

# IDeATe Courses

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### Portal Courses

These are the cross-training courses that serve as prerequisites for many of the IDeATe collaborative courses. Students should take a portal course in the fall semester of the sophomore or junior year.

<b>15-104</b>	<b>Introduction to Computing for Creative Practice</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	R. Dannenberg
<b>Meetings:</b>	MWF 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. Labs on Tuesdays, 9:00 – 10:20 a.m., 10:30 – 11:50 a.m., 1:30 – 2:50 p.m. and 3:00 – 4:20 p.m.
<b>Units:</b>	10
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Primary IDeATe Areas:</b>	Game Design, Animation & Special Effects, Media Design, Learning Media, Sound Design, Innovation & Entrepreneurship
<b>Location:</b>	MWF: DH A302, T: GHC 5210
<b>Note:</b>	Intended for students from DC, CFA, TSB

An introduction to fundamental computing principles and programming techniques for creative cultural practices, with special consideration to applications in music, design and the visual arts. Intended for students with little to no prior programming experience, the course develops skills and understanding of text-based programming in a procedural style, including idioms of sequencing, selection, iteration, and recursion. Topics include data organization (arrays, files, trees), interfaces and abstraction (modular software design, using sensor data and software libraries), basic algorithms (searching and sorting), and computational principles (randomness, concurrency, complexity). Intended for students following an IDeATe concentration or minor who have not taken 15-112.

<b>16-223</b>	<b>Introduction to Physical Computing</b>
<b>Instructor:</b>	G. Zeglin
<b>Meetings:</b>	MW 9:30 – 11:20 a.m.
<b>Units:</b>	10
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	Intelligent Environments, Physical Computing
<b>Location:</b>	HL A10 (IDeATe@Hunt Physical Computing Lab)
<b>Notes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intended for students from DC, CFA, TSB</li><li>• There will be materials fees associated with this course</li></ul>

Physical computing refers to the design and construction of physical systems that use a mix of software and hardware to sense and respond to the surrounding world. Such systems blend digital and physical processes into toys and gadgets, kinetic sculpture, functional sensing and assessment tools, mobile

instruments, interactive wearables, and more. This is a project-based course that deals with all aspects of conceiving, designing and developing projects with physical computing: the application, the artifact, the computer-aided design environment, and the physical prototyping facilities. The course is organized around a series of practical hands-on exercises which introduce the fundamentals of circuits, embedded programming, sensor signal processing, simple mechanisms, actuation, and time-based behavior. The key objective is gaining an intuitive understanding of how information and energy move between the physical, electronic, and computational domains to create a desired behavior. The exercises provide building blocks for collaborative projects which utilize the essential skills and challenge students to not only consider how to make things, but also for whom we design, and why the making is worthwhile.

This course is an IDEATe Portal Course for entry into either of the IDEATe Intelligent Environments or Physical Computing programs. CFA/DC/TSB students can enroll under 16-223; CIT/MCS/SCS students can enroll in the 60-223 version of the course. Please note that there will be a materials fee associated with this course.

Upon completion of this course the students will be able to:

- work in a mixed physical-digital environment and laboratory
- make effective use of standard hardware and software tools for physical computing
- approach complex physical computing problems with a systematic overview that integrates iterative research and design steps
- generate systems specifications from a perceived need
- partition functionality between hardware and software
- produce interface specifications for a system composed of numerous subsystems
- use computer-aided development tools for design, fabrication and testing and debugging
- evaluate the system in the context of an end user application or experience.

<b>18-090</b>	<b>Digital Media Interactions: Signal Processing for the Arts</b>
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>J. Stiles</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>MW 9:30 – 11:20 a.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Primary IDEATe Area:</b>	<b>Sound Design, Intelligent Environments</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HL 106B (IDEATe@Hunt Studio A)</b>
<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Intended for students from DC, CFA, TSB</b>

This course presents an overview on manipulating and synthesizing sound, video, and control signals. Signals are the raw materials used in many forms of electronic art and design - electronic music, interactive art, video art, kinetic sculpture, and more. In these fields, signals are used to represent information about sound, images, sensors, and movement. By transforming and manipulating these types of signals, we are able to create powerful new tools for digital art, multimedia applications, music, responsive environments, video and sound installation, smart products, and beyond. In this course we will study Signal Processing from a practical point-of-view, developing tools that can be easily integrated into art-making using the graphical programming environment Max (a.k.a. Max/MSP/Jitter). We will present a survey of Signal Processing techniques used in the sonic and visual arts, and will discuss the mathematical theories underlying these techniques. Students will be encouraged to combine, modify, and extend working examples of software to create original digital artworks.

