a web address where they will answer approximately 50 questions that will give us an understanding of digital media and computer skills. Applicants will have an hour and a half to complete the assessment.

The entrance exam module assessment will be scored by DMII staff. If a prospective candidate receives more than 70% correct for Animation, Visual Effects and Interactive Content or 60% for Interactive Software Development, they will be referred for an in-person interview.

Additional Admission Documents

DMII requires its applicants to submit the following to be considered for admission:

1. Official high school transcript and any post-secondary school transcripts, GED score if applicable.
2. A letter of intent. The letter of intent acts as an admissions essay. This letter addressed to the admissions panel should explore who the candidate is and their why they aspire to continue their education at the Digital Media Institute at InterTech. For further guidance see the Academic Recruiter or the Admissions Representative.

Applicants are also encouraged to send available ACT/SAT scores to DMII; however, this is not a requirement for admission, but could potentially help the admissions team make a decision whether to award a scholarship or not. Unofficial copies may be sent via email to info@dmi.edu or brought to the main office.

Interview Process

The in-person 10-15 minute interview is conducted with two faculty members and covers 10 standardized questions as well as some informal questions. An interview will be scheduled after the entrance exam has been taken and additional admission documents submitted.

Admitting Students by Exception to Standard Admission Policies

DMII requires that to enroll in the school, students must be at least 18 years of age and hold a high school diploma or GED. They must take an entrance exam, be interviewed by school administrators and provide adequate references.

The following are exemptions to some of the requirements in the standard admissions policy listed above:

- If a student is under the age of 18 but has a high school diploma or GED, they will be admitted to the program.
- If a student holds a current software vendor official certification in a computer graphics package that is used in the program they are applying to then they are exempt from taking the entrance exam. Current package examples are: AVEI: Adobe, Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects. Autodesk Maya; or for the ISD program a certification in the Unity Game Engine, or a programming language we use such as C# or C++ will exempt the student. However, we recommend all prospects take the entrance exam as it is a prerequisite for some aid.

Transfer Students and Credits

Transfer of Credits from Other Institutions

The Digital Media Institute at InterTech is a private institute and reserves the right to be selective in its choice of students for enrollment. Because of our unique curriculum and model, DMII will not likely take academic credits from other institutions; however, we will evaluate all previous education and training.

Transfer of Credits from DMII to Other Institutions

DMII Makes no representation whatsoever concerning the transferability of any credits earned at the school to another institution. Due to the unique nature of the programs at DMII, it is unlikely that any credits earned at DMII will be transferable to or accepted by another postsecondary institution.

Transfer of Credits within DMII

Once a student has begun the AVEI or ISD program, they are expected to stay with that program for its entirety. In the event that a student wishes to transfer from one program to another, he or she must do so prior to the end of the first week of classes and they meet the standards. In the event there is not an

available section, the student may join the next available class. After one week, the student must wait to enter until the next session of the transfer target program is available. DMII does not permit transfers of credits between programs internally.

Enrolling in Consecutive Programs

If a student decides to apply to take consecutive programs, they must meet with the executive director and new program instructor, but no credits or other exemptions will be allowed and the student must have completed successfully and be in good academic and financial standing. It is however not recommended to take the programs consecutively. Permission from the Executive Director is required.

Veteran's Credit for Previous Education

Students must report all previous education and training to DMII. DMII will evaluate and grant credit, if appropriate, with the training time shortened, the tuition reduced proportionately, and the Veteran's Administration and student notified.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition

The cost per student for the 12 months of instruction is **\$27,730**.

Included in Tuition:

- Program Supplies: \$1,730 (non-refundable)
 - Key Card/ID Badge (\$50 replacement fee)
 - Library Maintenance Services
 - Data Management Services
 - Wacom* Tablet & portable hard drive (AVEI Students) or Laptop Computer (ISD students)
 - Textbooks:
 - **AVEI: NUKE 101** by Ron Ganbar, Character Animation Crash Course by Eric Goldberg
 - Drawing Supplies
 - 1 Year Post-Graduate Flex Lab Access

*Note: For the sake of continuity, all of the above will be supplied to students through the program. Students should not independently purchase their own materials. No other tablet manufacturers will be supported by the program.

Total cost of to students:

Tuition	\$26,000
Program Supplies	+\$1,730
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TOTAL COST TO ENROLL	\$27,730

Scholarships and Financial Aid

DMII offers the Creative Excellence Scholarship, which is a merit-based scholarship awarded to students whose submitted portfolios meet the criteria of the portfolio guidelines, which are available upon request.

Federal student aid is accepted to qualified students who have filled out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). DMII also accepts the GI Bill.

DMII is authorized to accept TOPS Tech, if the student has qualified. TOPS Tech has its own requirements for GPA/ACT and required high school courses. Please ask us for details on TOPS Tech or see the Louisiana Board of Regents website.

DMI has a comprehensive aid process as well as multiple loan options and payment plans that can make the school affordable to nearly everyone. We encourage everyone applying to the school to fully complete our aid process to understand their costs.

To discuss your individual case, please make an appointment with the Marketing, Communications, & Financial Aid Liaison.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Should a student wish to withdraw after acceptance and registration, the following conditions will apply:

Three-Business-Day Cancellation: The student understands that if for any reason they are unable to enter, all monies paid, including the non-refundable deposit and program fees will be refunded if requested within three business days after signing an enrollment agreement and making an initial payment.

Cancellation after the three-business day cancellation period but before commencement of classes: Not more than \$100 of the tuition and fees collected in advance of entrance shall be retained by the institution. Refunds for a student who does not begin classes shall be made within 30 days of the start of the quarter, term, or semester.

The student understands that the withdrawal after commencement of classes refund policy shall be:

- 1) During the first week of classes, the institution shall refund at least 90% of tuition, less the registration fee, thereafter;
- 2) During the next three weeks of classes, the institution shall refund at least 75% of tuition, less the registration fee, thereafter;
- 3) During the first 25% of the course, the institution shall refund at least 55% of tuition, less the registration fee, thereafter;
- 4) During the second 25% of the course, the institution shall refund at least 30% of tuition, less the registration fee, thereafter;
- 5) During the third and fourth 25% of the course, the institution shall retain 100% of the stated course price. Percentages of the course completion are to be computed on the basis of clock hours. For programs longer than one year (12 calendar months) in length, 100% of the stated program price attributable to the period beyond the first year will be refunded when the student withdraws during the prior period.

DMII does not require students to request a refund prior to issuing a tuition refund.

Drop Period

Programs at DMII have a two week drop period from the first day of class. If a student decides to withdraw during this period they may do so without instructor approval. Students who withdraw during the drop period are considered never to have been enrolled and will receive a full refund.

Payment Policy

A student's balance should be discussed and outlined with the Financial Aid, Marketing & Communications Liaison before or during the first week of class. If a payment plan is not outlined within the first week of class then the student will be asked to leave class until there is a payment plan outlined. Missed class time for this reason will have to be made up on the student's own time.

DMII accepts multiple forms of payment in the form of student loans and direct payments to DMII via check, cash, money order, or credit card (through the DMII website).

Communication with the Financial Aid, Marketing & Communications Liaison or Executive Director regarding late payments is highly encouraged.

Educational Objectives

Objectives for the Digital Media Institute at InterTech (DMII)

The overarching goal of the programs at the Digital Media Institute at InterTech is to train students for a number of possible career paths, entry level jobs in visual effects, such as rotoscope artist, 3D modeler, 3D texture artist, scene layout artist, 3D lighting artist, 2D compositing artist as well as game software programmer, game designer, or mobile game developer. The program is also geared toward entrepreneurs interested in starting their own businesses as well as those from other industries seeking a better understanding of digital media in order to further their current careers.

Over the course of the year, students accomplish learning objectives through instruction toward the overall goal of preparing for employment in the field of animation & visual effects and interactive software development. *Please see the syllabus for program details.*

Students are given an education that takes a general approach to a wide variety of skills in digital media and interactive software development. It is the opinion of the educators at DMII that participating and learning all skills presented gives the best-rounded education. Students should always endeavor to work through topics to the best of their ability, even topics that may be difficult for them.

An additional objective is to provide graduating students with material that can be used to compile a demo reel of animation and visual effects or gameplay and coding examples.

Objectives for the Animation, Visual Effects, and Interactive Content Program (AVEI) One-Year Program - 1,030 total hours

The animation and visual effects program focuses on the area of digital media that would typically be found in content created for film and television. This training is based on industry experience that focuses student work on tools, software and skill sets necessary to compete for employment opportunities in that field.

Objectives for the Interactive Software Development Program

(ISD) One-Year Program - 1,024 total hours

The objective of the Interactive Software Development Program is to prepare students to be immediately productive as new employees in the interactive software industry. Students in the program will learn the science and craft of making interactive software for personal computers, gaming consoles, and mobile devices. Interactive software development is a multidisciplinary field, so the program offers a diverse curriculum focused on programming, game design, and art content creation. Graduating students will be able to create complex software products using the C# programming language and have a firm understanding of multiple computer hardware architectures. They will be fluent in the fundamentals of game design as well as the creation of art content using industry-standard tools. Students completing this course will develop professional competence with Visual Studio, Unity, and Perforce.

Suggestions for Success

Be present. Be on time. Be involved. Read the material. Ask questions. Seek to solve your own problems. Understand that this work takes time to comprehend, just like learning a new language. Be patient, you'll get it.

Marketability

The staff will make its best efforts to guide alumni towards employers and internship opportunities; however, it is primarily up to individuals to market themselves and pursue their individual goals. Results will vary based on individual background and application, as well as your work ethic, both during the program and after graduation.

