Curriculum

Total credit hours: 121

| COURSE CODE | COURSE TITLE | COURSE CODE | COURSE TITLE | COURSE CODE | COURSE TITLE |
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| General Education Requirements: 21 Credit Hours | | | | | |
| ARL 101(A) | Communication Skills in Arabic I | ENG 200 | English II | FWS 205 | UAE and GCC Society |
| FWS 211 | Fundamentals of Emotional Intelligence | FWS100(E) | Academic Skills for Success | ISL100 (A) | Islamic Culture |
| FWS 310 | Fundamentals of Innovation and Entrepreneurship | | | | |
| Program Core Requirements: 88 Credit Hours | | | | | |
| GDS131 | Escape Game Project | GDS100 | Level Design | GDS101 | Principles of Game Design |
| GDS132 | Level Design Workshop | GDS121 | Introduction to Adobe Suite | GDS102 | Prototyping Techniques |
| GDS231 | Board Game Project | GDS223 | Introduction to Unity | GDS222 | Office Tools and Applications |
| GDS201 | Game Mechanics | GDS211 | History of Video Games | GDS232 | 2D Game Design Project |
| GDS212 | Mobile Game Culture | GDS202 | Gamer Profiles and Behaviors | GDS203 | Game Documents |
| GDS331 | Platformer Game Project | GDS301 | Narrative Design for Video Games | GDS311 | Current Trends in Video Games |
| GDS321 | Introduction to 3D Modeling | GDS332 | First-Person Shooter Game Project | GDS302 | Game Analytics and Philosophies |
| GDS312 | Game Genre Analysis (FPS) | GDS431 | Mobile Game Project | GDS421 | Introduction to Unreal |
| GDS490 | Capstone Project | GDS499 | Internship | | |
| Open Elective Courses: 12 Credit Hours | | | | | |
| OE 1 | Open Elective 1 | OE 2 | Open Elective 2 | OE 3 | Open Elective 3 |
| OE 4 | Open Elective 4 | | | | |





Program Overview

Abu Dhabi University's Bachelor of Arts in Video Game Design (BAVGD), developed in collaboration with France's world-renowned Rubika School, is your gateway to an exhilarating career in the gaming industry. This cutting-edge program transforms creative vision into professional expertise through hands-on learning and industry immersion. From your first day, you will master professional tools like Unity and Unreal Engine while developing core skills in game mechanics, interactive storytelling, and immersive technologies including VR/AR development.

Our curriculum blends technical mastery with creative expression, featuring real-world projects, professional internships, and a career-launching capstone experience. What sets our program apart is the joint delivery with Rubika School as well as its direct industry connection. You will learn from gaming professionals, work with the latest technology in our state-of-the-art labs, and graduate with a polished portfolio that showcases your talent to top employers worldwide. Whether you dream of creating blockbuster AAA titles, innovative indie games, or groundbreaking interactive experiences, we provide the tools, mentorship, and industry access to make it happen.

The gaming industry is waiting for your unique voice. Your journey begins here.



Who should apply?

This program is designed for creative thinkers, tech enthusiasts, and passionate gamers who want to turn their love for gaming into a professional career. Whether you dream of designing immersive worlds, developing cutting-edge VR experiences, or crafting engaging gameplay mechanics, we will equip you with industry-leading skills. Ideal candidates include future game designers, storytellers, and developers eager to master tools like Unity and Unreal Engine while building a standout portfolio. Just bring your curiosity and dedication, If you are ready to shape the future of gaming.

Career Prospects

Graduates can pursue roles as game designers, level artists, narrative developers, or VR specialists in AAA studios, indie teams, and mobile gaming companies worldwide. The program also prepares you for emerging fields in esports, serious games, and interactive media.

Why Bachelor of Arts in Video Game Design?

Bachelor of Arts in Video Game Design has been designed to prepare graduates for:

- Game Development
- Level Design
- Narrative Creation
- VR/AR Innovation
- Mobile Gaming
- Indie Production
- Diverse Opportunities
- Real World Experience