Loyola Marymount University Spring 2019
CMSI 371 COMPUTER GRAPHICS 3 Semester Hours

Lecture Times: Tuesday/Thursday 09:40AM-11:10AM Location: DOOLAN 219

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Course Description:
Introduction to computer graphics. Topics include the parameterizing and forming of curves and surfaces, positioning a pinhole camera in 3-dimensional space, transforming objects in 3-dimensional space, projecting such objects onto a 2-dimensional device space with perspective, applying texturing with colors and shading, and building renderers using methods such as ray tracing.

Learning Outcomes:
Student will understand the theory of computer graphics from a geometric point of view using mathematical concepts from algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and linear algebra. Student will be able to build practical graphics applications to tackle real world problems using C++ and OpenGL.

Instructional Methods:
This course will focus on the theory behind methods used in computer graphics supplemented by projects to reinforce such concepts. Course meetings will be in form of lecture-discussion. Lecture attendance is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged.

Prerequisites
Students are expected to be familiar with programming fundamentals with an understanding of basic programming principles (e.g. using control structures, writing functions) and data structures (e.g. arrays, lists, trees, maps). Students are expected to have an understanding of principles from algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and linear algebra.

Textbooks (optional):
- Edward Angel, *Interactive Computer Graphics: A Top-Down Approach with OpenGL*, Fifth Edition, Addison Wesley, 2009.
- Donald Hearn and Pauline Baker, *Computer Graphics with OpenGL*, Fourth Edition, Pearson, 2010.

Grading: *40% Projects, 20% Midterm Exam, 40% Final Exam*
- A+ to A- : [100%, 90%]
- B+ to B- : (90%, 75%]
- C+ to C- : (75%, 60%]
- D+ to D- : (60%, 50%]
- F : (50%, 0%]

Note: the percentage break down will guarantee at least letter grade within the specified range; final grades can be higher depending on the performance of the overall class.

Workload:
Students can expect to spend 3 hours in weekly lectures, approximately 1 to 2 hours of outside study per week, and approximately 8 to 10 hours per project.

Holidays:
We will be observing the following holidays and breaks on the following lecture dates:

Tuesday	March 11, 2018	Spring Break
Thursday	March 13, 2018	Spring Break
Thursday	April 18, 2018	Easter Holidays

****NOTE: the syllabus is tentative and subjected to change.***

Lectures	**Topic**
January 15, 17	Vector Spaces and Affine Combinations
January 22, 24	Chaikin and Bezier Curves
January 24, 31	Pinhole Camera and 2D Transformations
February 05, 07	3D Transformations and 4D Projective Space
February 12, 14	Camera and Viewing Transform
February 19	Clipping
February 21	Depth Buffers and Overview of Other Depth Algorithms
February 26	Midterm Examination Review
February 28	Midterm Examination
March 05, 07	Hierarchical Compositional Models
March 19, 21	Colors and Illumination
March 26, 28	Shading and Texturing
April 02, 04	Scan Conversion (Rasterization)
April 09	Curves to Surfaces
April 11, 16	Visible Surface Algorithms
April 23, 25	Subdivision Surfaces
April 30	Ray Tracing
May 02	Shadows
May 09, 8:00 AM	Final Examination

Academic Honesty. Academic dishonesty will be treated as an extremely serious matter with severe consequences that can range from receiving no credit for assignments/tests, failing the class, to expulsion. It is never permissible to turn in any work that has not been authored by the student, such as work that has been copied from another student or copied from a source (including Internet) without properly acknowledging the source. It is your responsibility to make sure that your work meets the standard of academic honesty set forth in the "LMU Honor Code and Process" which appears in the LMU Bulletin.

Special Accommodations. Students with special needs who require reasonable modifications, special assistance, or accommodations in this course should promptly direct their request to the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office. Any student who currently has a documented disability (ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Learning, Physical, or Psychiatric) needing academic accommodations should contact the DSS Office (Daum Hall 2nd floor, 310-338-4216) as early in the semester as possible. All discussions will remain confidential. Please visit LMU DSS for additional information.

Tentative Nature of the Syllabus. If necessary, this syllabus and its contents are subject to revision; students are responsible for any changes or modifications announced or distributed in class or posted on LMU's course management system MYLMUConnect.

Reporting Requirements of Sexual or Interpersonal Misconduct. As responsible employees, faculty are required to report any case of suspected sexual or interpersonal misconduct and cannot protect student confidentiality. For information about confidential counseling on campus and for general information about consensual relationships, sexual harassment, and sexual assault, please visit LMU Cares.

Emergency Preparedness. To report an emergency or suspicious activity, phone the LMU Department of Public Safety (x222 or 310-338-2893) or at the nearest emergency call box. In the event of an evacuation, follow the evacuation signage throughout the building to the designated safe refuge area where you will receive further instruction from Public Safety or a Building Captain. For more safety information and preparedness tips, visit LMU DPS.