No direct or specific claim of marketability, or direct job placement based on the content of this training program or its completion is expressed or implied. Please be aware your individual results may vary from your peers. An end of program portfolio review is conducted by staff and notes may need to be addressed prior to a student being approved for graduation.

Mastery of Skills

It is to be understood that the program is an accelerated training program that offers a general survey of many different digital media career options. Although students will be tested as to their understanding of key concepts and practical knowledge of the curriculum, there is and should be no expectation of mastery of any skill set while at the DMII. It must be further understood that mastery of any set of skills comes with substantial amounts of time and practice. Your mastery of skill will continue to grow as you gain experience after the completion of the program and transition to your area of focus.

DMII instructors can provide additional self-study materials if a student has an area of interest that they would like to explore on the students own time.

Self-Determination

There are self-directed projects that are included in the coursework, however the program is not designed to provide students with a set of exclusively self-directed or self-designed projects for a student's portfolio. Students are encouraged to make use of the Flex lab and other available non-program classroom hours to explore and create on one's own with the skills and software from the program.

Professional Communication

All students are issued a dmi.edu email address, have remote access to google classroom, and are asked to opt in on the Remind app. These are the methods faculty and administrators will use to

communicate with you. Please note that these are the primary ways you will be notified of all official information for classes, closures, events, and job openings while enrolled.

Reliable two-way communication when you are not on campus is your responsibility. We are not responsible if you do not receive information in a timely manner. We are not responsible for any impact this may have on your attendance, academic progress or job placement due to your inability to receive, or respond to our communication when off campus.

Please keep in mind, DMII will not always text or send info to your personal emails while and after you are enrolled. You can easily forward your dmi.edu email, if you have any questions reach out to the network administrator or your instructor.

Classroom Specifics

Time Investment

Both the day and night sessions consist of the same number of in class hours, which is approximately 1,030 for Animation, Visual Effects and Interactive Content Program and 1,024 for the Interactive Software Development Program.

Class Hours (Daily)

AVEI: 9:00am - 3:00pm
ISD: 5:30pm - 11:00pm

School Calendar/Schedule

See Google Classroom or page 28 of this Student Handbook & Catalog. You may also ask the Administrative Assistant for up to date calendar.

Student Orientation

Students go through orientation on the first day of class. Below is an outline of a typical day of orientation:

- 1) Students are read the Student Handbook in its entirety. The handbook details the procedures and guidelines students need to be familiar with. They then sign off that they have received a copy of the current handbook. When significant updates are made to the handbook, a new signature page will be circulated and the new handbook posted digitally.
- 2) Students are given accounts on the network. They are walked through the steps to logging in and setting up their password along with basic computer use principles.
- 3) They are given email accounts and any needed software credentials.
- 4) Students fill out paperwork to get their ID card, which gives them access to the building. They will then have their picture taken for their ID card, and then it will be printed and tested. Students are responsible for clocking in/out at the appropriate times.

Supplies will be handed out as needed.

Organization

This is an intensive one year course that meets daily. It is a lecture/lab course that will introduce students to a wide variety of digital media topics. It is intended to be a general survey course designed to expose students to skills related to specific jobs in digital media. Each skill will build on previous skills and will culminate in a multi-week class project that will utilize all the skills demonstrated in the curriculum.

There will be quizzes to test terminology retention. There will be a mid-term that will be both written and practical.

Class grades must remain above 82% in order to continue and be successful in class.

Coursework

The coursework is composed primarily of preset projects intended to teach specific skills in both an individual and a group format. It is important to understand that students are required to complete all assignments in the program including term projects as they are assigned. Any refusal by the student to participate in an assignment, group project, or term project can result in a score of 0 being given for that assignment.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is the online access point to the DMII curriculum. It will allow students to see curriculum timeline, dates and reference materials. It is where you will turn in assignments, check schedules, record your attendance and communicate any questions to your instructor.

If you have any questions about assignments, grades, or attendance contact your instructor immediately.

Work Assignments

Each assignment will be listed in Google Classroom. Follow the instructions for each assignment. If you have questions, please ask your instructor. Each assignment will be noted as to whether it is a major or minor assignment.

Grading

Grades will be posted within 72 hours of an assignment or quiz deadline.

There is a zero tolerance policy for late work. All assignment due dates and times are posted in Google Classroom. If a delivery deadline is missed, a resulting grade would be a zero. However, should a technical issue with the DMII network or Google Classroom prevent submission on time, please see the instructor for guidance.

Transcript Requests

Transcripts and all student records are protected by the FERPA privacy act. Only the student may request a copy unless otherwise noted by the student in their FERPA release form (pg. 38).

Official transcripts may only be released once the student's balance is sufficiently settled (they clear any financial hold). Please contact the Admissions Representative via email to request a copy of your official transcript.

Grading Policy

A complete class syllabus will be made available on the Google Classroom online system at the beginning of the class year. The syllabi will be available at the online portal as well. Both the printed and online versions will have clear guidelines for expectations and grades.

- 1) Students must achieve a grade of 82% or higher in all phases of the program.
- 2) Assignments and tests will not be allowed to be made up without an excused absence and will be given at the discretion of the instructor. Pop quizzes may be given occasionally and are not subject to make-up.
- 3) Grades will be confidential. Students who question a grade should consult their instructors. Grades will be posted on Google Classroom no later than 72 hours after a project is turned in. Term reports will be issued in a written document.

- 4) Course grades earned during the semester will be averaged and available at the end of each semester.
- 5) Students failing to maintain satisfactory progress at 82% or above during the semester will be dismissed.
- 6) Course grades are derived from chapter tests, daily tests, assignments, projects, and pop quizzes.

Grades are rounded up or down by tenths (for example: 84.4 = 84 or 84.5 = 85). Therefore, an average of 81.4 or less will result in dismissal from DMII. Grading information for assignments that have been graded by your instructor will be available by request. Grades and attendance will also be sent to the student bi-monthly. See grading scale on Academic Grades Evaluated chart.

Academic Grades Evaluated		
100 - 90	=	A
89 - 82	=	B
81 >	=	Failing

Make-Up Test Policy

If a student will be absent from a testing period, the instructor must be notified at least 30 minutes before the start of the exam. Students who are absent from a testing period are required to make up the test within two class weeks. An alternate form of the exam will be given. Failure to take the make-up exam will result in a zero for that exam. It is the student's responsibility to make up the exam upon return to class.

Final Examination Policy

If a student fails to take the final examination on the date listed in the syllabus and has not requested, in writing, to schedule the final for another time, the grade of zero will be assigned for the missed exam.

Test Review

As time permits, students may review examination results in class or by appointment with instructors. Online test records are not kept after graduation.

Remediation

Remediation is required for any absence regardless of coursework, and hours to be made-up/completed by remediation are at the discretion of the instructor. A remediation plan form will be filled out by the instructor and given to the student with specifics detailing number of hours/assignments missing. The deadline for completion of remediation will be no later than two weeks upon return from absence. Your instructor upon completion and both parties will sign stating that the hours/assignments missed have been made-up. Remediation will be kept on file to backup amended student hours recorded in DMII's student information system.

Medical and Emergency Leave of Absence

Students who need to interrupt their progress towards certificate may petition for a leave of absence. Leave of absences are defined as temporary separation from DMII for a stated period of time outlined in a leave of absence request form. Leave of absence (LOA) may be considered only in extraordinary circumstances such as military deployment, medical conditions, death in the family, or other emergencies. The student will meet with the executive director and instructor to discuss the student's situation, relevant support resources, and if LOA petition is approved, the intended use of time while away.

Leave of absence may be obtained at any point in the program, however; if the LOA extends past two weeks, it is recommended that the student considers dropping or withdrawing from the program. If the student desires to re-enter the program at a later date, regardless of progression through term, student will re-enter the program at the beginning of the term when he or she left, and no later than a year after first enrolled.

Situations that would qualify:

- Hospitalization or intensive medical care
- Death or critical illness in immediate family
- Recommendation of health and counseling
- Title IX or DHSM-related issues, such as interpersonal violence or stalking
- Home fire or natural disaster

Situations that don't qualify:

- Doctor's Appointments
- Minor short-term illness (cold, flu, etc)
- Allergies
- Injuries that do not require hospitalization
- Mono – without doctor's care
- Headaches/Migraines -without doctor's care
- Roommate or Relationship Conflicts
- Weddings
- Job Interviews, or VA Appointments
- Family Health Issues

It is the responsibility of the student to be in touch with faculty to discuss and agree upon a reasonable plan to address any academic or financial issues that may arise from the student's absence. Communicating with your instructors and the DMII staff as much as possible is essential for creating realistic expectations regarding the student's ability to make up missed hours, exams, or assignments.

During LOA students are not eligible for federal financial aid, including Federal Direct Loans. In some cases, student loans may not be deferred for the entirety of a leave. Students should contact DMII's Financial Aid Office for additional information.

Incomplete

When a student has an illness or other extenuating circumstance beyond his or her control that prevents completion of a coursework before the end of a term or otherwise specified deadline, a temporary "I" grade may be offered at the discretion of the executive director. Incomplete grades are reflected on the official transcript at an "I" until they are changed to the final grade. Incomplete grades that are not changed within one year will revert to the incomplete final grade that was determined by the instructor at the time the original incomplete grade was assigned.

A student must meet the following criteria to be considered for an incomplete:

- Completion of at least 85% of the term
- In "Good Standing" – minimum attendance, GPA, and financial status may be met
- Legitimate documentation stating reason for LOA and permission to return to school if applicable.

Students will NOT be considered for an incomplete if they do not meet these standards or if the request was made because student failed to complete work in a timely matter.

Note: an incomplete grade may not be considered passing for purposes of determining academic standing or federal financial aid eligibility.

