

CMSC 427 – Computer Graphics

Fall 2001 Lectures: Tuesdays, Thursdays 11:00am – 12:15pm CSS 1113

Course Page: <http://www.cs.umd.edu/class/fall2001/cmssc427/>

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Teaching Assistant: Haibin Ling, 1151 AVW, hbling@cs.umd.edu. Office hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00pm.

Texts: Our main textbook will be:

Computer Graphics Using OpenGL by Francis Hill Jr., Second Edition, Prentice Hill, May 2000, ISBN 00-235-48568

In addition, you will also find the following texts useful:

OpenGL Programming Guide, Third Edition: The Official Guide to Learning OpenGL, Version 1.2, by Mason Woo (Editor), OpenGL Architecture Review Board, Jackie Neider, Tom Davis, Dave Shreiner, ISBN 0-201-60458-2, Addison-Wesley.

Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice, Second Edition in C, by James D. Foley, Andries van Dam, Steven K. Feiner, and John F. Hughes ISBN: 0-201-84840-6, Addison-Wesley.

A copy of all of the above books is on reserve in the CS departmental library (AVW 3164).

Prerequisites: MATH 240 (linear algebra) and CMSC 420 (data structures). Good knowledge of C/C++ programming. You should be able to independently design, code, and debug moderately sophisticated programs. You should also feel comfortable about concepts related to vectors (spaces and products) and matrices (inversion, products, transformations).

Grading Grading will be done on the new +/- scale. This will not affect your GPA (i.e. A and A- are both 4.0) but will appear on your transcript.

Assignments	40%
Mid-term Exam	20%
Final Exam	40%

Assignments: All submissions will be due on Tuesdays at the beginning of the class. Checkpoints: Tuesdays 11:00am, Fridays 11:00am. Late submission policy: 20% off for each checkpoint passed, except the first missed checkpoint in the semester is without penalty. Machine failures will not delay due-dates unless there is a massive catastrophe, announced by me as such. Assume that machine failures will happen and that contention for machines will occur. Start early. Grading for all assignments will be done on one of the following platforms: Sun workstations on WAM, Glue, CSD (junkfood) labs, or on a PC in the Microsoft Lab. You can code and debug your assignments on any platform but you should give yourself enough time to recompile and possibly debug/reconcile your programs with one of the above platforms/environments so that they correctly execute on them.

Video Shows: From 10:55am – 11:00am, before each class I plan to show a video illustrating computer graphics. This is cultural: attendance is optional, and you will not be held responsible for knowing what is presented.

Final Exam: Final Exam will be 8:00 – 10:00am on Friday, December 14, 2001.

Academic Conduct: I expect high standards of professional conduct and ethics. All work that you submit in this course must be your own. Please familiarize yourself and strictly follow our university's Code of Academic Integrity available at: <http://www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Departments/JPO/>

Students with Disabilities: If you have a disability for which you require assistance please let me know so that we may make appropriate arrangements.