

GREETINGS FROM THE TUTORS



Greetings new spawnling of Game Design!

My name is **Tuomas Hellstén**, I am a third year Game Design student and the lead Game Design tutor. I'm from Kouvola, a big city metropolia (hah!). Currently what interests me most in is all around concept art, mechanics and animating. *Overwatch* has taken over as my usual go-to game, but I still have a special place in my heart for games such as *Dark souls*, *Dishonored* and a few others. Other hobbies include the following: light humor, board games, pen & paper RPGs and sometimes drawing. If you ever need someone to talk to or just hang out, we're here to help! Welcome to the GD family!

Ahoj!

My name is **Sylvia Smatanová** and I am a Ravenclaw (and also a third year Game Design student) from Slovakia. My favourite activities for dark Finnish nights include, but are not limited to, radical embroidery, printmaking and stop motion animation. Concerning Game Design I am mostly interested in UI and 2D art. I love to play board games and anything that is interesting and unique (*Kitty Powers' Matchmaker*) and pretty (*Monument Valley*). I also collect cats and koi fish on my smartphone and have more than 7150 hours on *Cookie Clicker*. I absolutely can't wait to meet you all. See you soon!



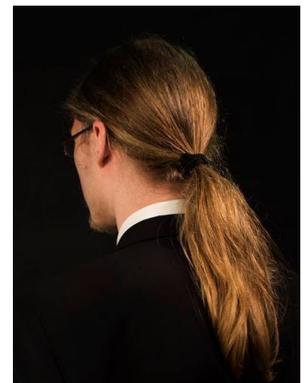
Greetings little hobbitess!



My name is **Hana Mori**, and I'm a third year Game Design student. I'm from the tiny but lovely country called Slovenia in the southern part of Europe. In game design I'm interested in environment design, animation and writing. My favorite games include the *Battlefield* series, *The Division*, *The Witcher* series and *Hearthstone*. Otherwise I enjoy drawing crazy monsters, constructing extensive fantasy worlds, binge reading, board games and cooking. I'm here to make sure you all feel welcome and happy as part of our big game design family!

Welcome, newb!

My name is **Jakub Dobi**. I am half Hungarian, half Polish, but totally great. Come, come, I'll show you. What interests me about Game Design? Everything! Everything IS a game to me, even YOU! I'm also quite open to different types of games, from RPGs like *The Witcher*, through competitive games like *Overwatch* or tycoon like *Tropico*, all the way to making people profoundly uncomfortable. All the games, I tell you! In my free time I roll dice and hit people with swords, and teach other people to do the latter. I'm looking forward to hitting you with a sword, too!



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My name is **Verna Kiander** and I am originally from a small Finnish town called Vääksy. I am a third year Game Design student and I am interested in writing and character design. Some of my favourite games include the *Mass Effect* series, *The Last of Us*, *Bastion* and *The Wolf Among Us*. For the last year I have been playing lots of *Overwatch* (I main supports). I am also slightly obsessed with cats and *Star Wars*. Feel free to come to me if you need any help or just someone to have a chat with. I look forward to meeting you all! See you soon!

Greetings champion!

My name is **Martin Fodor**, and I am a third year Game Design student hailing from the ancient land of Hungary. As far as my interests go inside the degree I mainly focus on 3D modeling, game mechanics and level design. As for games, the *Warcraft*, *Mass Effect* and the *Elder Scrolls* franchises are my favourites. Aside from those I enjoy story driven games from old point and click adventures (Think, *The Longest Journey*) to modern RPGs/MMOs. My favourite activities also include reading, making food and being outside. I am open minded, friendly and a good listener, so if you need to talk to someone I will happily listen and help. I am hyped to meet you! I am sure you will have a wonderful time here at XAMK!



Howdy there!