A student concerned about the completion of a term is advised to speak with Instructor to discuss avenues of remediation. If remediation may not be obtained, an Incomplete Grade Request is required. This form acts as a contract with the student detailing 1) reason for Incomplete with appropriate documentation provided by student; 2) all coursework/hours necessary for completion; 3) and deadline of completed work. Student will fill out the form and submit appropriate documentation to support Incomplete request to the instructor. If approved, the instructor specifies terms for making up the incomplete and returns a copy to the student. All work must be completed by deadline granted or expected graduation, whichever comes first. When all work is completed, the instructor completes the form and returns it to the administrative offices to be filed in student's file. Only in the most extenuating circumstances will extensions be granted beyond the deadline. Reason for requests for extension may be added must be approved by instructor and executive director.

Feedback

One of the things that help instructors at the DMII verify the effectiveness of course material is student feedback. Once a month, students will be asked certain questions pertaining to the curriculum. These questions are designed to give us feedback regarding how well students understand the lessons.

It will also give us the ability to review sections of curriculum in order to make sure skill retention is high across the classroom.

Student Comments

As a part of improving the educational instruction of the DMII, we encourage quarterly comments and reviews of instruction. At the end of every grading period, students will be given an opportunity to answer questions that may help us better understand the student experience and improve it.

Student Complaints

The staff and administration at the DMII are focused on improving the quality of the education and experience of our students. We value our students input and work to listen to any input. Students are encouraged to comment on all aspects of the experience from instruction, curriculum, the facility or administration, we welcome student input.

Should an issue arise, students should be made aware that they have rights and responsibilities that are critical to the resolution of any complaint, difficulty, or issue.

Procedure to Responding to Student Complaints

Step One:

The person in charge of the area that is at issue should be the first one informed. So, if there were a problem with the classroom or equipment therein, the instructor would be the first person a student should speak to. It is not permitted that issues or complaints be addressed during instructional periods. Students wishing to address an issue must schedule time outside of the instructional time to discuss it with the instructor.

Step Two:

Should the issue remain unresolved; the student will be asked to fill out the official complaint form (the Administrative Assistant will provide form upon request) that will be referred to the executive director of the DMII. Should the student or group of students feel more comfortable using a representative from the class as the voice, that will be acceptable.

The Executive Director and administration will respond to your official written complaint in writing and meet with impacted parties in person to work to resolve it.

Only after the student has unsuccessfully attempted to resolve the matter with the school after having first filed a written and signed complaint with the school's officials, they may proceed to step three.

Step Three:

Should the student have not resolved the issue, they are encouraged to seek the advice of the Louisiana Board of Regents. Student complaints relative to actions of school officials shall be addressed to the Louisiana Board of Regents, Proprietary Schools Section, P. O. Box 3677, Baton Rouge, LA, 70821-3677, Phone 225-342-4253.

In the case that where a complaint remains unresolved student complaints shall be addressed to the Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350. Toll-Free 800-917-2081 www.council.org.

Classroom and Flex Lab Rules of Conduct

- 1) Phones are allowed in the classroom and flex lab as a privilege. It is not allowed to be texting, checking social media or in any way that may be cause for distraction. **If you need to take a call, please step out of the classroom or flex lab without disturbing the lab or lecture.**
- 2) Food and beverages are not permitted in the classroom. There is a shelf outside the class entrance for drinks and nd a refrigerator in the break room for your use.
- 3) Class lab time should be treated like any other class. Your attendance is mandatory and work done in lab time should be spent on assignments or on instructor approved work. If you do not return from a break, arrive late or leave early, it will be reflected in your attendance.
- 4) No children are allowed in class or to be left unattended in our public space. Out of respect for your peers and the educational atmosphere it is not acceptable to bring them to class.
- 5) It should be understood that the classroom will from time to time be a rated R environment. This means students may review work as examples from films, games, or other media that may include blood, violence, cinematic gore, creatures, and characters of a super-natural natures such as ghosts and demons.

As an occupational school that teaches how professional digital content and techniques are accomplished, students are required to participate in an academic and clinical manner.

Lack of adherence to the following will result in a one day suspension from class:

- It is not permitted for students to watch YouTube, Netflix, DVDs, Amazon Video or any other video medium for entertainment purposes during class. It is distracting to the educational climate and is therefore not allowed during lectures, labs, or any other time class is in session.
- The same is true for games, social media, and smartphone related activities. Unless approved by your instructor or specifically related to classwork, the above activities are not permitted.

- Should a student engage in these activities during class hours they will be sent home for the day. The entire day will be considered an absence and the student will be required to make up the time.

Note: Listening to music, podcasts, or streamed audio is permitted during work periods only, not while the instructor is lecturing. Please remember that working with others requires common courtesy. Please wear headphones and keep the volume to a reasonable level.

Additionally, listening to video material with the screen fully minimized would fall under the category of music or podcasts. Should it become a distraction the above consequences will apply. It should be further noted that shrinking the video player to postage stamp size and placing it in the corner of the screen is not acceptable as it becomes impossible to both work and watch a video simultaneously.

Should a distracting activity not outlined above be noted by an instructor, the students will be notified.

Please keep in mind the primary focus of classroom and lab time is to further your studies, not personal entertainment.

In Class Commentary

Although in class discussion is an important part of the educational process, your ideas, comments, suggestions, questions, grade challenges, etc. are welcome. It is important to respect the instructor's authority to end in class discussion as they see fit or to request a private sidebar discussion if necessary. Please refrain from commenting during lectures at will until the instructor asks for comments or you have been recognized by them.

Dress Code

Although the digital media industry tends to be informal in its workplace attire, the classroom has business casual requirements. Students are expected to maintain a clean and neat appearance at all times, dressing in a manner appropriate for the InterTech Science Park. Workplace attire must not serve as a distraction to other classmates, faculty and staff of DMII, employees of BRF, or other visitors.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action such as being asked to leave class, up to and including expulsion.

Sexual Harassment Policy

DMII prohibits sexual harassment and anyone who feels like they are being harassed is encouraged to report the activity. No person on campus shall be subjected to unwelcome sexual conduct, verbal or physical.

Sexual harassment includes unwanted sexual advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. This definition includes many forms of offensive behavior, including the following: unwanted sexual advances, leering, making sexual gestures, making or using derogatory comments, slurs and jokes, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes or emails.

Procedure to Respond to Sexual Harassment

Step One:

Let the offending person know immediately that you want the behavior to stop. Say NO firmly. If you do not feel comfortable confronting the person alone, contact the executive director.

Step Two:

In addition, document when, where, and how you believe you have been sexually harassed in a complaint form (available from the Administrative Assistant), and deliver the written documentation to the Executive Director. Include in that documentation names of witnesses, direct quotes, actions, evidence, any written communication and your response to the situation.

Step Three:

In the event that informal, direct communication between individuals is either ineffective or impossible, or if the situation is perceived to be severe and/or persistent, the following steps should be taken to report an incident of sexual harassment:

- 1) Promptly contact the executive director. If the executive director is unavailable, please inform your instructor who will get in touch with the executive director.
- 2) An investigation of a complaint of sexual harassment will be undertaken as promptly as practicable and as confidentially as possible so as to protect the privacy of the persons involved. To the extent practicable and appropriate, confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigatory process. Every reasonable effort will be made to keep the complainant aware of the process of the investigation.

Retaliation is prohibited and shall be a violation of this policy and shall constitute misconduct subject to disciplinary or other action.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Bullying can cause a climate of fear and disrespect which seriously impairs the physical and psychological health of its victims. DMII is committed to maintaining high standards for behaviors where every student, faculty, and staff member conducts oneself in a manner which demonstrates proper regard for the rights and welfare of others.

Bullying is defined as the aggressive and hostile acts of an individual or group of individuals who are intended to humiliate, mentally or physically injure or intimidate, and/or control another individual or group of individuals. Bullying can occur in many ways, including verbal, non-verbal, physical, or cyber bullying. Physical bullying includes pushing, shoving, kicking, poking, and/or tripping another; assaulting or threatening a physical assault; damaging a person's work area or personal property; and/or damaging or destroying a person's work product.

Verbal bullying includes ridiculing, insulting or maligning a person, either verbally or in writing; addressing abusive, threatening, derogatory or offensive remarks to a person; and/or attempting to exploit an individual's known intellectual or physical vulnerabilities.

Nonverbal bullying includes directing threatening gestures toward a person or invading personal space after being asked to move or step away.

Cyber bullying is defined as bullying an individual using electronic form, including, but not limited to, the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, or mobile phones.

Policy Prohibiting Employee-Student Amorous or Sexual Relationships

The DMII is committed to fostering an environment of trust and mutual respect for all members of its educational and workplace community. All employees as members of the workplace community, especially those upon whom the institution confers teaching, administrative, recruiting, supervisory, or

evaluative responsibilities, carry a special obligation to adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards and to avoid any actions that may appear to damage this atmosphere of trust and respect and thereby hinder the institution's educational mission.

Due to potential differentials of power, and the potential for reputational, educational or other harm to the individuals involved and the need for trust in our environment, DMII's stated policy is to prohibit all employee-student amorous or sexual relationships regardless if they take place in our external community, workplace, teaching labs, as well as events on site or off and extend this protection to prospective students, students, camp attendees, students re-entering programs and anyone actively working with the school administratively, promotionally, educationally, or on projects with community partners. Program completers or non-completers and graduate alumni during their 12-month post program period regardless of placement/monitoring or flex lab use are covered by this policy. This policy protection also extends to school-monitored internships, and other types of placements as well as projects outside those periods as they are also considered actively working with the school.

