

THE ART OF THE GAME

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Course Description:

This course is designed for anyone with an interest and love for strategy games. It is made for people with the ambition to build their game skills regardless of prior experience. Students who are new to the game have the opportunity to learn the basics and rules of the game. Students with prior experience have the opportunity to refine their skills. The course covers a variety of games such those of card, board, and social deduction.

Course Expectations:

In the first 10 minutes of class, we will have a quiz testing whether or not you have done the assigned readings. The next 15-20 minutes will be a brief review of game rules and strategies. The remaining time up until the last 15 will be spent playing the actual games. The last 15 minutes will be spent analyzing individual play from the games.

Course Readings: Readings will be on the course webpage.

Courses Webpage: <https://artofthegame.github.io>

Grading Distribuiton:

Attendance & Participation: 55%

- Please contact prior to class if you will be absent so we can plan ahead.
- Each absence after will result in a 5% penalty.
- More than 4 absences will result in failure of the course.

Quizzes: 20%

- Please come to class with a basic understanding of the rules/strategy of a particular game.
- Weekly quizzes will be assigned to ensure readings were complete (Course Readings are mandatory, further readings are heavily suggested.)

Essays: 15%

- Students are expected to write up a final essay analyzing a game of their choice and a specific strategy. Another essay can be written at any point in the course to make up the points for an absence and quiz.

Final Presentation: 10% The scope for the final project is undecided at the moment.

- In-class presentation of a game you would like to see in a future offering of the course.

Schedule:

Week	Date	Topic	Homework
1	2/13/18	Intro, Kemps	None
2	2/20/18	Hearts	Instructions / Videos
3	2/27/18	Spades	Instructions
4	3/6/18	Rummy	Instructions / Strategy
5	3/13/18	Settlers of Catan	Instructions
6	3/20/18	Coup: The Dystopian Universe	Instructions / Videos
7	4/3/18	The Resistance: Avalon	Instructions / Videos
8	4/17/18	The Resistance: Avalon	TBD
9	4/24/18	Favorite Game	None
10	5/1/18	In-class Final Presentation	None

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