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WELCOME WEEK 24.8. – 28.8.2025, KOUVOLA CAMPUS

Meduusa-studio, Rykmentintie 4

MONDAY 24.8. / DAY 1

WHEN, WHAT & WHO	WHERE
9.00 – 9.30 Meet Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting your classmates	MS12/Studio Meduusa Building
9.30 – 10.30 Welcome & Introduction to the curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jomi Fagerström, <i>Director of Education, Department of Culture</i>Suvi Pylvänen, <i>Coordinator of Degree Program in Game Design</i>Introduction of lecturers Brenda Jimenez, Sarah-Jane Leavey, Mikko Lehto, Marko Siitonen, Panu Vuoristo, Nicholas Leppanen, Nicholas Sweetman, and Dan Tukiainen-Brierley.Brenda Jiménez, <i>Studies Advisor OVA</i>Introduction of Game Design Student Tutors	MS12/Studio Meduusa Building
10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK	
10.45–12.00 Introduction to the curriculum Suvi Pylvänen, Brenda Jiménez, Marko Siitonen, Sarah-Jane Leavey	MS12 Meduusa Studio
12.– 12.45 LUNCH BREAK <ul style="list-style-type: none">With Game Design Student Tutors	Kasarmiravintola
12.45 -13.15 Issuing of Access Key Tags <ul style="list-style-type: none">Saku Väkeväinen, Building Caretaker (NOTE: photo ID required, e.g., passport)	Main Building Päärakkenus
13.15 – 14.00 Campus tour <ul style="list-style-type: none">Game Design Student Tutors	Kouvola Campus
14.00 – 16.00 Pen and paper game jam <ul style="list-style-type: none">Classmates, Tutors, and Teachers	MS12 Meduusa Studio

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TUESDAY 25.8. / DAY 2

WHEN, WHAT & WHO	WHERE
9.00 – 9.30 Xamk Services QA & Checklist part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Study Platforms, Logins and school IDs Suvi Pylvänen, Brenda Jiménez	Meduusa Building MS05
9.30-10.30 Xamk RDI Projects presents Jani Kiviranta, Henri Brandt, Daniel Brierty	Meduusa Building MS05
10.30 – 10.45 COFFEE BREAK	Meduusa Building Lobby
10.45-11-00 International Game Developers Association info Nicky Pernilla, IGDA hub lead	Meduusa Building MS05
11.00-12.00 Xamk Services QA & Checklist part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Suvi Pylvänen, Brenda Jiménez	Meduusa Building MS05
12.00 – 13.00 LUNCH BREAK With Game Design Student Tutors	Kasarmiravintola
13.00 -16.00 Let's Play! <ul style="list-style-type: none">Classmates, Teachers, and Tutors (NOTE: Bring snacks, comfy shoes, and clothes)	(Probable road trip weather dependent)

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WEDNESDAY 26.8. / DAY 3

WHEN, WHAT & WHO	WHERE
9.00 – 10.00 Student Affairs Info, Course Enrolments, Recognition of Prior Learning info. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Emilia Kiesilä, Study Affairs Officer	Meduusa Building MS05
10.00 – 10.30 Language Info <ul style="list-style-type: none">Johanna Vilkki, Language Studies Coordinator at Kouvola Campus	Meduusa Building MS05
10.30-11.00 Library Info Oili Valtonen, Head of Library at Kouvola Campus	Meduusa Building MS05
11.00 – 12.00 LUNCH BREAK With Game Design Student Tutors	Kasarmiravintola
12.-15.00 Amazing Campus Race <ul style="list-style-type: none">This voluntary event helps the students to get to know Kouvola.	Organized by the student Union KAAKO
15:00 – 18:00 Online Language Level tests <ul style="list-style-type: none">Swedish level test (for Finnish students only)Finnish level test (for non-Finnish students only)	Online @ https://learn.xamk.fi
16.30-18.00 Voluntary Learn Info Session in English (option 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Run by Sari Metsala , Riikka Järvinen and Riikka	Online@ Teams

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THURSDAY 27.8. / DAY 4

WHEN, WHAT & WHO	WHERE
9.30 – 10.00 Integration Department Info session <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annikki Jensen-Munk, Integration Department Coordinator, Kouvola Campus	Meduusa Building Beanbag room.
10.00 – 16.00 Game Day with Tutors	MS12 Meduusa Building

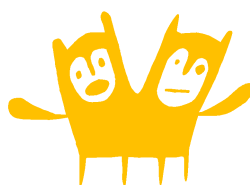
FRIDAY 28.8. / DAY 5

WHEN, WHAT & WHO	WHERE
9.30 – 16.00 PSP Discussions The time will be published on the 27th, with approximately 10 minutes per student. <i>NOTE: Recognition of studies/skills will be done later throughout your studies on a case-by-case basis.</i>	Online @Teams Link: CLICK HERE

Note: Schedules may change: <https://lukkarikone.xamk.fi/>

Normal studies will continue on *Monday, the 31st of August 2026.*

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