All employees and students should be aware that amorous or sexual relationships that might be appropriate in other circumstances have inherent dangers when they occur between a staff member and a student in our school environment. They can begin and remain consensual, however they may easily be later characterized as non-consensual and could potentially lead to discipline, sexual misconduct claims, as well as dismissal and sexual harassment charges.

DMII is dedicated to an open and mutually respectful environment for our employees and student community. Should anyone have any questions regarding this policy or to discuss any potential conflicts or relationships it covers, please contact the Executive Director to report an issue or for assistance or clarification.

Attendance Policies

Being in class is the single largest determining factor of success in assignments, quizzes, and the final project, as well as job placement. Keep in mind attendance is recorded and then reported to our Student Information System, which in turn is reported to the Department of Education and or VA and will directly impact your funding and/or eligibility with those agencies.

Students are expected to attend class on a regular, full-time basis for the duration of the program.

1. It is the student's responsibility to notify instructors in advance when he or she is going to be absent or tardy. Students that are more than 30 minutes late will be counted as absent for that day. Time will need to be made up or the absence will become permanent. Please see your instructor as soon as possible about making up your absence.
2. Students are expected to give their scholastic obligations primary consideration. Regular class attendance is the student's obligation, and the student is responsible for completing all the work of all the classes. An acceptable explanation of an absence, avoidable or unavoidable, does not in any way relieve the student from responsibility for the work of his/her course during his/her absence.
3. If absent due to illness, students must provide written proof or medical documentation, but providing documentation does not guarantee the opportunity to make up the hours or assignments missed.
4. Attendance records are kept on an electronic time clock and in the instructor's attendance book, which is entered into DMII's Student Information System. Should there be a discrepancy between

the time clock and the instructor's records, the instructor's records shall be used as primary record. Students may request grades from their instructors at any time.

5. Students are responsible for all of the clock hours to successfully complete their program of study. Students are allowed 2.5 absences per marking period*, not to exceed a total of 10 for the year. This is not a rolling bank of days that can continuously be made up.
6. A student may not carry more than 2.5 absences total at the end of any marking period and they must have made up all work and time before the end of a marking period to successfully progress to the next period.
7. For any absence, all program clock hour time and work must be made up for that missed class session during the marking period. Once the work has been made up, that absence is dissolved.
8. Make up work must be documented with the instructor and only hours you work on make-up work and turn in something will be counted as made up.
9. If a student exceeds 5 absences with no makeup they will go on academic probation and a remediation plan will be issued. During probation, if the time and work are not made up according to the remediation plan, they are subject to one week's suspension then possible termination from the program.

*Marking periods are 4 equal quarters of the year (see your course outline and schedule).

Should a student not be caught up at the midpoint of the year they risk failing SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress with the Department of Education which could result in the loss of the students federal student aid.)

Graduation

Upon graduation, students receive a signed certificate of completion. This document is presented to students who have successfully maintained the minimum grade point average, are in good financial standing, and have met all other requirements.

There will be a graduation ceremony where all student work will be displayed for students and family. Currently DMII holds graduation once a year in February.

Demo Material

Although the program does provide significant time for a student to work on a portfolio or demonstration reel, responsibility for the quality and presentation of those materials rests solely with the student. Remember, you will get out of the programs what you put into them. At program completion, all students will be scheduled to meet with the course instructor and the executive director to review their final program demo material. Prospective graduates will receive notes from the meeting that contain detailed instructions for necessary or suggested steps for demo improvement. Students must complete to the satisfaction of the instructor and executive director the steps defined as necessary. If these steps are not taken, the student's certificate of completion will not be awarded.

Alumni Participation and Placement Services

Once a student successfully completes a program at DMII, placement services begin the process of attempting to help secure employment for each student.

In order for alumni and DMII administration to be able to successfully place a student, it is required that students remain in contact with the school. As part of the process, alumni will receive emails, text messages and other social media communication asking them for responses, conveying job opportunities

or inviting them to events. It is the individual's responsibility to be 100% prepared and COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY with the school and employers to carry out the recommended placement activity.

You will be contacted monthly by your instructor or staff for placement follow up for one year after successful completion of classes unless you are placed or otherwise have opted out or been deemed ineligible.

Lack of response to set up interviews, emails, calls, online surveys, or other forms of outreach makes it more difficult for placement staff to help alumni, current, and future students. **Ultimately, alumni who do not respond will be marked as "non-responsive."**

Termination and Re-Admission Policy

Should a student be unable to meet the standards set forth in this document as it relates to grades, attendance, conduct, financial obligations, or any other situation, the administration will have the authority to permanently dismiss them from the program.

Should a student be unable to continue in the program for any reason, he or she must inform the instructor and subsequently the administration so he or she can withdraw.

Should a student be suspended from class and recommended for dismissal by the instructor, he or she will have the right to appeal to the institute administration.

Students who have been terminated or withdrawn from the program who wish to return at a future date must proceed as follows:

1. They must insure they are in good financial standing. All outstanding balances must be paid in full.
2. They must reapply to the program.
3. Students reapplying to the program will be allowed to continue at the term where they last successfully completed. Should a student not have completed any block of study they will be required to begin again as a new student.

This policy only applies within a period of 12 months from the time a student leaves the program. Should a student re-apply after 12 months he or she will be required to retake all blocks of study and pay full tuition.

Additional Student Considerations

Housing

Tuition to the DMII does not include housing. Students are required to arrange their own room and board. Shreveport-Bossier City and the surrounding areas have many apartments and houses available for lease.

Counseling

Workforce counseling is available to all students during the program and after graduation. Should a student need additional workforce counseling after graduation, they should contact their instructor or the executive director.

Possible Career Paths

Animation, Visual Effects, and Interactive Content Program

Though our program is general in focus giving the students a broad background many choose to move into specialized areas upon entry onto the field or after some experience.

3D Generalist

This is the all around production artist. They do all aspects of a production, 3D modeling, textures, animation; lighting, rendering and compositing. Typically they work on smaller scale productions but can also have a deeper specialty. They are great utility players in larger environments as well.

Digital Compositors

Compositors touch nearly every type of linear digital media today. Using both workstation and desktop systems, they are responsible for the final assembly of layered 2D and 3D images, color, rotoscoping, keying, and final retouching of shots as well as motion graphics.

3D Modeler

3D modelers create characters and environments for video games and 3D movies as well as images and modeling for websites, graphic designs, animation, film effects, simulations, broadcast design, special effects, characters and props for film, and television effects. These multi-talented professionals also create images/models for geologists, architects, scientists, engineers, healthcare agencies, and more.

Animator

3D animators are responsible for creating movement in film, television, and game development. Animators bring life to characters and create destruction through environmental animation and simulation. Modern animators can work with keyframe animation, motion capture, simulation and other forms of computer generated animation.

Video Game Designer

Video game designers will often work closely with other members of a team to create video games for computers and video game consoles. Designing video games is a very specialized and challenging career.

Art Director

Art directors are responsible for the visual style and images in digital media, magazines, newspapers, and movie and television and game productions. They create the overall design and direct others who develop artwork or layouts across many types of media.

Film and Video Editor

As a film or video editor, you'll be responsible for assembling recorded raw material into a finished product that's suitable for broadcasting. The material may include camera footage, dialogue, sound effects, graphics, and special effects. This is a key role in the post-production process and your skills can determine the quality and delivery of the final product. You'll usually work closely with the director to achieve the desired end result.

Multimedia Animator

Multimedia animators create 2D and 3D animation for smartphones, tablets, websites, marketing, and more.

Interactive Software Development Program

The ISD program's primary focus is learning to develop for interactive games. However, upon completion the software development skills can translate into other areas across many industries. The examples below are game focused.

Game Programmer

Game Programmers design and write the computer code that runs and controls a game. They work in both commercial game engines and proprietary systems to deliver great experiences.

QA Tester

QA Testers test, tune and debug a game and suggest refinements that ensure its quality and playability, assuring quality in a game and finding all its flaws before it goes public.

Level Editor

Level Editors define and create interactive architecture for a segment of a game, including the landscape, buildings and objects.

Technical Artists

Technical Artists act as a bridge between the Artists and Programmers working on a game.

Game Designer

Game Designers devise what a game consists of and how it plays, defining all the core elements.

VR /AR Developer

Game engines go beyond games these developers deliver content and experiences for mobile and head mounted virtual reality and augmented reality.

Faculty Credentials

Full Time Staff:

John Miralles, Executive Director

BFA Photography, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

MFA Computer Art, the School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

Greg Nelson, Instructor and Program Coordinator, Animation, Visual Effects and Interactive Content

BA in Journalism, California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, CA

Nolan Baker, Instructor and Program Coordinator, Interactive Software Development

BS in Mathematics, Centenary College, Shreveport, LA

Facilities

The Digital Media Institute is located in the InterTech 1 building at 2031 Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71103 and includes a state-of-the-art facility utilizing industry standard hardware and software that duplicates the experience students will encounter in the real world.

Adjacent to the Digital Media Institute classroom is a 1,600 sq. foot sound, motion capture VR and green screen stage. This stage allows students to create motion data and green screen footage that rivals any other educational institution in the United States.

Students enrolled in the program are issued a key card with a photo ID. This card allows 24-hour-a-day access flex lab. Access to the lab includes the use of network storage and software for non-commercial

use. One year after program completion access to the InterTech 1 building expires. Alumni must inform DMII of their intent to use the flex lab or other workstations after the course is complete. This access is a privilege extended on an available basis at discretion of DMII.

Should a student lose or have their key card stolen, they should notify DMII *immediately* so that a new card may be issued and the access on the old one terminated. A replacement fee for lost or stolen cards is \$50; replacement of broken or cards not working from wear and tear may be replaced at no cost.

