

Course Information: D&A Games Academy



What is this course?

This is a new and innovative course developed with input from a range of Dundee games companies who recognise that there are not always enough routes into the industry. They have worked with D&A College to develop a course that introduces different aspects of the games industry with the potential offer of internships or employment at entry level for successful students. This course will focus on developing students' knowledge and understanding of:

- Employability and Career skills for the games industry
- Game Design
- Game Development
- Teamwork

The course will be structured around all participants taking part in small development teams, representing your own games company. You will progress through different themes that correspond to different parts of game design. Finally, the last 4 weeks will be turned over to a games development project, where each team will be invited to create a game to a brief provided by industry. The final products of these projects will be demonstrated and showcased at the end.

This course is developed at SCQF Level 6.

Who is this course for?

This course is aimed at those who want to move into a career in games. This would either be through further courses leading to high level qualifications such as HNC/HND and Degree, or potentially into an entry level position with a games company in a role such as Quality Assurance (game testing, in other words).

Students who gain a place on the course will be expected to attend and participate fully and work professionally with staff, classmates and industry guests.

This course is entry level and aimed at those who have not had experience of the games industry. **Unfortunately, it is not suitable for Games Graduates.**

How long does this course take?

This course is taught over 12 weeks at 15 hours per week. This will be at Gardyne Campus for 2 ½ days per week.

What qualifications do I need?

There are no formal entry qualifications, however there will be an interview, and participants will be asked to complete a short task to help ensure they are applying for the right course.

How will I be assessed?

There is no formal assessment on this course. But full participation and engagement will be expected each week. All participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded a certificate of completion. Participants will be able to apply for further study in a Games related course at D&A College, which will lead to progression routes to degree study at Abertay University.

How do I progress to further study?

Further study will be an option to all participants who successfully complete the course and show interest and engagement. Further information about applying to courses will be provided when the course is running.

How do I gain an entry level job at one of the games industry partners?

Further information will be provided by the companies partnering with the course, who will explain their requirements and guide participants through their interview process. Various industry speakers and mentors will be present while the academy is running to learn about you and your interest in games and aim to match opportunities to the right people.

Unfortunately, these opportunities may be limited, and we cannot guarantee a place will be available for all participants.