

EDIT571-5T1 Fireworks
CRN – 72324
Credits – 2
Online August 25 – October 27

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Course Overview –

EDIT571-5T1 Fireworks provides an overview of Adobe's Fireworks CS3 - <http://www.adobe.com/products/fireworks/> - using guided lecture materials including lessons from the official Fireworks user manual, online instructional videos, and online tutorials. This hands-on course will provide a thorough introduction to Fireworks. Students will gain a working knowledge of the application through a review of the interface, key features and tools, web-publishing process for graphics, and concepts related to producing graphics in multiple file formats. Students will create several graphics products throughout the semester including a final project.

Format –

This online course will be conducted using an asynchronous format consisting of the following:

- Instructor-provided topics for research
- Assigned readings, tutorials and instructional videos
- Student assignments
- Final project

To successfully participate in the course, students are required to have access to and use the Internet, Blackboard CE6, their GMU email accounts, and Adobe Fireworks CS3.

Each week will cover different features and topics of Fireworks CS3. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course topics, readings, discussions, assignments and activities.

As your instructor I want this course to be a success for you. I have included multiple communication methods for contacting me – see “Staying Connected” above. Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you have any trouble or concerns about anything.

Course Objectives –

Upon completing the course students will be able to:

- Identify and use the key tools and features of Fireworks
- Create and edit graphics
- Use various filters
- Create Web 2.0 graphics
- Create buttons
- Create Animated GIFs
- Publish graphics in a variety of formats, particularly for use on the web
- Create pop-up menus

Resources Required by Students –

- Internet Access
- Blackboard Account
- GMU Email Account

Required Software and Course Texts

- Students must have access to Adobe Fireworks CS3
- Students will be required to use the official Adobe Fireworks CS3 documentation -
http://help.adobe.com/en_US/Fireworks/9.0/fireworks_cs3_help.pdf
- You can download the 30-day trial version at
<http://www.adobe.com/go/tryfireworks>

Schedule of Topics

Week	Week of	Topics / Activities / Reading / Assignments	Points
1	8/25	<p>Topics: Student / Instructor Introductions</p> <p>Activities: Discussion in Blackboard</p> <p>Reading: N/A</p> <p>Assignment: "Welcome Everyone" To be posted in Blackboard 8/25</p> <p>Due: 8/31 by midnight - (late postings will not receive credit)</p>	15
2	9/1	<p>Topics: Introduction to Fireworks</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Online Tutorials, Assignment</p> <p>Reading: Chapters 2-3 and view the online tutorials.</p> <p>Assignment: "Perfect Circle" To be posted in Blackboard 9/1</p> <p>Due: 9/7 by midnight</p>	30
3	9/8	<p>Topics: Bitmaps and Blending</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Assignment</p> <p>Reading: Chapter 4</p> <p>Assignment: "Capitol Blends" To be posted in Blackboard 9/8</p> <p>Due: 9/14 by midnight</p>	30
4	9/15	<p>Topics: Vector Images</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Online Tutorials, Assignment</p> <p>Reading: Chapter 5 and view the online tutorials</p> <p>Assignment: "Sphere & Water Drop" To be posted</p>	30

		<p>in Blackboard 9/15</p> <p>Due: 9/21 by midnight</p>	
5	9/22	<p>Topics: Text, Transformation, Reflection</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Online Tutorials, Assignments</p> <p>Reading: Chapter 6 and view the online tutorials</p> <p>Assignment: "Orbs and Mirrors" To be posted in Blackboard 9/22</p> <p>Due: 9/28 by midnight</p>	30
6	9/29	<p>Topics: Rollovers, Drop Shadow, Title Slides</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Online Tutorials, Assignments</p> <p>Reading: Chapter 12</p> <p>Assignment: "Rollovers and Menus" To be posted in Blackboard 9/29</p> <p>Due: 10/5 by midnight</p>	30
7	10/6	<p>Topics: Creating Web 2.0 Graphics and Exporting / Publishing for the Web</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Online Tutorials, Assignments</p> <p>Reading: Chapter 15</p> <p>Assignment: "Web 2.0" To be posted in Blackboard 10/6</p> <p>Due: 10/12 by midnight</p>	30
8	10/13	<p>Topics: Animated GIFs and Pop-Up Menus</p> <p>Activities: Reading, Discussion, Online Tutorials, Assignments</p>	30

		<p>Reading: Chapter 13</p> <p>Assignment: "Animation" To be posted in Blackboard 10/13</p> <p>Due: 10/19 by midnight</p>	
9	10/20	<p>Topics: Complete Final Project by 10/27</p> <p>Activities: Complete Final Project</p> <p>Reading: N/A</p> <p>Assignment: "Final Project" To be posted in Blackboard 10/20</p> <p>Due: 10/27 by midnight</p>	75
TOTAL POINTS			300

Grading Scale

Final grades are based on performance using the following scale.

Grade	Points
A	300 - 269
B	268 - 239
C	238 - 209
D	208 - 179
F	178 - 0

Late Assignments and Final Projects –

No work will be accepted more than 3 days late (midnight of the 3rd day following the due date).

Late assignments will be penalized 5 points for each day late. No assignments will be accepted more than 3 days late (15 point maximum deduction). Assignments submitted more than 3 days late will receive no credit.

Late Final Projects will be penalized 10 points for each day late. No Final Projects will be accepted more than 3 days late (30 point maximum deduction). Final Projects submitted more than 3 days late will receive no credit.

Student Resources

GMU Resources - <http://it.gse.gmu.edu/resources/>

Adobe Video Tutorials Workshop -
http://www.adobe.com/designcenter/video_workshop/

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