Students should “clock-in” and “clock-out” appropriately when arriving for class, leaving and returning from lunch/dinner, and leaving for the day. It is the student’s responsibility to use the correct scanner.

Physical Equipment

Each DMII student is provided with industry-grade Windows-based computer workstations, high speed networks industry-grade servers, render management and processor farm that allow class participants to run digital imaging software in an environment similar to that of a professional work environment.

Students have access to video and still cameras for use in development of course-based material on campus only.

Students also have access to the needed physical equipment, (cameras, suits, tracking markers and computer workstation) required to capture motion data for use in animation.

Data Policy

Although our best efforts will be made to keep program data secure, while enrolled at DMII it is the responsibility of the individual student to ensure proper, frequent and regular backups are made of their critical data. You acknowledge this is your responsibility and hold DMII harmless for any loss of data that may occur. Course data is archived at the end of a program / section and removed from our servers.

It is recommended that all work be backed up on hard drives that are given to the student at the beginning of the program.

Non-Commercial Use

The systems and software provided at the DMII are educational in nature and any commercial use will violate the end user agreements we have with our vendors. You may not use any systems or software for paid, compensated, commercial work at any time. If you have questions please ask your instructors for guidance as to what commercial work is.

Copyright Policy

Students will be educated as to laws regarding copyright. Should a student be in violation of copyright he or she will be asked to remove all copyright violations from the server. Should a student remain or be in copyright violation on subsequent occasions, a written warning will be issued.

Penalties for Copyright Infringement

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For

“willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov.

Studio Equipment, Safety, and Terms

The studio can be a dangerous environment. Please note that students are not allowed to use the studio equipment without supervision. It is also highly recommended that students follow all safety protocols and follow all their instructor’s directions related to the studio equipment.

- 1) Students are not allowed to use ladders and/or hang or modify anything above the floor level in the studio. Please ask for permission and assistance from the staff if you need to hang or rig something in the studio.
- 2) Do not touch hot lights or the metal barn doors immediately close to the light source. They get extremely hot during operation and can cause severe burns.
- 3) Do not walk too close the curved part of the green screen. Minimal weight will cause it to crack and substantial weight could cause significant damage to the wall.
- 4) Never leave lights plugged in when not in the studio. This is a fire hazard.

A complete health & safety plan is available to students upon request.

Students also agree to hold DMII and BRF its agents, employees, partners and contractors harmless for any injury that may result from the activities of the program should they occur onsite or offsite.

Students also agree to allow use of their likeness, image and all class related work for promotion of the DMII programming that may or may not include, internet advertising, television, radio and any other form in the future. Official Photo Release form should be completed during orientation. (pg. 41)

Students agree that curriculum used at the DMII is confidential intellectual property. As such, disclosure of specific curriculum to third parties is prohibited during the program and for no less than seven years from the student’s date of graduation or termination from the program.

Students agree that public or online defamation (negative comments) about the program, its content, facilities or other students and staff is prohibited while enrolled or making use of the labs at the DMII.

Limitations on Computer and Network Use

It is assumed that students will always use the computers in a professional manner. To be clear, the following actions are not permitted:

- Using the internet inappropriately.
- Creating content that violates accepted community standards.
- Destroying the monitor, keyboard, mouse or workstation.
- Loading software of any kind onto a workstation.
- Using a networks administrator’s login and password to modify a workstation’s configuration without permission. Students violating this will be subject to disciplinary action with the possibility of expulsion and/or legal action. Should a student require additional software, to upgrade a tablet driver or for an assistive device driver for example, it is permissible to request that the network administrator who has administrative permission install it.
- Accessing the server to delete or access sensitive information. Students violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action with the possibility of expulsion.

- Avoid naming your files with periods (.), special characters (\$, *, #...) and spaces. It is suggested to use underscores (_) instead. Keep names under 35 characters.
- Using DMII programs for the download of illegal copyrighted material, pornography, movies, TV programs or animations.
- Moving or relocating workstations, monitors or modifying any wiring is not permitted.
- Installing external devices that were not assigned by the program without permission.
- Use of microphone gaming headsets is prohibited both the classroom and the flexlab.

Also:

- It must be stated that classrooms, the lab and office areas are under video surveillance at all times.
- Student access to the internet is logged and monitored. Students downloading excessive amounts of data, inappropriate material and P2P file sharing will have their internet permissions cancelled.
- It is the student's responsibility to archive his or her work. Program fees paid for the course includes a portable hard drive. The drive should be used consistently to back up student work.
- Issued equipment and hard drives are the responsibility of the student to maintain and repair.
- Name File suggestion
- Extensive modifications or alterations, negligence related damage or theft to issued laptops rendering them non serviceable for class use are not the responsibility of DMII. Replacements will be at cost to the student.

****DMII does not support Maya PLE, Nuke PLE and any other non issued off site software or hardware for any reason. 100% of the work for the program must be completed in the provided software on the provided hardware. Running classroom files through this software can damage the files and make them unsuitable for use on our network no accommodations will be made for grading issues related to free versions off our network or hardware.***

After-Hours Access

- Students are allowed personal access to the flex lab 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.
- No guests are allowed when staff is not present.
- Facilities are patrolled by LSUHSC police and are under 24hr video surveillance
- The DMII is staffed from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. With evening faculty present 5:30-11:00 on scheduled evening class days.
- Loss of your key card will result in a \$50 replacement fee.

Emergency Procedures

- 1) If the issue is life threatening or there is a fire call 911.
- 2) If the issue is non-life threatening call: LSUHSC Police 318-675-6165. They cover our facility 24hrs a day.
- 3) In the event of a severe storm, take refuge in interior areas away from windows and evacuate as directed by emergency personnel.
- 4) Your instructor has access to the DMII first aid kit.

Dealing with Comments of a Threatening Nature

Any threats against oneself or other are taken extremely seriously. If anyone hears a threatening comment of any sort, they must inform the executive director, as soon as possible, who will contact the appropriate authorities. An incident report will be filled out and kept in the student's file.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program Policy

The passage of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments has placed requirements on institutions of higher education to develop policies and to provide information to students on drug and alcohol abuse.

The Digital Media Institute at InterTech engages in a comprehensive approach to reduce high-risk alcohol use and drug abuse. DMII will annually make available to each student and employee the following via the student handbook, employee manual, and online consumer information:

- Standards of conduct that prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students, faculty or staff on DMII property or as part of any DMII activities.
- Information on the health risks associated with drug and alcohol abuse.
- Descriptions of applicable sanctions under state, local, and federal law.
- Description of available counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation programs

DMII collaborates with civil authorities and abides by all state, federal and local laws pertaining to drugs and alcohol and will enforce underage drinking and possession laws.

The impairment of students or employees while at work is a violation and will result in disciplinary action. When there is a violation of this policy DMII will notify proper authorities once investigated and reviewed by DMII's Executive Director.

These policies support DMII's commitment to providing a safe and healthy living and learning environment on campus.

Educational Sanctions

Sanctions are designed to foster an environment that reduces the risk of drinking and promotes responsible behavior while holding individuals accountable for their choices. The Executive Director will consider prior conduct record, mitigating circumstances, alcohol abuse issues, and high-risk drinking factors in determining the appropriate course of action, to best educate the student(s) while maintaining community standards when assigning sanctions. Sanctions range from student reprimand, disciplinary probation, or suspension/expulsion from DMII for more serious and/or persistent violators. In addition to the administrative sanctions previously listed, sanctions generally also include an educational component (i.e. SBIRT- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment). SBIRT is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs. Parents are notified of the alcohol related offense for students under the age of 21 after the case has been adjudicated.

Legal Sanctions

In Louisiana, it is unlawful to produce, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess illegal drugs. The most common illegal drugs on college campuses are marijuana, opium derivatives, hallucinogens, depressants, cocaine, cocaine derivatives, and amphetamines. The Criminal Code of Louisiana carries specific penalties for the possession and use of illegal drugs. Louisiana Revised Statute 40:891.3, Violation of Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; Drug Free Zone, states that any person who violates a provision of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law (Louisiana Revised Statute 40:966 through 970) while on any property used for school purposes by any school, within two thousand feet of any such property, or while on a school bus, shall, upon conviction, be punished by the imposition of the maximum fine and be imprisoned for not more than one and one-half times the longest term of imprisonment authorized by the applicable revisions of R.S. 40:966 through 970 of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

It is also unlawful in Louisiana for anyone under 21 years of age to purchase or possess any alcoholic beverages for any reason, in any place open to the public. Exceptions occur when the alcohol is possessed or consumed for the following reasons: for established religious purposes; for medical purposes when prescribed by a licensed authority; when an 18-20-year-old is accompanied by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian at least 21 years of age; in private residences or private clubs or establishments when lawfully employed by a licensed enterprise for the lawful sale, handling, transport or dispensing of alcohol beverages. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 14:98, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol is illegal in Louisiana, and anyone with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or above will be charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence (DUI).

Federal Law

According to federal laws, a person convicted of certain misdemeanor or felony offenses may forfeit certain civil rights, including his/her right to vote, hold public office, purchase or possess firearms, or obtain or maintain certain licenses for a specified period.

21 U. S. C. 841 makes it a crime (a) to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance; or (b) to create, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to distribute or dispense, a counterfeit substance.

Possession of a controlled substance is defined in 21 U.S. C. 844(a) is defined as knowingly or intentionally possesses a controlled substance unless such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner. Possession is punishable by up to 1-year imprisonment and/or a minimum fine of \$1,000. Possession of Flunitrazepam (also known as Rohypnol) may be punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment.

