# Rochester Institute of Technology

Worksheet - M.S. in Game Design and Development – GameDes-MS – version 4.0

| | Semester | Grade | Comments |
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| **MSGDD Core (9 credit hours)** | | | |
| IGME-601 Game Development Processes (3 credits) | | | |
| IGME-602 Game Design (3 credits) | | | |
| IGME-603 Gameplay and Prototyping (3 credits) | | | |
| **Colloquiums, Themes and Perspectives (3 credit hours)** | | | |
| IGME-695 Colloquium in GD&D (1 credit) | | | |
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| IGME-795 Game Industry Themes and Perspectives (1 credit) | | | |
| **Advanced Electives (15 credit hours)** | | | |
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| **Capstone Project: (6 credit hours)** | | | |
| IGME-788  Game Design (3 credits) | | | |
| IGME-789 Game Development (3 credits) | | | |

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**Guidelines for Completion of a Program of Study:**

This worksheet is sent to you when you are accepted into the MS program in Game Design and Development (MS/GDD). To earn the MS degree, you must complete the degree requirements shown on the front of this page. Contact the Graduate Coordinator periodically to review your progress and to receive an updated copy. If you lose your worksheet, the Student Services Office can give you a current copy.

**Matriculation**
When a student is accepted into the MS/GDD program and registers for courses, the student is "matriculated" in this program of study and his/her academic status at RIT is "active." The RIT program code for this program is GameDes-MS.

**Good Academic Standing**
All courses taken after matriculating into an MS program at RIT are counted towards your graduate grade-point average (GPA). To be in good academic standing, a graduate student at RIT must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 ('B' average) or better throughout a program of study. RIT institute policy states that "'D' or 'F' grades do not count toward the fulfillment of program requirements for a graduate degree." However, they are calculated into your graduate GPA. A GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher is required to graduate.

**Inactive Status**
If you have no registration activity in the semester for which you were admitted, do not register for four (4) consecutive semesters during your program of study, withdraw or graduate, your academic status at RIT will become "inactive."

**De-Matriculated Status**
After four (4) consecutive semesters without registration activity, the RIT Registrar will change your status to "de-matriculated", which means that you are no longer a student in the MS/GDD program. To return to matriculated status, you may need to reapply to RIT. If more than two years have elapsed since you were matriculated, your program of study will be reviewed; should the degree plan have changed, you may have to complete the degree requirements currently in effect to obtain the degree. This could mean loss of waivers and transfer credit as well as doing additional coursework for readmission or degree completion. Contact the Graduate Coordinator for assistance.

**Course Waivers**
On rare occasions, a course may be waived due to prior academic study or employment experience. If you have background relevant to the program requirements, consult the Graduate Coordinator to ensure that your plan of study completes the total number of credits required for the degree. This is does not apply to prerequisite courses.

**7-Year Rule**
RIT requires that all courses, excluding those taken as prerequisites, applied toward a MS degree must be completed within a seven (7) year time span.

**Team Based Capstone**
In addition to the individual components of the MS GDD Capstone experience, there is also a team-development component, which is comprised of a cohort of students in the 788 and 789 coursework. Every effort must be made by the student to complete their capstone experience in concert with their cohort where possible. Failure to complete the capstone with the group may result in the necessity of being delayed an additional year, or until a new, relevant project is available such that the group component of the experience can be assured.