

Title (Units): **COMP 7100 Computer Graphics and Animation (3,2,2)**

Course Aims: Students will learn (i) the mathematical foundation and algorithms for creating computer graphics including transformation, rendering, (ii) the algorithms for enabling Human-Object interaction in virtual environment, and (iii) the algorithm for animation. Students will also gain practical experience on these topics by using graphics application programming interface (API) and develop a graphics application prototype.

Prerequisite: Research Postgraduate Student Standing

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

No.	Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)
	Knowledge
1	Describe the complete process in building a computer graphics system
2	Explain and describe the concept and algorithm in the 3D geometric transformation and viewing
3	Explain and describe the concept and algorithm in rendering
4	Describe the principle and algorithms for computer animation
5	Describe the concept and algorithms in computer vision and computer graphics for enabling Human-Object interaction in virtual environment
	Professional Skill
6	Develop a graphics/animation application using a graphics application programming interface

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Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs):

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1-5	Students will learn the principles and algorithms of computer graphics and animation through lectures.
1-5	Students will have hands on experience to deeper understanding of the algorithms through laboratory session, laboratory exercises and assignment(s).
6	Students will apply and integrate the learnt algorithms, with their new ideas for developing an interactive graphics application through group project.

Assessment:

No.	Assessment Methods	Weighting	CILOs to be addressed	Remarks
1	Continuous Assessment	50%	1-6	Students are required to develop a complete graphics application using a graphics application programming interface in a small team. 40% is allocated for this group project. The remaining 10% is allocated for assignment(s) and/or mid-term test.
2	Examination	50%	1-5	The final examination is designed to evaluate students' understanding in different parts. The questions will include fundamental, analytic and design types in order to distinguish different levels of understanding of computer graphics.

Rubrics:

Excellent (A)	• Achieve the six CILOs, demonstrating a good mastery of both the theoretical and practical aspects of computer graphics. • Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the mathematics in computer graphics by developing complicated 3D animation using a series of transformation and viewing matrices. • Able to develop 3D computer graphics with realistic lighting and texturing effects, and pay sufficient considerations in their computational complexities. • Demonstrate an excellent self-learning capability by bringing new techniques into the group project. • Able to summarize and present a number of current research trends in computer graphics.
Good (B)	• Achieve the six CILOs, demonstrating a good understanding of the concepts involved in computer graphics. • Demonstrate a good understanding of the mathematics in computer graphics by developing basic 3D animation using a couple of transformation and viewing matrices. • Able to develop 3D computer graphics with realistic lighting and texturing effects, but lack sufficient considerations in their computational complexities. • Demonstrate a good self-learning capability by bringing new techniques into the group project. • Able to summarize and present one current research trend in computer graphics.
Satisfactory (C)	• Achieve the six CILOs, demonstrating a basic level of understanding of the concepts in computer graphics. • Demonstrate a basic understanding of the mathematics in computer graphics by developing basic 3D image using a couple of transformation and viewing matrices. • Able to develop 3D computer graphics with not-so-realistic lighting and texturing effects, and lack sufficient considerations in their computational complexities. • Rely on the given laboratory materials to complete the group project. • Able to identify and present one significant research paper in computer graphics.
Fail (F)	• Achieve less than three of the CILOs, and have little understanding of the concepts involved in computer graphics. • Unable to develop basic 3D image using transformation and viewing matrices • Unable to apply lighting and texturing effects. • Do not complete the group project. • Do not read any research paper in computer graphics.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes and Weighting:

Content	CILO No.
I. Fundamentals of the Graphics Pipeline Architecture	1, 6
II. Geometric Transformations and Clipping	2, 6
III. Lighting and Rendering	3, 6
IV. Computer Animation, Interaction and Advanced Techniques	4, 5, 6
Group Project	6

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Jos Dirksen, Three.js Cookbook, Packt Publishing, 2015.
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Course Content in Outline:

Topic

- I. Fundamentals of the Graphics Pipeline Architecture
 - A. The programmable 3D graphics pipeline
 - B. 3D geometric primitives and vectors
 - C. Curves and surfaces
- II. Geometric Transformations and Clipping
 - A. Coordinate systems and transformations
 - B. Camera and projection transformations
 - C. Clipping and rasterization
- III. Lighting and Rendering
 - A. Lighting and shading
 - B. Texture mapping
 - C. Shadow mapping
- IV. Computer Animation, Interaction and Advanced Techniques
 - A. Computer Animation
 - B. Motion sensing devices
 - C. Introduction to computer vision
 - D. Global illumination and ray tracing