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) places all substances which are in some manner regulated into one of five schedules. The CSA provides penalties for unlawful manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of controlled substances.

The U. S. Code establishes and authorizes the U. S. Attorney General to revise as needed, classifications of controlled substances. Schedule I is comprised essentially of “street drugs” and Schedule V is comprised of drugs with a “low potential for abuse” when compared with drugs in schedules I-IV. Examples of Schedule I drugs are heroin and marijuana. PCP, for example, is a Schedule II drug. Amphetamine is a Schedule III drug, while Barbitol is a Schedule IV drug. An example of a Schedule V drug would be a prescription medication with not more than 200 mg. of codeine per 100 grams.

The penalties are determined by the schedule of the drug or other substance, and sometimes are specified by drug name, as in the case of marijuana. Penalties for first offenses include a fine up to \$10 million and/or a prison term up to life, but no less than 1 year.

For the Drug Enforcement Agency’s complete list of Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I-V, please see: <https://ifap.ed.gov/regcomps/attachments/86a.pdf>

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Alcohol and Other Drugs

Effects of Alcohol Abuse: Alcohol consumption causes several marked changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely, increasing the risk that the driver will be involved in an accident. Poor decisions and aggressive acts such as sexual assault are commonly associated with alcohol use. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person’s ability to problem solve, to process information and to remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. Repeated, long-term use of alcohol can lead to physical dependence.

Sudden cessation of alcohol intake in chronic users is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and seizures. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver. Women who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome.

Effects of Other Drugs

The National Institute on Drug Abuse website at <http://www.drugabuse.gov/> features a page on the health effects of many drugs. To assist the public in keeping current on drug related issues, the NIDA website also features a page on emerging drugs.

Marijuana: Marijuana and related compounds are usually used for their “relaxation” effects or to produce an altered sense of reality, a “high.” In higher doses, marijuana can increase anxiety due to interaction with brain receptors for cannabis. Marijuana can put the user at increased risk for development of major psychiatric disorders that may include psychosis, altering the lives of individuals significantly.

Cocaine/Crack: All forms of cocaine are highly addictive, producing a habit that is extremely difficult to stop. In some individuals, cocaine may produce fatal cardiac rhythm disturbances. Chronic cocaine use negatively affects concentration and memory.

Amphetamines: These are very addictive and may produce psychotic and violent behaviors.

Ecstasy or MDMA is a drug of the phenethylamine and amphetamine class. These drugs can cause fatal cardiac arrhythmias or lead to severe mood dysregulation and psychosis.

LSD and PCP (hallucinogens): These drugs can result in very poor decision making which can lead to accident or death. They can cause psychosis in some individuals. PCP is notable for the effects on mood, potentially leading to severe agitation and aggression. Individuals with a PCP psychosis can be aggressive and full of rage, increasing risk of danger both to the individual and those in the environment. The negative effects of PCP may continue after the drug is out of the system.

Heroin (narcotic): These are among some of the most addictive substances known. Withdrawal can produce seizures or even coma. Overdose is common and can result in death. Needle-drug users are in a high-risk group for infection with human immunodeficiency virus, the precursor of AIDS.

Prescription Drugs: Many medications and prescribed drugs have the potential for abuse. Those listed below are some of the most abused, addictive and dangerous.

Adderall, Concerta, Ritalin, etc. are stimulants and controlled by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The risk from misuse of these drugs ranges from lack of sleep and weight loss to the more severe risk of psychosis with severely disorganized thinking. For individuals abusing these stimulants, abrupt withdrawal may lead to significant mood changes including severe depression with a risk of self-harm.

Codeine, Hydrocodone, and Oxycodone are medications that are prescribed for severe pain. Addiction to pain medications is common and withdrawal can be very difficult to manage.

Xanax, Valium, and other benzodiazepine drugs are prescribed for acute anxiety and panic attacks. Symptoms associated with withdrawal from these drugs can be severe and include seizures.

Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment

When DMII becomes aware of a student's alcohol abuse or drug use it interferes with the goal of protecting the health of the student and the community. Students may be required to complete a substance abuse assessment. This assessment must be conducted by a mental health professional who is an addictions specialist. It is recommended that the student consult with DMII staff when finding a provider.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Procedure

Responsibilities:

Administrative Assistant & Financial Aid Liaison

- Place orders for any promotional materials at least one month prior to student orientation.
- Presents information to students and employee during orientation.
- Maintains the sign in sheet.

Executive Director

- Ensures that materials are presented annually during student orientation and to all employees.

Statement of Understanding

- I. Student acknowledges that participation in the DMII program does not come with an explicit or implied guarantee of gainful employment in his or her field upon graduation.

It is understood that although the staff and associates of the DMII program will work to create opportunities for program graduates, the digital media industry is competitive and operates in the free market.

It is further understood that the DMII program employees and associated organizations do not have influence over local employment markets, conditions, tax incentive programs or hiring cycles.

- II. Student understands that the DMII program, its agents and administration have the right to issue addendums to this handbook at any time throughout the year. Should an addendum be issued, it will be presented to all students for review and signature.
- III. It is further understood that acceptance to the DMII program is an “at will” enrollment. The administration has the right to terminate a student’s enrollment in the DMII program at any time for any reason.

IV. Code of Conduct

Professionalism

Students will behave in a professional manner at all times.

Instructors have the right to suspend a student during class for disruptive behavior, disrespect or any situation in which the instructor feels the educational atmosphere is being negatively affected by a student. Situations may include, but are not limited to, disruptive conversation or unnecessary interruption, coming to class under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol and not meeting the dress code or an appropriate standard of personal hygiene.

A student suspended by the instructor will be required to meet with the administration prior to returning to class. Students who are suspended will be given an unexcused absence for the day.

Drugs

As the DMII program is a professional environment, it is a drug and alcohol free work environment. This policy is limited to substances banned by law and does not extend to medically prescribed substances, with the exception of instances in which the prescribed medication impairs the student’s ability to perform in class.

There is a no tolerance policy for illegal drugs and alcohol. Any student who violates this policy on campus or comes to class impaired and unable to perform will be expelled from the program.

Weapons

It is not permitted to carry firearms or knives on campus. Other weapons, such as explosives or fireworks, also are prohibited on school property. Any student who violates this policy will be expelled from the program.

Smoking

The InterTech 1 building is a non-smoking facility. However, smoking is permitted outside. This includes the use of chewed tobacco, e-cigarettes or other vapor products. All tobacco products are not permitted in the classroom and must be consumed outside the building a smoking shelter

is provided. All materials related to tobacco or chewing tobacco and its waste products must remain outside the building in appropriate receptacles.

Academic Dishonesty

It is the policy of the Digital Media Institute that all work turned in for credit on assignments or practical exams should be the exclusive work of the student. Students are not to use parts or entire bodies of work created by other students or found on the internet, unless discussed with the instructor. An example of this would be code written by another student, "free" 3D model or textures that becomes part of a student assignment that is turned in for credit. If a student has discussed this in advance with the instructor, those works must be attributed to the original content creator. Use of external work without attribution to the original content creator will be considered plagiarism and will be grounds for disciplinary action or dismissal from the program.

In the event of an offense the following will occur:

First Offense: Student will receive a no credit on the assignment.

Second Offense: Student will receive a one day suspension.

Third Offense: Student will be dismissed from the program.

- V. Students are required to participate in all phases of the instructional experience. Should a student refuse to participate in a lesson, lab assignment or final project, he or she will receive a zero for the assignment and grade will be negatively impacted.

Digital media work on films and television and games can often involve elements that might be considered rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America or the ESRB. Though it is not the intention of the program to make students uncomfortable, some educational blocks may involve instruction, visual effects shots, game components or class produced material that can include but is not limited to gun shots, blood and gore, artistic nudity such as fine art sculpture or life drawing as well as paranormal thematic material.

Should a student be uncomfortable with the work, the appropriate means of addressing it will be to ask the instructor for a private conversation. If possible, the instructor will seek to work with the student in order to accommodate the student's concerns while still maintaining the educational integrity of the assigned exercise.

Statement of Ownership

Curriculum and Class Assignments

It must be understood that all work products created as a function of supplied content or code in the curriculum; or step by step class assignments are property of the DMII program. Although students may use examples of them to promote themselves and further their careers, all files of any type generated to create student work from this code or content are owned by the DMII program and may not be redistributed, shared or sold in any form without the express written permission of DMII Administration.

Simply stated: if DMII created it or gave it to you, it is DMII's intellectual property.

Curriculum or Class Assignments that are 100% Original

DMII makes no intellectual property claim against student or teams of students work that are 100% original code or content, DMII does however reserve the right in perpetuity to all work products created as a function of the program and any work accepted for academic credit or otherwise to promote the school or to create new curriculum in any format and way the DMII program, its agents and administration deem appropriate. Should work be deemed to contain a portion of DMII issued curriculum; content or code, then ownership shall revert to DMII as stated above as if it were part of curriculum; or class assignments. We further ask that you credit DMII where appropriate upon sale or distribution.

Simply sated: if you created 100% of the work it is your intellectual property, except to be used for school promotional/curriculum use.

Non-Commercial Tools, and Copyright Not Owned by DMII

All course software educational license policies shall remain in force where appropriate, and any copyright not assignable by DMII (for example vendor tutorials) shall remain the property of the original holder. It is the students responsibility to resolve any issues with software use or copyright on their original work that may be sold or redistributed.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

It is the DMII policy to abide by all laws pertaining to non-exclusionary practices and to not discriminate against any student because of race, color, religion, age, sex, gender, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, sexual preference, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, medical condition, union or nonunion affiliation, marital status, veteran status, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance in admission to, participation in, or receipt of the services and benefits under any of its programs and activities, whether carried out by DMII directly or through a contractor or any other entity with which DMII arranges to carry out its programs and activities.

