1. **Title of the module**
   Game Art – Foundation – PRSN7004

2. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**
   Pearson College London / Escape Studios

3. **The level of the module**: Level 7

4. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**: 30 credits (15 ECTS)

5. **Which term (s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**: Term 1

6. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**
   None

7. **The Programme of study to which the module contributes**: MA Game Art

8. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes**
   On successful completion of this module, students will have Knowledge & Understanding (K) of...
   - K1 - The iterative processes and techniques involved in the creation of immersive and engaging video games
   - K2 - The trends in mobile games production and their impacts on the production process
   - K3 - The relationship between code, design, art and prototyping.

   On successful completion of this module, students will have Intellectual (I) Skills in...
   - I1 - Critically evaluating and selecting artistic and technical solutions in relation to the limitations of a mobile video game production
   - I2 - Analysing the impacts of design, art and technical issues and iterate to inform new solutions
   - I3 - Employing agile practices in reaction to changes in project production

   On successful completion of this module, students will have Subject Specific (S) Skills in...
   - S1 - Using industry standard Video Games tools and techniques to create 2D and 3D content for use in a real-time Interactive level to a professional standard.
   - S2 - Creating materials and textures within the strict technical limitations of mobile technology
   - S3 - Creating/using art and design bibles for the process of constructing visual tools to inform production

9. **The intended generic learning outcomes**
   On successful completion of this module, students will have Transferable (T) Skills in...
   - T1 - Working to meet individual and group objectives
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T1 - Researching, designing, planning and delivering a project that can adapt to meet a strict set of industry objectives within time and in technical budget.

T2 - Communicating and presenting to a variety of audiences in a technical and creative context.

10. A synopsis of the curriculum
The aims are:

- To develop students' understanding of advanced 3D and 2D techniques in the mobile game space for use in a professional video game environment.
  - Develop a mobile level with navigation, simple state changes and export to a tablet or web format.

Keywords: 3D, modelling, lighting, texturing, game engine

Outline syllabus:
- Modelling for Games
- Game design for Artists
- Unity basics
- LOD's / Batching / Collisions and Culling
- Lighting in Maya / Lighting in Unity
- Light baking and Lightmaps in engine
- Normal maps generation and editing
- Texturing for Games
- Tiling textures and substance
- Multiple UVs and overlays
- Introduction to art direction
- Animation

11. Indicative Reading List
See the “MA Game Art - Indicative Reading List” document for extensive readings that will form the basis of the programme. Specific readings will be assigned to students based on their progression through the programme and their individual learning goals.

12. Learning and Teaching Methods
Students will be taught through direct instruction in tutorials as well as through personal supervision, individual tutorials and group critiques. Students will also be expected to carry out self-study using dedicated online resources. Tutors will also support practical work and self-directed study.

Skills sessions: c. 105 hours
Studio: c. 120 hours
Self-Directed: c. 75 hours
Total Study Hours 300 hours
13. Assessment methods

13.1 Main assessment methods

This module is assessed by 100% coursework.

Assignment 1: Product (60%)

The assessment will test Learning outcomes: K1, K2, K3, I1, I2, I3, S1, S2, S3, T1, T2, T3

This will require students to decide on a subject for their project and research suitable reference material. The subject can be a realistic or stylised interior space which they will then model, texture, light to specific platform requirements, export to a Game Engine and then publish to a Mobile format. To ensure that the project is achievable and meets the requirements of the assignment students should choose a subject for which they can obtain good reference material. We expect students to push themselves and they should consider choosing a relatively complex environment with a rich mix of materials, textures and lighting. The tutor will be able to offer guidance on this when students come to decide on their project.

Assignment 2: Retrospective (40%)

The assessment will test Learning outcomes: K1, K2, K3, I1, I2, I3, T3

This will require students to create a logbook of their progress through the project. This logbook should be in the form of an online blog and as well as containing written elements (c.2000 words) it should also contain images and video to help describe the development of the project. The aim is to provide detailed insight into the tools and techniques the students are learning as well as the creative and technical decisions they make. It is expected that the student will provide some critical analysis of their own work in the context of current and emerging theory and practice and draw some conclusions from it.

14. Map of Module Learning Outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to Learning and Teaching Methods (section12) and methods of Assessment (section 13)

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15. **Inclusive module design**
   The Collaborative Partner recognises and has embedded the expectations of current disability equality legislation, and supports students with a declared disability or special educational need in its teaching. Within this module we will make reasonable adjustments wherever necessary, including additional or substitute materials, teaching modes or assessment methods for students who have declared and discussed their learning support needs. Arrangements for students with declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the Collaborative Partner’s disability/dyslexia support service, and specialist support will be provided where needed.

16. **Campus(es) or Centre(s) where module will be delivered:**
   Pearson College London / Escape Studios

17. **Internationalisation**
   The Creative Industries are by their nature international disciplines, and learning resources, materials and directed learning will include resources, examples and case studies from across the world.

18. **Partner College/Validated Institution:**
   Pearson College London / Escape Studios

19. **University School responsible for the programme:**
   School of Engineering and Digital Arts