<b>60-212</b>	<b>Electronic Media Studio: Interactivity and Computation for Creative Practice</b>
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>G. Levin</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>F 8:30 – 11:20 a.m., 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>Some prior programming experience</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Game Design, Animation &amp; Special Effects, Media Design, Learning Media, Sound Design, Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>CFA 111 (STUDIO for Creative Inquiry)</b>
<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Intended for students from School of Art</b>

This is an intermediate level course in “creative coding,” interactive new-media art, and computational design. Ideal as a second course for students who have already had one semester of elementary programming (in any language), this course is for you if you’d like to use code to make art, design, architecture, and/or games -- AND you’re already familiar with the basics of programming, such as for() loops, if() statements, and arrays.

This course satisfies the EMS-2 (60-210: Interactivity) requirement for BFA and BXA-Art majors. As with EMS-2, students in this course will develop an understanding of the contexts, tools, and idioms of software programming in the arts. Unlike EMS-2, this course additionally satisfies the computing portal requirement for CFA students pursuing IDeATe minors and concentrations. (Students with no prior programming experience should register instead for 15-104, 15-110, or 15-112.)

This is a “studio art course in computer science,” in which the objective is art and design, but the medium is student-written software. The course develops skills and understanding of text-based, imperative programming techniques in a variety of popular open-source arts-engineering toolkits, including p5.js (JavaScript), Processing (Java), and openFrameworks (C++), with the aim of applying such skills to interactive art and design, information visualization, generative media, and other creative cultural practices.

Rigorous programming exercises will develop the basic vocabulary of constructs that govern static, dynamic, and interactive form. Topics include the computational manipulation of: point, line and shape; texture, value and color; time, change and motion; reactivity, connectivity and feedback; interactive graphics, sound, and simulation; and the incorporation of various modes of input (sensors, cameras) and multimedia output.

<b>60-223</b>	<b>Introduction to Physical Computing</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>A. Momeni</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>TR 6:30 – 8:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Intelligent Environments, Physical Computing</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HL A10 (IDeATe@Hunt Physical Computing Lab)</b>
<b>Note:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intended for students from CIT, SCS, MCS</b></li> <li>• <b>There will be materials fees associated with this course</b></li> </ul>

Physical computing refers to the design and construction of physical systems that use a mix of software and hardware in order to sense and respond to the surrounding world. Such systems include digital+physical toys and gadgets, kinetic sculpture, functional sensing and assessment tools, mobile instruments, interactive wearables, etc. This is a project-based course that deals with all aspects of conceiving, designing and developing projects with physical computing: the application, the artifact, the computer-aided design environment, and the physical prototyping facilities. The class consists of students from different disciplines who collaboratively synthesize and implement several systems in a short period of time. The course is organized around a large set of essential skills that students must gain in order to effectively tackle physical computing problems. It is then deployed through a series of quick group projects that utilize the essential skills and challenge students to not only consider HOW to make things, but also for WHOM we design, WHEN the time is ripe, and WHY the making is worthwhile/necessary. Upon completion of this course the students will be able to: work in a mixed physical-digital environment and laboratory make effective use of standard hardware and software tools for physical computing approach complex physical





culminating in a group performance. Students will learn skills for developing and programming performance behaviors, designing expressive kinetic systems, and rapidly prototyping simple robots. Technical topics include systems thinking, dynamic physical and computational behavior, autonomy, and embedded programming. Discussion topics include both contemporary kinetic sculpture and robotics research. Interested students without the specific prerequisites should contact the instructor.

<b>16-456/48-558</b>	<b>Reality Computing</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>P. Matikainen, J. Folan</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>TR 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>Permission of instructors</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Intelligent Environments</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HL A10 (IDeATe@Hunt Physical Computing Lab)</b>
<b>Note:</b>	<b>There will be materials fees associated with this course</b>

The Adaptive House is the focus of an advanced design studio based around the collaborative development of reality computing applications within a residential prototype. Reality computing encompasses a constellation of technologies focused around capturing reality (laser scanning, photogrammetry), working with spatial data (CAD, physical modeling, simulation), and using data to interact with and influence the physical world (augmented/virtual reality, projector systems, 3d printing, robotics). This studio will use reality computing to understand existing homes, define modes of augmentation, and influence the design of houses yet to be built through full scale prototyping. The objective of the course will be the production of a house that moves beyond the notion of being “smart,” but is actively adapted towards its inhabitants’ needs and capabilities. Topics of special focus within the course are residential design (John Folan), augmented reality and robotics (Pyy Matikainen), and indoor flying robots (Manuela Veloso and Nina Barbuto). This course is presented with the support and cooperation of Autodesk, Inc.