Further, it is the policy of the school that students not discriminate against each other or faculty based on the above listed factors.

DMII is an equal opportunity educator. It is expected that every student and faculty member will be treated with respect and professionalism. The school will not tolerate harassment of individuals for any reason including, but not limited to, harassment based upon race, color, religion, age, sex, gender, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, sexual preference, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, medical condition, union or nonunion affiliation, marital status, veteran status, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance.

The DMII is committed to equal access for all students and to providing an environment in which learning is done in a comfortable and welcoming space.

These statements are in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued pursuant to these statutes at Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 80, 84, and 91.

Prior to acceptance to the program, it is the student's obligation to inform the DMII administration of any condition that would inhibit the student's ability to successfully participate in and or limit the student's potential for success in the program so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Privacy Policy

Students and faculty have the right to privacy in regard to personal information. Any information of a confidential nature gathered by the DMII program will be stored on secure network servers.

Should a third party request information regarding information of a confidential nature regarding a student or students, no information will be released without the student's signature.

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2019 School Calendar

Tuesday, January 22 - 25, 2019	AVEI 3D & ISD 2019 Orientation Week
Monday, January 28, 2019	AVEI 3D & ISD 2019 Start Date AVEI 2018-2019 Returns
Monday March 25 - 29, 2019	Spring Break - Student Holiday
Friday, April 19, 2019	Good Friday - Student and Faculty Holiday
Monday, May 27, 2019	Memorial Day - Student and Faculty Holiday
Thursday, July 4, 2019	Independence Day - Student and Faculty Holiday
Friday, August 2, 2019	Last Day AVEI 2018 - 2019
Monday August 5 - 25, 2019	Summer Break - Student Holiday
Monday, August 26, 2019	AVEI 2D 2019 - 2020 Term Start AVEI 2019 Returns
Monday, September 2, 2019	Labor Day - Student and Faculty Holiday
Tuesday, September 17, 2019	Constitution Day - In Class Assignment
Monday, November 25 - 29, 2019	Fall Break - Student Holiday
Friday, December 20, 2019	Last Day AVEI & ISD 2019

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Program Outlines

Program Outline: Animation, Visual Effects, and Interactive Content

Course Outline & Descriptions - 1,030 total hours

3D Modeling and Animation (Course #3D 101) - 451 Hours (130 lecture/321 lab)

This course of study is designed to give students a broad overview of the components of 3D Models, their design, proper modeling, animation and animation techniques.

1. Program Introduction (1 lecture)

A concise introduction to the certificate program including what will be expected from the students throughout the program.

2. All Up Demo (1 lecture hour)

A full demo of the tools and what they do. It will give a great opportunity to see a working green stage, motion capture suit and see how we shoot for visual effects. Software that will be used throughout the course will be introduced here.

3. Pipeline Practices and Procedures (2 lecture)

This module covers an introduction to the pipeline procedures while working within a studio environment. It will discuss the philosophy and models of pipeline as they relate to a digital production workflow.

4. CG Technology (1 lecture)

An overview of the cutting edge computers, cameras and other technology being developed for the visual effects and gaming industry. This module will focus on what is new and what to expect in the future of CG technology.

5. Digital Media History (5 lecture)

A historical outline of the major film and technological advancements that have created the industry in which this program is based. Significant milestones in the industry as well as the hidden techniques developed throughout film, animation and video games are discussed.

6. Tools for Success (1 lecture)

An overview of what training and mindsets are necessary to be successful in this field. Time management, responsibility, problem solving skills and what is expected from professional artists in the industry are discussed.

7. Intro to Maya 2018 (5 lecture/10 lab)

Introduction to the core concepts of three dimensional models and how these models are created in the current industry standard software. Terms used in modeling are introduced as well as basic modeling procedures.

8. Hard Surface Modeling (10 lecture/45 lab)

Teaches students how to model hard surface objects such as buildings and automobiles. This module builds a foundation through standard techniques as well as observation of objects and how to portray them in 3D space.

9. Organic Modeling (10 lecture/40 lab)

Teaches students how to model organic subjects such as plants, animals, and objects that do not have a fixed shape and size. NURB modeling is introduced and its application inside of standard workflow discussed.

10. Solid Modeling (5 lecture/10 lab)

This block of study gives students fundamental understanding of 3D modeling as it relates to 3D Printing. It uses Autodesk Fusion 360 as its base for solid geometry creation.

11. Adobe Photoshop Fundamentals (5 lecture)

This block of study gives students the fundamental understanding of Adobe's photo editing software so they can use it to texture 3D objects.

12. Fundamentals of Texturing, Lighting, Rendering and Render Layers (10 lecture/15 lab)

Teaches students the fundamentals of lighting techniques and rendering techniques. Students will learn how to apply images to the surface of models that they have created. UV mapping, model unwrapping, 3D painting, surface deformers, materials and shaders are discussed and used.

13. Fundamentals of Lighting - HDR (5 lecture/10 lab)

This block of study teaches students how to capture High Dynamic Range images for use with lighting in Maya.

14. Fundamentals of Digital Sculpting (10 lecture/15 lab)

Explores traditional sculpting techniques and new digital sculpting techniques using Autodesk Mudbox. Students also get experience in tactile sculpting and its relationship to 3D sculpting.

15. Particles in Maya (3 lecture/7 lab)

This section will give students a general overview of BiFrost particle engine in Maya 2018.

16. Game Assets (15 lecture/25 lab)

Students will use their knowledge of modeling to learn how modeling can be utilized in video games. They are given projects related to implementing smaller polycount 3D objects and have them interact inside the UNITY game engine.

17. Adobe Premiere Fundamentals (5 lecture)

This block of study gives students a solid overview of Adobe's video editing program and allows them the tools to create their own demonstration reel.

18. Demo Reel (25 lab)

The course will occur four times throughout the program. Students will have the opportunity to create their own demo reel for the purposes of highlighting their modeling skills.

19. Fundamentals of Animation (10 lecture/15 lab)

Students learn the fundamentals of animation. This module focuses on standard practice, as well as gives students the basics for animation in multiple facets of the digital realm.

20. Fundamentals of Character Animation (15 lecture/35 lab)

Teaches students key techniques developed by major animation studios specifically designed for the animation of characters. It will involve posing to key frames and give in-depth techniques on exaggerated positions commonly found in high-level animation.

21. Fundamentals of Motion Capture (1 lecture/ 24 lab)

A core course that teaches students the basics of motion capture. Students have the opportunity to utilize a motion capture suit, stage, and use the data generated to animate a character.

22. Animation Using Motion Capture (5 lecture/20 lab)

In-depth course using the data gathered from the previous course. Students learn how to manipulate the data they acquire and "fine tune" their motion capture animation.

23. Demo Reel II (25 lab)

The course will occur four times throughout the program. Students will have the opportunity to create their own demo reel for the purposes of highlighting their animation skills.

24. Business of Digital Media (5 lecture)

This block of study gives students practical ways to view their careers as digital artists and business owners. It discusses, portfolio, online and social media, bidding a project and understanding your costs.

3D Final Project (Course #3D 102) - 137 Hours (137 lab)

2D Compositing (Course #2D 101) - 310 Hours (62 lecture/248 lab)

1. Introduction to Visual Effects (2 lecture/3 lab)

This course gives students an understanding of the principles of visual effects. Terminology and techniques are introduced that will enable students to build a foundation for further study.

2. Intro to NUKE 11 (5 lecture/65 lab)

An outline of basic principles of compositing. NUKE is introduced and students begin basic interface interaction.

3. Rotoscoping Workshop (5 lecture/20 lab)

Teaches the basic principles and lab time necessary to become proficient in rotoscoping. With techniques and methods developed in earlier modules, students gain a strong background in this most important concept in visual effects.

4. Compositing Fundamentals (5 lecture/20 lab)

A further exploration of NUKE and its use as a compositing tool. It will advance the information used in Intro to NUKE 11.

5. Match Moving and 3D Modeling (5 lecture/20 lab)

A core course that will give the students in-depth knowledge and understanding of 3D camera tracking. It will also give them lab time necessary to become proficient in the use of 3D camera tracking.

6. Lighting VFX I - HDR (5 lecture/10 lab)

Teaches students proper lighting techniques for computer generated imagery, using traditional and image based lighting.

7. Compositing Techniques (5 lecture/20 lab)

Introduces students to a higher level of production practices as it relates to compositing in the program NUKE. 3D integration with 2D becomes the main focus.

8. Advanced Compositing (5 lecture/20 lab)

The final section of NUKE. Teaches students additional industry standard techniques to prepare them for their final demo reel.

9. Motion Graphics (2 lecture)

The final section of NUKE. Teaches students additional industry standard techniques to prepare them for their final demo reel.

10. Demo Reel III (35 lab)

The course will occur four times throughout the program. Students will have the opportunity to create their own demo reel for the purposes of highlighting their visual effects and animation skills.

11. Demo reel IV (35 lab)

The course will occur four times throughout the program. Students will have the opportunity to create their own demo reel for the purposes of highlighting their overall skills.

2D Final Project (Course #2D 102) - 147 Hours (147 lab)

An experienced industry director will guide the students through the final project. The final project is a short film that is visual effects heavy and will give students an opportunity to utilize the skills they have learned in the previous months.

