A Joint Graduate and Undergraduate Course — CSCI 7212-001 and CSCI 4830-002

Brief Questionnaire for the Participants of the Course
“Design, Learning and Collaboration”

due: Monday, January 22, 2007; 10am on the class website

1. your name: Corey Davis

2. your field of study: Open Option

3. in which semester are you: Sophomore

4. why are you interested to take this course and what do you expect to get out of this course?
I’ve always been interested in how things are created. It’s interesting to think what all goes into building something and designing it to be functional. I hope to gain a better understanding of all of this.

5. which courses / work activities / background knowledge do you have which might be relevant to this course? ATLAS Program, I’m in the TAM program, graphical arts and design.

6. your own digital literacy / fluency:
   6.1. describe your programming experience (languages, projects) Programming is still somewhat new to me. I am currently taking a class for intro to XHTML, CSS etc.
   6.2. which applications are you familiar with (e.g. Photoshop, Canvas, Dreamweaver, GoogleEarth, ……….)? I’m very comfortable with Photoshop, I mainly use that because I’m into digital photography.

7. use one or two sentences to describe how you would define
   7.1. design - the actual basis and skeleton on which things are made.
   7.2. learning - the act of gaining a broader understanding of something.
   7.3. collaboration - the act of working together with people toward a main goal.

8. mention the most important book / article which you have read with respect to
   8.1. design - I use many websites for learning new techniques for photoshop and photography. The one that has been the most useful to me is actually a blog. (http://digital-photography-school.com/blog/)
   8.2. learning - A online forum called Nikoncafe.com
   8.3. collaboration - Both of the above allow you to communicate with other people and ask for their critiques etc.
9. Have you heard the following names of researchers /scientists and what they might be famous for?
   9.1. Vannevar Bush
   9.2. Herbert Simon
   9.3. Alan Kay
   9.4. Steve Jobs - co founder of Apple
   9.5. Seymour Papert
   9.6. Donald Norman
   9.7. Ben Shneiderman
   9.8. Donald Schön
   9.9. Jerome Bruner
   9.10. Christopher Alexander
   9.11. Edward Tufte - man who invented the Powerpoint
   9.12. Fred Brooks
   9.13. Douglas Engelbart
   9.15. Bill Gates - The rich guy, Microsoft.
   9.16. Tim Berners-Lee
   9.17. Jimmy Wales

10. Which person do you consider the most famous computer scientist and what has this person contributed? Well, being born and raised on Macs I have obtained a true love for the company and the products they produce. Steve Jobs jump started the company from essentially small ugly grey boxes to computers that look like pieces of art. A true designer that incorporates a very functional ability.

11. Remark: you can visit the websites of a pervious version of the course — while the course in the Spring 2006/7 will contain new activities and new material, this website will give you a good impression what you might expect