My name is **Julia Jormanainen** and I'm a third year Game Design student. I'm a Kouvola-city-girl and have lived here throughout my life. I'm mostly working on my art skills at the moment, but I'm also interested in storytelling in games and overall story structure. I am currently enjoying *Legend of Zelda: BotW*, *Overwatch* (*D. Va & Symmetra*) and started my second farm in *Stardew Valley*. I also like to knit, listen to Korean pop music and be overly passionate about movies and TV-shows. I can't wait to see you all! Get ready to have the time of your lives!

Hello new players!

My name is **Olga Gonchar** and I am a second year Game Design student. Originally I am from Russia, Karelia, so I'm used to cold dark winter evenings. I am waiting for you to come and enjoy a lovely cup of tea with us in our lovely company. We here are in love with gaming, and personally I enjoy things like *Assassin's Creed* (I am a huge history nerd) and games with cute art style like *Don't starve* or *The Deer God*. I love reading, baking and playing board games. I hope we will have nice board games evenings with you when you come.



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HOI!

I'm **Zsófia Kecskés**, a third year Game Design student (such wow, much yas) and I'm also from Hungary. I've been living in Finland for four years now, so the language is not a barrier for me. I love to draw digitally and I'm hoping to release my webcomic soon. I like visual storytelling and character design, but I'm also hoping to master some 3D skills and coding as well. When I'm not extremely social, I like to hide in my cave full of leftover teenage angst and pillows. My favourite platform is PC, but I don't mind consoles. I also have a pet pygmy puff. It might be sleeping, or dead, who knows...

Hello new Game Designer!

My name is **Alexandra Gorbacheva** and I'm already excited to hear what short name you can come up with for me! I'm a second year Game Design student from Russia. My interests include drawing, painting, character design, experience design and saving pretty and funny pictures on my phone. I deeply enjoy discussing and analyzing games, movies, animated series and TV shows. And oh I can rant about *Dragon Age: Inquisition* for hours, so watch out. I can't wait to meet you! Hope you make some great memories here at XAMK.



Heyo! :3



My name is **Nelli Hänninen** and I'm a second year Game Design student. I'm originally from Oulu, the far north of Finland. At the moment I enjoy doing a bit of everything, but am mostly interested in the magical world of 3D modelling. I have a passion for coffee and cute things and think life's too short to find a matching pair of socks each morning. My favorite game franchises are *The Legend of Zelda* and *Pokemon*, but I enjoy all kinds of games. In my free time, other than gaming, I love to draw and waste away watching either Netflix, Youtube or streams. I'm excited to meet you guys really soon and I hope you're ready for the best four years of your life!

Welcome!

My name is **Aino Kylmä** but please just call me Kylmä! I'm a second year Game Design student and I've lived my whole life here in Kouvola so I know my way around and I'm prepared to help out if needed! I have a spark of passion for animation and my hair eats more hairspray than I eat food. I spend most of my time watching cartoons and movies. Comics are cool too. To be honest I don't really have favourite games but if a game has neat characters and especially an interesting story I'm sold. I hope everything goes smoothly for you and please don't hesitate to ask for help! Prepare to be a part of something amazing!



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Hello [Subject Name Here],

If you're reading this, you have been accepted to the Degree Programme of Game Design. You're here because we want the best, and you are it!

You are about to start your 4 year long quest to become the Game Design master. It is dangerous to go alone and sometimes finding the right castle can be difficult. So here, have some tutors. Our name is Legion, for we are many, and ready to assist you whenever a wild problem appears. We're here to lend you a helping hand, so you can turn to us with any glitch you might have. Whether it be about school, knowing your way around the local area and everyday life, a dragon or a portal to another dimension, we will always come to your rescue!

You can contact any of us tutors via email:
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You will also be added to the facebook group for the new Game Design students. What better place to ask us questions before you start your school year or just say hi to us and all the other new students.

Group name: XAMK GD17

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486323421387898/>

We can't wait to meet you after the summer, and remember: the right student at the right place can make all the difference in the world.

<3: *The Tutors*

