

CSCI 4345 - COMPUTER GRAPHICS

CREDIT HOURS: 3
PREREQUISITES: CSCI 3323 or 3341 or 3342; and MATH 1316
GRADE REMINDER: Must have a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Overview of the hardware, software and techniques used in computer graphics. Graphics primitives, two-dimensional transformations, painting, windowing and clipping. Three-dimensional graphics including hidden lines and surfaces, lighting, texturing, and shading.

PURPOSE OF COURSE

Develop knowledge of terms and concepts, skills in modeling and rendering using a mid-level API (OpenGL), and visual system design and implementation.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The goal of this course is to have students develop a small interactive graphical system based on student interests or minor area of study. The system is to be designed and implemented using software engineering methods, algorithm and data structure techniques, hardware interface and operating system support, graphical library routines, and program performance considerations. Student progress will be evaluated through the successful completion of progressively more advanced graphics laboratory problems, performance on activities, and success of the term project. Specific skills include:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of design and implementation techniques utilizing complex data structures and algorithms for visual based interactive systems including scene graphs.
2. Develop skills in interface design including modeling, input device control, and screen layout (color, composition, presentation).
3. Explore Scene graphs and WEB-based graphics.
4. Explore graphics techniques including drawing, filling, windowing, clipping, curves, coordinate systems, and transformations in two dimensions.
5. Enhance graphics techniques including drawing, filling, windowing, clipping, curves, coordinate systems, transformations, projections, and hidden line and hidden surface techniques for three dimensions.
6. Develop matrix based and parametric formulations for mathematical representation and operations.
7. Enhance visualization skills by exploring texturing, shadowing, ray tracing, and radiosity techniques.

COURSE CALENDAR

This course meets for a minimum of 37.5 lecture contact hours during the semester. Students have significant weekly reading assignments. Students are expected to complete a major project, prepare a class presentation on the project, and 2-3 periodic exams in addition to the final exam. Students are expected to prepare for any class assignments or quizzes over the material covered in class or in the reading material. Successful completion of these activities requires at a minimum six additional hours of outside of classroom work each week.

CONTENT

Hours

Overview of Computer Graphics	2
Objectives	
Basic principles	
Introduction to Computer Graphics Hardware.....	1
Display devices	
Input/output devices	
Design	4
Story Composition	
Art Design	
Games	
OpenGL	6
Design for visual systems (art, story, systems).....	3
Scene graphs and WEB-base graphics.....	3
Graphics Systems and Primitives.....	2
Library/system support for graphics	
Point plotting	
Straight line drawing	
Curved line drawing	
Two-Dimensional Graphics	6
Mathematical background and Coordinate System	
Transformations (Translation, Scaling, Rotation)	
Animation	
Approaches (segments vs. direct)	
Filling (Painting)	
Windowing	
Clipping	
Three-Dimensional Graphics	12
Coordinate System	
Plotting points, lines, and surfaces	
Projections	
Perspective views	
Transformations	
Hidden lines and surfaces	
Shading and texture	
Ray tracing and radiosity	
Presentations	6
TOTAL	45

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