

Writing Program

Summer 2021 Class Descriptions

Course: ENGRD 367W - Writing for Games

Section: 1

Instructor: Benjamin Miller

Session: Maymester (May 17, 2021 - June 4, 2021)

Meets: M-F 9:30a -11:00a online (synchronous meetings)

Description: How does interactivity open up possibilities for storytelling? Students in Writing for Games explore that question by playing narrative-focused games and interactive stories, reading critical and technical literature about mechanics and story structure in interactive fiction, and experimenting with our own writing. We also explore how different authors and authorship systems use interactive mechanics to further traditional goals of storytelling like communication, engagement, and empathy.

Course: ENGRD 380W - Topics in Writing, Rhetoric, and Literacy

Section: 1

Instructor: Melissa Yang

Session: Summer I (May 17, 2021- June 25, 2021)

Meets: TuTh 1:15p - 2:45p online (synchronous meetings)

Description: In this writing-intensive and participation-driven course, we will collaboratively examine the contexts for and rhetorical dimensions of a range of professional documents. Major assignments include a set of career materials (resume, cover letter, and/or personal statements), a research report on workplace writing, and a project presenting a professional passion in multimodal form (as a podcast, video, infographic, etc.). As we engage in this work, we will explore the nature of professionalism and strategies for producing ethical, effective, and efficient professional writing.