

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**  
Instructional Design and Technology Program

EDIT 732 Section DL4: Analysis and Design of Technology-Based Learning Environments  
3 Credits, Fall 2018  
4:30-7:10pm/Wednesdays Fairfax Campus – East Building 121

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites** – EDIT 730 or permission of instructor

**University Catalog Course description:**

Enables design, implementation, and evaluation of technology-based education and training materials using advanced computer-based authoring tools.

**Course Overview:**

This course will provide students with opportunities to experience the instructional design and user experience design process as applied to the conceptual prototype of a technology-based learning system or interface design. Students may have the opportunity to interact with clients, subject matter experts, target audience members and draft a comprehensive user experience design approach as well as prototype their ideas using selected technology software tools. The course will be focused on facilitating connections between interdisciplinary approaches of user experience prototyping, design and development of user teaching and learning systems/interfaces from multiple disciplines including instructional design, computer science, human computer interface and related fields.

**Course Delivery Method:**

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format via the Blackboard learning management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal, several synchronous sessions using WebEx and other collaboration tools. You will log in to the Blackboard course site, WebEx using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on August 27, 2018 at 12noon.

**Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.**

### *Technical Requirements*

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with a standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see:  
[https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting\\_Started/Browser\\_Support#supported-browsers](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers)

To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see:

[https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting\\_Started/Browser\\_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems)

- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a video camera/capability for use with Blackboard, WebEx and Collaboration tools and may wish to utilize an external microphone (rather than the internal computer microphone) if needed for creating the required video presentation
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.  
The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:  
[Add or delete options, as desire.]
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
  - Windows Media Player:  
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player>
- Apple Quick Time Player: [www.apple.com/quicktime/download/](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/)

### *Expectations*

- **Course Week:** This course is a hybrid course which means it encompasses face-to-face as well as online sessions which may be asynchronous (not in real time) or synchronous (in real time) sessions designated by the instructor.
  - Asynchronous: Because hybrid/asynchronous courses do not have a "fixed" meeting day, our week will **start** on Wednesday, and **finish** on Tuesday.
- **Log-in Frequency:** Students must actively check the course Blackboard site, designated collaboration site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, teammates, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 3-4 times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings. Synchronous meetings may be scheduled as a replacement for some face to face or asynchronous classes in certain circumstances. Advanced notice will be provided by the instructor.
- **Participation:** Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- **Technical Competence:** Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.
- **Technical Issues:** Students should expect that they could experience some technical difficulties at some point in the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

- **Workload:** Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of and complete the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.
- **Instructor Support:** Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.
- **Netiquette:** The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.
- **Accommodations:** Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

### **Learner Outcomes or Objectives**

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. experience the process of instructional design and development intersected with user experience design process as applied to a real-world project;
2. apply instructional design, learning theories, user experience design and interdisciplinary design principles to technology prototype development;
3. apply product development and user experience design life cycle methodologies to instructional design and development
4. collect and analyze user data related to iterative instructional design and development and user experience design processes.
5. contribute positively to the team's mission and goals and support of individual members and team members' professional growth and development
6. document individual's contributions to team's mission and goals
7. contribute to project management and accomplishment of goals
8. present a design prototype

### **Professional Standards (International Board of Standards for Training, Performance and Instruction (IBSTPI) :**

Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards

- 1 Prof Foundations: Communicate effectively in visual, oral and written form.
- 4 Professional Foundation: Apply data collection and analysis skills in instructional design projects
- 6 Planning & Analysis: Conduct a needs assessment in order to recommend appropriate design solutions

and strategies

7 Planning & Analysis: Identify and describe target population and environmental characteristics

8 Planning & Analysis: Select & use analysis techniques for determining instructional content

9 Planning & Analysis: Analyze the characteristics of existing and emerging technologies and their potential use

12 Design instructional intervention

**Required Texts:**

- 1) Hartson, R. & Pyla, P.S. (2012) *The UX Book: Process and guidelines for ensuring a quality user experience*. Waltham, MA: Elsevier.
- 2) Parush, A. (2015). *Conceptual design for interactive systems: Designing for performance and user experience*. New York: Morgan Kaufmann.

**Classroom:** This class meets in a classroom that is not equipped with individual workstations and all students are required to “bring your own device” (BYOD) to class. This is typically a personal laptop or tablet. Due to the nature of some online tools that may be introduced, a laptop (Mac or Windows) or a tablet running Windows 8.1 or later would be optimal.

**Course Performance Evaluation**

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

**Assignments:**

Individual Participation/Teamwork Contributions to Group Process	30%
User Interaction Design and Development (Compiled PDF + Project 6 TME)	60%
Project 1: Topic and client selection and product concept statement	5%
Project 2: Contextual inquiry and analysis	10%
Project 3: Requirements and modeling	10%
Project 4: Design	10%
Project 5: Prototype and pilot test	15%
Project 6: Revised Prototype, Project presentation and TME	10%
Mid-Semester - Intersecting instructional design process with user experience design reflections	5%
End-of-Semester - Intersecting instructional design process with user experience design reflections	5%
Total percentage (referred to as points in individual items in rubrics below)	100%

## Grading Policies

Your final grade will be based on the following scale:

A+ = 97-100 percent

A = 94-96 percent

A - = 90-93 percent

B+ = 87-89 percent

B = 84-86 percent

B- = 80-83 percent

C+ = 77-79 percent

C=74-76 percent

C=70-74 percent

F = <70 percent

## Professional Dispositions

<https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>

## Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles:

<http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

## GMU Policies and Resources for Students

### *Policies*

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ds.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

### *Campus Resources*

Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to [tk20help@gmu.edu](mailto:tk20help@gmu.edu) or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/api/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursesupport.gmu.edu/>.

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- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/>.