

# **Video Game Studies Certificate**

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# Program Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas
<b>COMM 1210</b>	Small Group Communication <b>and</b>	<b>View-COMM 1210</b>	n/a
<b>COMM 1610</b>	Introduction to Mass Communication <b>and</b>	<b>View-COMM 1610</b>	n/a
<b>COMM 1550</b>	Video Game Entertainment <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1550</b>	n/a
<b>ART 1550</b>	Video Game Entertainment <b>and</b>	<b>View-ART 1550</b>	n/a
<b>MUSC 1370</b>	Video Game Music <b>and</b>	<b>View-MUSC 1370</b>	n/a
<b>ART 1401</b>	Drawing I <b>and</b>	<b>View-ART 1401</b>	n/a
<b>CSCI 1035</b>	Introduction to Computer Programming with Games <b>and</b>	<b>View-CSCI 1035</b>	n/a
<b>ENGL 1200</b>	Gateway College Writing <b>or</b>	<b>View-ENGL 1200</b>	n/a
<b>ENGL 1201</b>	College Writing I <b>and</b>	<b>View-ENGL 1201</b>	n/a
<b>ENGL 2020</b>	Writing Stories <b>and</b>	<b>View-ENGL 2020</b>	n/a
<b>ART 2900</b>	Studio Arts Capstone Practicum <b>or</b>	<b>View-ART 2900</b>	n/a
<b>COMM 2900</b>	Communications Capstone	<b>View-COMM 2900</b>	n/a
<b>Total Credits Required</b>		<b>27</b>	

# Program Overview

## 2022-2023

The Video Game Studies Certificate centers on artistic design, visual narratives, communication skills, and critique of games, at both a personal and societal level. Students will develop audience analysis and teamwork skills, engage in the development of game narratives, and learn to analyze the impact of existing and emerging game technologies.

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## Program Outcomes

1. Articulate the connections between different professional roles within the video games industry, including but not limited to artists, coders, promoters, and reviewers (ELO 2a, 4d).
  2. Explain the impact of the history and development of the video games medium on social and cultural interactions (ELO 2a, 3b).
  3. Demonstrate how to adapt game development related messages to different audiences (ELO 2b, c).
  4. Compare and contrast different games in terms of formats, narratives, and design (ELO 2a, 4d).
  5. Analyze video game narratives as they relate to communication processes and cultural variations in use and representation (ELO 4b, d).
  6. Develop an artistic, communicative, and narrative concept for an original video game (ELO 4b, d).
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## Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- [Video Game Studies Certificate Program Roadmap Full Time](#)
- [Video Game Studies Certificate Program Roadmap Part Time](#)

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## Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available at Minnesota State and the Bureau of Labor Statistics websites:

[careerwise.minnstate.edu](http://careerwise.minnstate.edu) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

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## Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

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## Degree Information

Certificates may be earned for successful completion of courses in a specialized program of study with a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (C). A certificate shall include 9 to 30 semester credits. At least one third of the total credits required for each certificate must be completed at North Hennepin Community College.

**Developmental Courses** Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

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## **Accreditation**

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the:

Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and  
Schools

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