

A basic overview of eSports and the EIU eSports Club

What is eSports?

Multiplayer video games played at a competitive level.

How is eSports different from traditional sports?

The difference between the two is significant. While both are competitions that require strategy, teamwork, and fast reflexes, eSports is less reliant on physical ability and the risk of injury is nearly non-existent. eSports also allows teams to compete against each other without travel.

What is the EIU eSports Club?

We are a club with the goal of creating, organizing and training teams that will play video games competitively against other schools' clubs and at various events.

Which video games are played in eSports?

The specific games are various and constantly changing. Typically, they are all games that are played against another player or a team of players. As new games are created and old games become less popular, the list of games with an active eSports community will change.

What are the genres of video games typically played in eSports?

First-person shooters, fighting, battle royale, MOBA and sports.

What is a first-person shooter?

A game viewed through the eyes of the character. Typically, two teams of players of several players attempt to eliminate the other team, complete a specific task and/or stop your opponent from completing a specific task. The games often resemble soldiers fighting other soldiers in war.

What are some examples of a first-person-shooter played in eSports?

Counter-Strike, Overwatch, and Call of Duty.

What is a fighting game?

A game in which a single player combats another with the goal of eliminating them. Typically, the two players are viewed from the side and are played over a few rounds. The games often resemble boxing.

What are some examples of fight games played in eSports?

Street Fighter, Super Smash Bros. and Tekken.

What is a battle royale?

A game in which a single player or a small team fight a free-for-all against 50+ other players with the goal of eliminating everyone else and being the last one alive. The games often resemble movies like The Hunger Games and Battle Royal.

What are some examples of battle royale played in eSports?

Apex Legends, Fortnite and Tetris 99.

What is a MOBA?

MOBA stands for Multiplayer Online Battle Arena. The game has two teams that are attempting to destroy each other's base. Each team consists of a computer-controlled army of weak units and player-controlled heroes. As the game goes on, the player-controlled heroes get stronger.

What are some examples of MOBAs played in eSports?

League of Legends, Smite, and Defense of the Ancients.

What are sports games?

Sports games are video games that resemble or are inspired by traditional sports. Some of the more popular games resemble soccer, football and vehicular racing. The player may control an entire team or a single athlete.

What are some examples of sports games played in eSports?

Madden, FIFA and Rocket League.

What games will be played in the EIU eSports club?

Currently we are planning on creating teams to play League of Legends, Counter Strike, Smash Bros., and Apex Legends.

What is League of Legends?

A MOBA with a fantasy setting.

What is Counter Strike?

A first-person shooter with modern special military forces.

What is Super Smash Bros.?

A fighting game with popular characters from other video games.

What is Apex Legends?

A battle royale game in a science fiction setting.

Will you be playing other games?

If a game is popular enough with the students that we are able to form a team and if there are enough teams from other schools to play against, we are open to the idea of forming teams to play that game.

Where will you be meeting?

The eSports club will meet in the eSports Arena in the Student Recreation Center.

When will you be meeting?

Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Who are you looking for to join?

We are looking for students who are serious about improving their skills in gaming, working as a team, competing in events, and following our strict moral guidelines. We are also looking for people to help with organization, marketing, and coaching. We are not looking for students who refuse to put in the effort to train, work only as an individual, cannot attend regular meetings or act in a way that violates our code of conduct.

How much does it cost to join?

\$20 a semester. This is used to pay for equipment, events, and parties.

What is your code of conduct?

Each member must sign an agreement that prohibits behavior and dialogue that we consider against our goals of creating a fair and welcoming community. We will have no tolerance for language that is racist, sexist, or otherwise offensive. We will also not tolerate harassment, exclusion or unsportsmanlike conduct against our members or our opponents.

Do gamers have a bad reputation?

Yes. Gamers have earned a reputation as being racist, sexist, and rude. We will not dispute this reputation, but we will be vigilant to ensure that members of the EIU eSports Club do not act in this way.

How can a student join this club?

If a student is interested in joining, they should email us at eiuesports@eiu.edu