<b>49-300</b>	<b>Integrative Product Conceptualization</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>McComb</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>TR 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HL A5 (IDeATe@Hunt Fabrication Lab)</b>

The Integrated Product Conceptualization course focuses on introducing students to some of the thinking, basic skills and methods used by industrial design, engineering, and business to generate new consumer product proposals within integrated teams. Teams will progress through three phases 1) identifying opportunities for new products or services, 2) understanding those opportunities through stakeholder research, value opportunity analysis, and competitive landscape assessment, then selecting one of which to focus, 3) conceptualizing the opportunity with the goal of meeting the value proposition. This course will combine lecture and studio activities including the generation of 2D visual representation skills and 3D low-fidelity physical modeling in support of course work.

An important part of this course is a design project that is carried out by interdisciplinary teams. In order to effectively contribute to their team, each student should have experience or coursework in at least one of the following: design, the arts, engineering/technology, or business.

This course is reserved for junior and senior level students. Freshmen and sophomores will be admitted as space allows and with instructor permission.



attaching the skeleton to the character afterwards, and then work on building a system of controls to move the character in compelling ways. Certain topics will include kinematics, set driven keys, direct connections, space switching, corrective blendshapes, custom attributes, and deformation. Students interested in the artistic and technical sides of computer animation are encouraged to enroll. Previous experience with Autodesk Maya/3D animation is preferred.

<b>62-478 A1/A2</b>	<b>digiTOOL</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Z. Ali</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>MW 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Media Design, Physical Computing</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HL A5 (IDeATe@Hunt Experimental Fabrication Lab)</b>

This IDeATe-affiliated course serves as an introduction to the fundamental concepts, processes, and procedures to utilize digital and traditional equipment within the IDeATe@Hunt Library facilities. After completion, participating students should leave with a thorough understanding of laser cutting/engraving, 3D printing, CNC routing, and traditional woodworking equipment/processes; and how to operate in a safe, responsible, and efficient manner. This comprehension and experience proves useful for all creative disciplines, and participants are certified for future fabrication equipment access.

## Supportive Courses

These courses are existing courses and studios that are options for IDeATe. Students participating in the IDeATe concentrations and minors will not have priority access to these courses.

<b>05-823</b>	<b>E-Learning Design Principles</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>K. Koedinger</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>TR 9:00 -10:20 a.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Learning Media</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>GHC 4301</b>

This course is about e-learning design principles, the evidence and theory behind them, and how to apply these principles to develop effective educational technologies. It is organized around the book “e-Learning and the Science of Instruction: Proven Guidelines for Consumers and Designers of Multimedia Learning” by Clark & Mayer with further readings drawn from cognitive science, educational psychology, and human-computer interaction. You will learn design principles 1) for combining words, audio, and graphics in multimedia instruction, 2) for combining examples, explanations, practice and feedback in online support for learning by doing, and 3) for balancing learner versus system control and supporting student metacognition. You will read about the experiments that support these design principles, see examples of how to design such experiments, and practice applying the principles in educational technology development.

<b>15-294 A1/A2</b>	<b>Rapid Prototyping Technologies</b>
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>D. Touretzky</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>MW 6:30 – 7:50 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>15-112 or 15-104</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Media Design, Physical Computing</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HL A10 (IDeATe@Hunt Physical Computing Lab)</b>

This mini-course introduces students to rapid prototyping technologies with a focus on laser cutting and 3D printing. The course has three components: 1) A survey of rapid prototyping and additive manufacturing technologies, the maker and open source movements, and societal impacts of these technologies; 2) An introduction to the computer science behind these technologies: CAD tools, file formats, slicing algorithms; 3) Hands-on experience with SolidWorks, laser cutting, and 3D printing, culminating in student projects (e.g. artistic creations, functional objects, replicas of famous calculating machines, etc.). Please note that there will be a usage/materials fee for this course.

<b>15-322</b>	<b>Introduction to Computer Music</b>
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>J. Stiles</b>
<b>Meetings:</b>	<b>MW 12:00 – 1:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Units:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>15-112</b>
<b>Primary IDeATe Area:</b>	<b>Sound Design</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>HH B103</b>

Computers are used to synthesize sound, process signals, and compose music. Personal computers have replaced studios full of sound recording and processing equipment, completing a revolution that began with recording and electronics. In this course, students will learn the fundamentals of digital audio, basic sound synthesis algorithms, and techniques for digital audio effects and processing. Students will apply their knowledge in programming assignments using a very high-level programming language for sound synthesis and composition. In a final project, students will demonstrate their mastery of tools and techniques through music composition or by the implementation of a significant sound-processing technique.











