

Rider University

Spring 2025 Course Evaluations

Course: IntroductiontoGameLogic: GAM-120-JJ1 : DiMatteo, Matthew
Instructor: Matthew DiMatteo *
Response Rate: 9/18 (50.00 %)

1 - Is this course required for your program?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	8	88.89%		
No	(2)	1	11.11%		
				0 25 50 100	
				Response Rate	
				9/18 (50.00%)	

2 - What grade do you expect for this course?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
A	(1)	6	66.67%		
A-	(2)	1	11.11%		
B+	(3)	1	11.11%		
B	(4)	1	11.11%		
B-	(5)	0	0.00%		
C+	(6)	0	0.00%		
C	(7)	0	0.00%		
C-	(8)	0	0.00%		
D+	(9)	0	0.00%		
D	(10)	0	0.00%		
D-	(11)	0	0.00%		
F	(12)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	
				Response Rate	
				9/18 (50.00%)	

3 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: The instructor's teaching style contributed to learning material covered in the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	3	37.50%		
10	(10)	5	62.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
				Response Rate	Mean
				8/18 (44.44%)	9.63
					STD
					0.52
					Median
					10.00

4 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement: The instructor clearly explained the goals and requirements of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	2	25.00%		
10	(10)	6	75.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
				Response Rate	Mean
				8/18 (44.44%)	9.75
					STD
					0.46
					Median
					10.00

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5 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was well organized and prepared for class.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	12.50%		9.50
9	(9)	2	25.00%		
10	(10)	5	62.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.50	0.76
					Median
					10.00

6 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The Canvas resources for this course were valuable and well organized.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	12.50%		9.63
9	(9)	1	12.50%		
10	(10)	6	75.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.63	0.74
					Median
					10.00

7 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Class slides were a valuable resource.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
7	(7)	1	12.50%		9.25
8	(8)	1	12.50%		
9	(9)	1	12.50%		
10	(10)	5	62.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.25	1.16
					Median
					10.00

8 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was responsive to student needs and concerns.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
10	(10)	8	100.00%		10.00
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				10.00	0.00
					Median
					10.00

9 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor used student questions and comments to help students understand course material.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	12.50%		9.75
10	(10)	7	87.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.75	0.71
					Median
					10.00

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10 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was accessible to students outside of class time.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	2	25.00%		
10	(10)	6	75.00%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.75	0.46
					Median
					10.00

11 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Methods utilized for evaluating student work were fair and appropriate.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
10	(10)	8	100.00%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				10.00	0.00
					Median
					10.00

12 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor provided valuable feedback on assignments.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	1	12.50%		
10	(10)	7	87.50%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.88	0.35
					Median
					10.00

13 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor graded assignments in a timely manner.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	1	12.50%		
10	(10)	7	87.50%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.88	0.35
					Median
					10.00

14 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor communicated enthusiasm for the subject matter.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	2	25.00%		
10	(10)	6	75.00%		
					0 25 50 100
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.75	0.46
					Median
					10.00

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15 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor presented background for concepts or skills developed in class.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	3	37.50%		9.63
10	(10)	5	62.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.63	0.52
					Median
					10.00

16 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Where relevant, the instructor presented contrasting points of view on topics.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
5	(5)	1	12.50%		8.38
7	(7)	1	12.50%		
8	(8)	1	12.50%		
9	(9)	3	37.50%		
10	(10)	2	25.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				8.38	1.69
					Median
					9.00

17 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor promoted an atmosphere that was conducive to learning.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	2	25.00%		9.75
10	(10)	6	75.00%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.75	0.46
					Median
					10.00

18 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The instructor was respectful of differing viewpoints expressed by students.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
10	(10)	8	100.00%		10.00
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				10.00	0.00
					Median
					10.00

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
10	(10)	8	100.00%		10.00			
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
8/18 (44.44%)				10.00	0.00		10.00	

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
10	(10)	8	100.00%		10.00			
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
8/18 (44.44%)				10.00	0.00		10.00	

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
9	(9)	1	12.50%		9.88			
10	(10)	7	87.50%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
8/18 (44.44%)				9.88	0.35		10.00	

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
Yes, absolutely	(5)	8	100.00%		
Yes, probably	(4)	0	0.00%		
Maybe	(3)	0	0.00%		
No, probably not	(2)	0	0.00%		
No, absolutely not	(1)	0	0.00%		
Response Rate	8/18 (44.44%)				

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
9	(9)	2	25.00%		9.75			
10	(10)	6	75.00%					
					0	25	50	100
					Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
8/18 (44.44%)				9.75	0.46		10.00	

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24 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Assignments added to my understanding of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
8	(8)	1	12.50%			9.50		
9	(9)	2	25.00%					
10	(10)	5	62.50%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
8/18 (44.44%)				9.50	0.76	10.00		

25 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Assignments reflected the content and emphasis of the course.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
7	(7)	1	12.50%			9.38		
8	(8)	1	12.50%					
10	(10)	6	75.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
8/18 (44.44%)				9.38	1.19	10.00		

26 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The amount of work in this course was manageable.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
7	(7)	1	12.50%			9.13		
8	(8)	1	12.50%					
9	(9)	2	25.00%					
10	(10)	4	50.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
8/18 (44.44%)				9.13	1.13	9.50		

27 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Coursework was engaging.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
8	(8)	2	25.00%			9.13		
9	(9)	3	37.50%					
10	(10)	3	37.50%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
8/18 (44.44%)				9.13	0.83	9.00		

