CIS 636: Introduction to Computer Graphics

Spring 2011

**Hours**: 3 hours; 3 hour extended course project option (CIS 598, 690, 798, 890) available

**Prerequisite**: CIS 300 and knowledge of C/C++ programming. Background in **precalculus (trigonometry and analytic geometry) and basic matrix algebra (Math 551)** recommended. A first course in computer graphics is *not* required for CIS 636, but is recommended for CIS 736.

**Textbook:** Eberly, D. H. (2006). *3D Game Engine Design: A Practical Approach to Real-Time Computer Graphics, 2nd edition.* San Francisco, CA: Morgan Kaufmann. ISBN: 0122290631

**Venue**: MWF 10:30 – 11:20, Room 127 Nichols Hall (Lecture) and Room 128 Nichols Hall (Lab)

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**Office hours:** 12:30 – 13:30 Monday, Friday; 09:00 – 10:00 Wednesday; 09:30 – 10:30 Tuesday; by appointment

**K-State Online (KSOL) page:** <http://bit.ly/hGvXlH>

**Course web page**: <http://www.kddresearch.org/Courses/CIS636/>

**Camtasia lectures**: Linked from course web page (<http://bit.ly/eILaFl>) and KSOL

**Course Description**

This course provides introductory background in computer graphics for graduate and undergraduate students. The first part of the course will cover basic principles of graphics display systems: the modelview transformation, projections, clipping, view normalization, and 3-D graphics data structures. The second part of the course will cover fundamental topics in realistic rendering: shading and illumination, texture and bump mapping, visible surface determination, multipass rendering, computer-generated animation, simple character modeling, and basics of color theory and visualization. The third and final part of the course will survey several current topics of interest, including fractals, ray tracing, particle systems, physically-based modeling, and character modeling.

**Course Requirements**

**Homework**: 8 of 10 programming and written assignments – 5 written, 5 programming (**16**%)

**Paper reviews**: 2 written reviews (1-2 pages) of short (10-15 page) research papers (**4%**)

**Labs and class participation**: attendance (**2**%), in-class discussion (**4**%), peer review (**2**%), labs (**7%**)

**Examinations**: two hour exams (10% each, **20%** total), 1 final exam (**25**%)

**Computer language(s)**: C/C++, C#, and Java (any of these permitted for term programming project); OpenGL, other graphics libraries and packages (e.g., *Ogre3D*, *Maya 9 aka Maya 2011*) to be taught and used

**Project**: term programming project for all students (**20**%); additional term paper or project extension option for graduate students and advanced undergraduates

**References (to be placed on reserve in K-State CIS Library)**

* OpenGL Architecture Review Board, Shreiner, D. & The Khronos OpenGL ARB Working Group (2009). *OpenGL® Programming Guide: The Official Guide to Learning OpenGL®, Versions 3.0 and 3.1, 7th edition.*  Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. ISBN: 0321552628
* Angel, E. (2008). *Interactive Computer Graphics: A Top-Down Approach with OpenGL, 5th edition*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. ISBN: 0321535863 (with *OpenGL: A Primer, 3rd edition*, 2007, ISBN: 0321398114)
* Hearn, D. O. & Baker, M. P. (2003). *Computer Graphics with OpenGL, 3rd edition.* Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall. ISBN: 0130153907.
* Foley, J. D., VanDam, A., Feiner, S. K., & Hughes, J. F. (1991). *Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition in C* *.* Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. ISBN: 0201848406
* Orange Book 3e (ISBN: 0321637631), SuperBible *aka* Blue Book 5e (ISBN: 0321712617), formerly Cyan Book

**Additional bibliography (excerpted in course notes and handouts)**

* Tufte, E. R. (2006). *Beautiful Evidence.* Cheshire, CT: Graphics Press.
* Tufte, E. R. (1997). *Visual Explanations: Images and Quantities, Evidence and Narrative*. Cheshire, CT: Graphics Press.
* Card, S. K., MacKinlay, J. D., & Schneiderman, B. (1999). *Readings in Information Visualization: Using Vision to Think*. San Francisco, CA: Morgan Kaufmann.
* Barnsley, M. F. (1993). *Fractals Everywhere, 2nd Edition*. Burlington, MA: Academic Press.
* Books on Maya and Ogre 3D – to be announced