Program Outline: Interactive Software Development

Course Outline & Descriptions - 1,024 total hours

Interactive Coding (Course #DEV 101) - 105 Hours (48 lecture/57 lab)

- 1. Software Development Program Introduction (1 lecture)**

A concise introduction to the certificate program including what will be expected from the students throughout the program.
- 2. Computer Programming Languages - Overview (10 lectures/5 lab)**

An overview of modern programming languages that will be used throughout the program will be introduced here.
- 3. Computing Architecture (4 lecture/4 lab)**

This module covers a foundation in computing architecture. It discusses the philosophy and models of key architectures, hardware and software that will be touched on in the program.
- 4. Code Management (Revision Systems) (5 lecture/5 lab)**

An overview of the modern code and asset revision systems being used by developers to manage collaborative code bases successfully.
- 5. Game and Development Mathematics (10 lecture/5 lab)**

This module covers a foundation in *game and development mathematics*. It will discuss the key math principles including vectors, normals and matrices needed by the student successfully support the advanced development topics in the program.
- 6. Code Quality (8 lecture/2 lab)**

A concise introduction to writing, maintaining, merging and documenting quality code including what will be expected from the students throughout the program.
- 7. Tools for Success (3 lecture)**

An overview of what training and mindsets are necessary to be successful in this field. Time management, responsibility, problem solving skills and what is expected from professional developers in the industry are discussed.
- 8. Programmer Psychology (4 lecture/1 lab)**

An overview of programmer psychology and issues that can get in the way of successful software development and how to avoid them. Individual and group topics will be highlighted.
- 9. Development History (3 lecture)**

A historical outline of the gaming and software development advancements that have created the industry in which this program is based. Significant milestones in the industry as well as the hidden techniques developed throughout film, animation and video games are discussed.
- 10. Term 1 Development Project (35 lab)**

The student will undertake an implementation of the game Tetris. This game contains all the key concepts needed for successful development.

Graphics for Developers (Course #DEV 102) - 226 Hours (66 lecture/160 lab)

- 1. Image Editing (5 lecture/5 lab)**

Fundamentals of editing and creating 2D images, leading programs in both bitmap and vector files are created and edited. Major graphics file formats and compressions are also discussed.
- 2. Graphic Design Fundamentals and Practice (8 lecture/8 lab)**

Good 2D design is a foundation of all graphics oriented projects. Quality graphic design, color and type are the main focus of this topic. Image ethics and copyright are also covered.

3. Fundamentals of Sound (5 lecture)

Sound creation, sound editing, sound effects and copyright are covered in this segment. Students will also learn how to work with the major sound file formats and compression.

4. Basic Animation (5 lecture/10 lab)

The fundamentals of 2D computer based animation are covered. Frame rates, pacing and best practices are also covered.

5. Cinematics and Storytelling (5 lecture/10 lab)

Cinema techniques or film making language is an important tool for the game developer. This segment covers framing, cameras, angles staging and their impact on storytelling. Telling a compelling story is important part of the developer's art so this segment also covers story development in detail.

6. 3D Modeling 15 lecture/15 lab)

Building organic and inorganic 3D models is covered in a leading 3D package. Modifying and integrating models into a game engine is also covered.

7. 3D Animation (15 lecture/15 lab)

Intermediate topics in 3D animation for both organic and non-organic game assets. Humanoid characters are animated for game use, the 12 principles and cycles are covered in detail.

8. Motion Capture (3 lecture/7 lab)

Student teams use the DMII motion capture stage to setup capture and edit human motion resulting in 3D animation for use in their 3D game projects.

9. 3D Gaming and Engine Theory (5 lecture)

Students will use their knowledge of 3D to learn how 3D can be utilized in video games. They are given projects related to implement smaller polycount 3D objects tasked to have them interact inside the engine. Competitive game engines and platforms are discussed from a comparative perspective.

10. Graphics Term II Project (75 lab)

Students are tasked to create a development term project showcasing the graphics topics covered in the term.

11. Portfolio I (15 lab)

The module will occur three times throughout the program. Students will have the opportunity to create their own portfolio content for the purposes of highlighting their graphics and development skills to this point.

Interface, Interaction, and Game Design (Course #DEV 103) - 332 Hours (56 lecture/276 lab)

1. User Interface Design (UI) (5 lecture/5 lab)

Designing good user interfaces is an important skill to the developer. Topics in color, clarity, layout and meeting design goals will be covered. Creating design documents such as wire frames will also be covered.

2. User Experience (UX) (5 lecture/5 lab)

The interaction design or flow of the interactive experience is as important as the graphical layout. In the UX segment good interaction will be studied as well as testing and user feedback models.

3. Novel Interfaces, VR, AR and Beyond (2 lecture/10 lab)

Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in both desktop and mobile are market segments on the verge of rapid expansion. These novel interface modes are explored and compared with the students through exercises.

4. Game Design Theory (15 lecture/5 lab)

What makes a game or interactive experience great from the player/user perspective? This is the core question the students will explore in the Game Design Theory module. Traditional analog game as well as historical digital examples will be explored in this module through lecture and simple projects.

5. Designing Game Play (5 lecture/15 lab)

Students will be tasked with designing captivating interactive experiences. Mockups and prototypes will be created. Story and design will be integrated into the process in this interactive module.

6. Testing UI/UX (3 lecture/8 lab)

Testing is a large component of any commercial interactive project. Quality actionable feedback is the goal in testing interactive software user interfaces and user experiences. Testing models and methodologies will be explored.

7. Testing Game Play (6 lecture/8 lab)

Game play testing will be discussed in this module. Gathering and implementing bug feedback across teams and revision and bug report systems will be covered.

8. Interactive Web Development (15 lecture/25 lab)

The web is a major platform for the interactive developer with web based as well as social development driving a large sector of gaming. Developing browser, server and social platform based projects will be the focus of this module.

9. Interactive Web Project I (25 lab)

This project focuses on designing and building an initial web based project.

10. Interactive Web Project II (50 lab)

This second web-based project takes a team approach to a more complex web based development project.

11. Term Project-Interface Interaction and Game Design (100 lab)

Students are tasked to create an Interface Interaction and Game Design term project showcasing the graphics topics covered in the term.

12. Portfolio II (20 lab)

In the second portfolio module students will have the opportunity to create their own portfolio content for the purposes of highlighting their Interface Interaction and Game Design skills to this point.

Advanced Development (Course #DEV 104) - 361 Hours (27 lecture/334 lab)

1. Mobile Game Development – Overview (5 lecture/10 lab)

Mobile (smart phone) and tablet development is one of the largest sectors of the interactive development space. This module serves as the overview to ground the student in the constraints and unique advantages of this segment.

2. Mobile Development Platform-Specific Topics (2 lecture/4 lab)

Each device platform has its challenges. In this module students will explore through lecture and projects Apple OS, Android OS and other emerging technologies in the mobile space.

3. Mobile Application Development (5 lecture/10 lab)

This module the students design and build a mobile game or app, focusing on delivering a working complete app store/marketplace releasable project.

4. Mobile Based Game Project (25 lab)

Small devices without controllers present unique challenges to the developer. The student is tasked to deliver a working and playable complete basic mobile-based game.

5. 2D Gaming Project (50 lab)

Students execute an intermediate 2D game project in the web or mobile area in teams. Enhanced game play and exploring and pushing the boundaries of the 2D game space are key components of this module.

6. 3D Gaming Theory and Practice (10 lecture/25 lab)

The theory of 3D gaming is explored along with the issues and pitfalls of increased complexity through project and lecture.

7. Intermediate 3D Gaming Project (50 lab)

Students execute an intermediate 3D game project as a team. Original 3D assets as well as stock assets and a leading game engine will be utilized to deliver a complete game project on schedule.

8. Advanced Development Capstone project (140 lab)

This project brings all the skills and experience together for the students. This project will also have input from an industry advisor to help the students through a challenging and complex project. Students who complete this will have seen their skills and teamwork come together to deliver the longest and most complex project of the program.

9. Advanced Development Portfolio III (20 lab)

In the third portfolio module students will have the opportunity to create and prepare their portfolio content for the purposes of highlighting their Advanced Development skills and showcasing their collected work from the entire program.

10. Workplace Transition and Marketing your Skills (5 lecture)

In this final module, workplace transition, networking, interviewing and transition topics are covered for all the types of potential graduates. Keeping ones skills up to date are also covered in this pre-certification module.

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DMII FERPA Release Form

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the undersigned student hereby permits the Digital Media Institute at InterTech to disclose the information specified below to the following individual(s):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Ph: _____

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The Digital Media Institute at InterTech respects the right to student's privacy and will not allow disclosure of any individual records; educational or otherwise, without the written consent of a student.

This consent is valid through the student's enrollment at the Digital Media Institute at InterTech and thereafter, but may be modified by the student at any time upon request.

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED:

The following information from my records at the Digital Media Institute at InterTech may be released to the above specified persons:

_____ Grades & Academic Standing

_____ Discipline Records

_____ Financial Aid, Tuition & Fee information

_____ Other (please specify) _____

_____ All records of information

*Do you allow DMII to share your information with potential employers? (mark x next to one).

_____ Yes _____ No

I have read and understand the contents of this consent form pertaining to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

FERPA Student Signature

Date

*Additional information on FERPA for students can be found at
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/students.html>

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DMII Handbook Signature Page

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I _____ have had an opportunity to read the above handbook and understand that I may ask any questions I might have concerning the handbook. I hereby agree to its terms and conditions, and understand that it is my responsibility to comply with the policies contained in this handbook, and any revisions made to it. A copy of all such revisions will be provided to me.

Student Signature

Date

Instructor Signature

Date

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Release

I, _____ (print name), hereby authorize the Digital Media Institute at InterTech to use photos of me for the purposes of advertising, publicity, news media, and other formats without time limitation.

Student Signature

Date

Email Address

Current Phone Number

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

If under 18, parent name and signature is required.

Name: _____ Signature: _____