28 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Class lessons were engaging.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses				
8	(8)	1	12.50%			9.50		
9	(9)	2	25.00%					
10	(10)	5	62.50%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
8/18 (44.44%)				9.50	0.76	10.00		

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29 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:Class lessons, discussions, and workshops were valuable and added to my understanding of the course material.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	12.50%		9.50
9	(9)	2	25.00%		
10	(10)	5	62.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.50	0.76
					Median
					10.00

30 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:I acquired valuable skills and/or knowledge in the course, or further developed existing skills.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
9	(9)	3	37.50%		9.63
10	(10)	5	62.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.63	0.52
					Median
					10.00

31 - On a scale of 0-10, please indicate your level of agreement (where 0 means complete disagreement and 10 means complete agreement; if this question does not apply to your experience, please leave this item blank rather than selecting an arbitrary number) with the following statement:The course gave me ample opportunity to be creative.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
8	(8)	1	12.50%		9.75
10	(10)	7	87.50%		
				0 25 50 100	Question
Response Rate				Mean	STD
8/18 (44.44%)				9.75	0.71
					Median
					10.00

32 - Would you recommend this course to another student?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	
Yes, absolutely	(5)	7	87.50%		
Yes, probably	(4)	1	12.50%		
Maybe; it depends on the student	(3)	3	37.50%		
No, probably not	(2)	0	0.00%		
No, absolutely not	(1)	0	0.00%		
Response Rate		8/18 (44.44%)			

33 - Please indicate aspects of the instructor's teaching or of the course that have been most valuable to you.

Response Rate	6/18 (33.33%)
• the way it help me fixing my problems • The classes were well-organized and relatively easy to follow. The instructor also provided a lot of supplementary materials for the subject, which made learning more effective. • Professor DiMatteo is very good at making the material fun and digestible, while also incorporating student suggestions & techniques into the course, so it really feels like everyone is contributing to learning together! • He was very accommodating and helpful when I needed input on assignments. • I definitely found coding to be a bit more fun this time around, since I was able to grasp things pretty easily. I just needed more assistance with applying new techniques that were more 'outside' of what we were initially learning. • His enthusiasm, his explanations, his tangents, and his experience... basically all of the above.	

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34 - Please indicate aspects of the instructor's teaching or of the course that you feel did not work well or need improvement.

Response Rate 7/18 (38.89%)

- none
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- We did go off on quite a few tangents, mostly involving sandwiches, which were not exactly conducive to learning but I did find them fun nonetheless
- I like the jokes made in class, but on a few occasions I felt like they distracted too much from the teaching and used up some time left in class.
- N/A
- I can't find anything that was wrong with the way DiMatteo taught.
- I cannot think of anything.

35 - Please provide any other comments regarding the instructor's teaching or the course.

Response Rate 5/18 (27.78%)

- none
- The instructor is very understanding and always willing to help. He explains the material clearly, making the subject much easier to understand.
- Frankly, not *enough* sandwich tangents, if you ask me. Bread Sandwich forever! (Bread Sandwich would be a good name for a band...)
- This was covered during one of the Game Forums, but I think this class could potentially feel tedious for someone who already has a lot of experience in programming.
- The instructor is flexible, respectful, passionate, and accessible. His teaching style meshes extremely well with mine, and I could not have asked for a better coding teacher.

36 - What do you wish you knew going into this course at the start of the semester? What advice would you give someone taking this course for the first time?

Response Rate 5/18 (27.78%)

- be creative
- Maybe for those who have troubles with math I would suggest to revise fundamentals of functions in math and physics. This will help them to keep up with the material during the course.
- I do most of the work for this class on my laptop, so that it's easier to continue working on it during the week, but my laptop's battery lasts just about as long as the class period, so I'm always cutting it close and racing against the clock to either save my work before the battery dies or rush to the nearest outlet (by the couch) and awkwardly reorient myself to see what we're doing from the corner of the room. If I were to do this course again (or give advice to someone new), I would probably get used to working on the desktop computers and sharing your work with yourself - They're much faster than a laptop anyways, and you don't have to fight your battery life.
- I hope you like coding, because we're doing a lot of that in this class. Prepare for the unexpected because there is no guarantee the code will work like it is supposed to.
- I wish I knew how fun this was going to be and how many opportunities I could have had so that I could have focused more time on other classes to make even more time for this class. I would tell someone to not see this as work but fun, to do it over the weekend because it is truly fun, to talk to the professor about your challenges and struggles because he will be understanding and helpful and encouraging to you, and you will be better for it in all ways.

37 - What were your favorite and least favorite topics covered this semester? Was there anything you wished we covered that we did not?

Response Rate 6/18 (33.33%)

- I think if we can have more games it will be better
- The least favorite thing to do gotta be collision..
- I don't really have anything that I wish we covered but didn't, though I do wish we had covered object-oriented programming a little earlier - My first project used a lot of what probably could have been tables, and I think I would have a much better understanding of them now if we had covered them then, and not gotten used to not using them. They don't seem too complicated for the first project, I don't think. It's hard to pick a favorite topic, and I don't really have anything I could call my least favorite!
- This is not as important as the programming, but I would have appreciated a bit more of an explanation on the sprite sheet and map sharing some information, or an exploration in the music creation part of PICO8.
- My favorite topic was definitely working with the platformer game, though I had the most struggles with it, it was satisfying to work on. My least favorite topic overall was the paddleball game since I didn't really feel much attachment to it. Not that it was bad, it's just the weakest in my opinion. Still necessary to do and learn about, though.
- Favorite topic: collision. Least favorite topic: collision. Anything else would have been beyond the scope of an intro course, but probably more focus on UI.