## **Course Calendar and Syllabus**

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| **Lecture** | **Date** | **Topic** | **Primary Source(s)** |
| 0 | Wed 19 Jan 2011 | Course Overview | Chapter 1, Eberly 2e |
| **1** | **Fri 21 Jan 2011** | **CG Basics: Transformation Matrices; Lab 0** | **Sections (§) 2.1, 2.2** |
| 2 | Mon 24 Jan 2011 | Viewing 1: Overview, Projections | § 2.2.3 – 2.2.4, 2.8 |
| 3 | Wed 26 Jan 2011 | Viewing 2: Viewing Transformation | § 2.3 esp. 2.3.4; FVFH slides |
| 4 | Fri 28 Jan 2011 | Lab 1a: Flash & OpenGL Basics | Chapters 2, 16[[1]](#footnote-1), Angel *Primer*  |
| 5 | Mon 31 Jan 2011 | Viewing 3: Graphics Pipeline | § 2.3 esp. 2.3.7; 2.6, 2.7 |
| 6 | Wed 02 Feb 2011 | Scan Conversion 1: Lines, Midpoint Algorithm | § 2.5.1, 3.1; FVFH slides |
| **7** | **Fri 04 Feb 2011** | **Viewing 4: Clipping & Culling; Lab 1b**  | **§ 2.3.5, 2.4, 3.1.3** |
| 8 | Mon 07 Feb 2011 | Scan Conversion 2: Polygons, Clipping Intro | § 2.4, 2.5 esp. 2.5.4, 3.1.6 |
| 9 | Wed 09 Feb 2011 | Surface Detail 1: Illumination & Shading | § 2.5, 2.6.1 – 2.6.2, 4.3.2, 20.2 |
| **10** | **Fri 11 Feb 2011** | **Lab 2a: Direct3D / DirectX Intro** | **§ 2.7, Direct3D handout** |
| 11 | Mon 14 Feb 2011 | Surface Detail 2: Textures; OpenGL Shading | § 2.6.3, 20.3 – 20.4, *Primer* |
| 12 | Wed 16 Feb 2011 | Surface Detail 3: Mappings; OpenGL Textures | § 20.5 – 20.13 |
| **13** | **Fri 18 Feb 2011** | **Surface Detail 4: Pixel/Vertex Shad.; Lab 2b** | **§ 3.1** |
| 14 | Mon 21 Feb 2011 | Surface Detail 5: Direct3D Shading; OGLSL | § 3.2 – 3.4, Direct3D handout |
| 15 | Wed 23 Feb 2011 | Demos 1: CGA, Fun; Scene Graphs: State | § 4.1 – 4.3, **CGA handout** |
| **16** | **Fri 25 Feb 2011** | **Lab 3a: Shading & Transparency** | **§ 2.6, 20.1, *Primer***  |
| **17** | **Mon 28 Feb 2011** | **Animation 1: Basics, Keyframes; HW/Exam** | **§ 5.1 – 5.2** |
|  | **Wed 02 Mar 2011** | **Exam 1 review; Hour Exam 1 (evening)** | **Chapters 1 – 4, 16, 20** |
| **18** | **Fri 04 Mar 2011** | **Scene Graphs: Rendering; Lab 3b: Shader** | **§ 4.4 – 4.7** |
| **19** | **Mon 07 Mar 2011** | **Demos 2: SFX; Skinning, Morphing** | **§ 5.3 – 5.5, CGA handout** |
| 20 | Wed 09 Mar 2011 | Demos 3: Surfaces; B-reps/Volume Graphics | § 10.4, 12.7, **Mesh handout** |
| **21** | **Fri 11 Mar 2011** | **Lab 4a: Animation Basics** | **Flash animation handout**  |
| 22 | Mon 21 Mar 2011 | Animation 2: Rotations; Dynamics, Kinematics | Chapter 17, esp. §17.1 – 17.2 |
| 23 | Wed 23 Mar 2011 | Demos 4: Modeling & Simulation; Rotations | Chapter 101, 13[[2]](#footnote-2), §17.3 – 17.5 |
| **24** | **Fri 25 Mar 2011** | **Collisions 1: axes, OBBs, Lab 4b**  | **§2.4.3, 8.1, GL handout** |
| 25 | Mon 28 Mar 2011 | Spatial Sorting: Binary Space Partitioning | Chapter 6, esp. §6.1 |
| **26** | **Wed 30 Mar 2011** | **Demos 5: More CGA; Picking; HW/Exam** | **Chapter 72; § 8.4** |
| **27** | **Fri 01 Apr 2011** | **Lab 5a: Interaction Handling**  | **§ 8.3 – 8.4; 4.2, 5.0, 5.6, 9.1** |
| 28 | Mon 04 Apr 2011 | Collisions 2: Dynamic, Particle Systems | § 9.1, particle system handout |
|  | **Wed 06 Apr 2011** | **Exam 2 review; Hour Exam 2 (evening)** | **Chapters 5 – 6, 72 – 8, 12, 17** |
| **29** | **Fri 08 Apr 2011** | **Lab 5b: Particle Systems**  | **Particle system handout** |
| **30** | **Mon 11 Apr 2011** | **Animation 3: Control & IK** | **§ 5.3, CGA handout**  |
| 31 | Wed 13 Apr 2011 | Ray Tracing 1: intersections, ray trees | Chapter 14 |
| 32 | Fri 15 Apr 2011 | Lab 6a: Ray Tracing Basics with POV-Ray | RT handout |
| 33 | Mon 18 Apr 2011 | Ray Tracing 2: advanced topic survey | Chapter 15, **RT handout** |
| 34 | Wed 20 Apr 2011 | Visualization 1: Data (Quantities & Evidence) | Tufte handout (1) |
| **35** | **Fri 22 Apr 2011** | **Lab 6b: More Ray Tracing** | **RT handout** |
| 36 | Mon 25 Apr 2011 | Visualization 2: Objects | Tufte handout (2 & 4) |
| 37 | Wed 27 Apr 2011 | Color Basics; Term Project Prep | **Color handout** |
| 38 | Fri 29 Apr 2011 | Lab 7: Fractals & Terrain Generation | **Fractals/Terrain handout**  |
| **39** | **Mon 02 May 2011** | **Visualization 3: Processes; Final Review 1** | Tufte handout (3) |
| **40** | **Wed 04 May 2011** | **Project presentations 1; Final Review 2** | **–**  |
| 41 | Fri 06 May 2011 | Project presentations 2 | – |
|  |  | **Final Exam 11:50 Tue 11 May 2011** | **Ch. 1 – 8, 10 – 15, 17, 20** |

Lightly-shaded entries denote the due date of a written problem set; heavily-shaded entries, that of a machine problem (programming assignment); blue-shaded entries, that of a paper review; and the green-shaded entry, that of the term project.

**Lab exercises are always due on the day before the next lab.**

**Green**, **blue** and **red** letters denote **exam review**, **exam**, and **exam solution review** dates.

1. Required for CIS 636 students; optional (refresher as needed) for CIS 736 students. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Required only for CIS 736 students. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)