

Course Number: CSC 630

Course Title: Computer Graphics Systems Design

Number of Credits: 3

Schedule: Three hours of lecture/discussion per week.

Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in CSC 313 or CSC 340 and MATH 325.

Catalog Description

This course covers computer graphics systems design and display hardware architecture. An overview is given of device-independent graphics systems,

two- and three- dimensional viewing pipelines, hidden line and surface removal algorithms, raster graphics techniques and color space models. Web page design and Flash exercises give an introduction to animation and multimedia. Programming with the OpenGL library affords the class a chance to design advanced animation programs in three-dimensions.

This course meets Group Project Requirement.

Expanded Description

Computer Graphics Systems Design

Mathematics for Graphics

Review of matrices, dot and cross products

Graphics theory

Classic graphic algorithms

Bresenham's line drawing algorithm

Cohen-Sutherland clipping algorithm in 2d and 3d

Transformations and Projections in 3d by matrices

View parameters

Curves and splines

Introduction to practical 2-dimensional graphics, both static and animated

Graphics and the World Wide Web

HTML, compression, video, Flash animation

Pixel editing tools and layers

Sound editing tools

Introduction to practical 3-dimensional graphics, both static and animated

OpenGL

OpenGL vertices, matrices, shapes, projections, fog, translations, lighting

Alpha blending and anti-aliasing

3D View volumes, display lists

Milkshake and 3DMax modelers

Texture maps

Course Objectives and Role in Program

The objectives of this course include:

- Teach important graphics principles and applications.
- Teach the student the Open Graphics Language

Students will develop several small applications and one large team application. These projects will be the basis for professional demos to work in the graphics field.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course students will

- Have a personal web page introduced by an avatar with a professional resume, sound, and animation.
- Have written two 3-dimensional OpenGL programs with lighting, sound, and texture
- Have written two team-based 3 dimensional OpenGL programs.
- Be able to design, document and develop a large application as a team project.

Method of Evaluation

Student learning will be evaluated on the basis of

- Completeness and quality of programming assignments.
- Grade on midterm and final examination
- Grade on team projects
- Class participation.

The weight assigned to each element of evaluation will be determined by the instructor of the course on the first day of the class.

Required: CSC630 Class Reader

Author: Lawrence S. Kroll

Publisher: SFSU bookstore

Required: OPENGL PROGRAMMING GUIDE

Authors: OpenGL ARB, Woo, Neider, and Davis

Publisher: Addison Wesley (available from Amazon.com)

Suggested: OpenGL SuperBible

Authors: Wright and Sweet

Publisher: Waite Group Press

Suggested: OPENGL REFERENCE MANUAL

Author: OpenGL ARB, Kempf, and Frazier

Publisher: Addison Wesley

Suggested: Interactive Computer Graphics, 4th edition

Author: Edward Angel

Publisher Addison Wesley

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