Global Game Jam 2021

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The Global Game Jam 2021 at KSU will be held from Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31. Watch this page as we get closer to the event for more information.

This is a great opportunity to come and make a game over a weekend. Anyone can join in regardless of skill or experience. Come and have fun, learn, and meet some new people.

- Driving Directions
- Marietta Campus Map

Participants

To Be Announced

Schedule and Information

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Parking
All KSU students please park in your regular parking lot/parking deck. All visitors please park in parking deck 60 (West parking deck) on the Marietta Campus. Please park on the third floor or above – do NOT park in the Visitor Parking spots!

**Sign-In**

When you arrive, please sign in at the check-in desk outside in the Atrium Building (J) lobby on the first floor to receive your t-shirt and name badge. Please do NOT lose your name badge!

**Re-Entry**

Participants can leave campus if needed. Name badge will be required for re-entry into the building.

**KSU Police:**

- Emergencies: 470-578-6666 or 770-423-6666
- Non-Emergencies: 470-578-6206
- Text Line: 770-356-3866

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**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**Q. What is Game Jam?**

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**Q. Does the game need to be digital?**

A. No, you can also make a board game.

**Q. Do I need to know how to program?**

A. Not at all! Making a game involves many disciplines. We encourage everyone to join a group that consists of people with a broad range of skill sets.

**Q. Do I need to have a team?**

A. No, we actively encourage everyone to form a group on Friday afternoon.
Q. Why am I being asked to pay a registration fee?
A. This money goes towards paying for the t-shirt, pizza, food, snacks, security, that will be provided throughout the game jam.

Q. Do I have to stay for the entire 48 hours? Where can I sleep?
A. Many students choose to stay the *entire* game jam. Other students choose to have a rest somewhere else. It is entirely up to you what your participation will be.

Q. Will I be safe?
A. We will have Public Security patrolling the building for the entire 48 hours. We will have faculty on site for the entire 48 hours.

Q. What's in it for me?
A. We have found that there is a correlation between participation in the game jam and higher grades. While we can't make any promises, we think you will have some fun, meet some new people and get to make a game. And yes, we will provide a t-shirt, pizza, food, snacks, sodas, etc.

### Previous Global Game Jams at KSU

#### Spring 2020 Global Game Jam at KSU

Games created during Spring 2020 Global Game Jam at KSU.

#### Spring 2018 Global Game Jam at KSU

Games created during Spring 2018 Global Game Jam at KSU.
Fall 2016 Global Game Jam at KSU Winners

- The best Fall Game Jam: "BeatBots"
- The best Fall Game Jam AR/VR Game: "SlowPokey"
- The best Fall Educational Game: "Haiku"
- The best Unplugged Game: "Treble Trouble"