



| COURSE SPECIFICATION | | | |
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| NAME OF COURSE: Advanced Computer Graphics | | COURSE CODE: | |
| STATUS: Optional | LEVEL: M | UNIT VALUE: 8 ECTS | TERMS TAUGHT: 2 nd term |
| Department offering course: Computer Science | Course Co-ordinator: Alan Chalmers, Diego Gutierrez, Jasminka Hasic | Date of course commencement: September 2008. | |
| Degree Programmes in which to be offered: Computer Graphics for the Media Industry | | | |
| Pre-requisites: Entry Requirement | Indicate whether a new course or name of course being replaced: new | Total Contact Hours 40 Lectures: 20 Lab Sessions: 20 | |
| AIMS OF THE COURSE: This optional module provides the students with an understanding of the techniques necessary to produce highly realistic computer imagery. | | | |

| INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theoretical knowledge of the computer algorithms for high fidelity graphics 2. Practical knowledge of high dynamic range imagery 3. Practical knowledge of Radiance light simulation system 4. Theoretical knowledge of computer algorithms for modelling natural phenomena 5. Theoretical knowledge of the human visual system and visual perception |



| LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES TO BE USED: |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lectures to illustrate the concepts 2. Laboratories and example case studies creating HDR images and tone mapping 3. Laboratories and example case studies 4. Lectures to illustrate the concepts 5. Lectures to illustrate the concepts |



| ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (SHOULD LINK EXPLICITLY TO INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES): |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Test on material 10% 2. Practical exercises 30% 3. Practical exercises 40% 4. Test on material 10% 5. Test on material 10% |

| TRANSFERABLE SKILLS AND OTHER ATTRIBUTES |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to design and implement high fidelity graphics 2. Ability to capture high dynamic range images and tone map for display on a low dynamic range display 3. Develop an appreciation for the perceived realism of computer imagery |



| LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES USED: |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lectures and tutorials 2. Individual practical work 3. Lectures, tutorials and practicals |



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lab exercises 2. Practical exercises 3. Practical exercises and written report |

COURSE OUTLINE/SYLLABUS:

- The physical world : colour, the propagation of light, high dynamic range imagery
- Global illumination: computer algorithms for high fidelity graphics, ray-tracing, radiosity, photon mapping
- Rendering in passes
- Simulating advanced natural phenomena: participating media, caustics, mirages
- Visual perception: the human visual system, saliency and task maps, selective rendering

KEY TEXTS AND/OR OTHER LEARNING MATERIALS:

Peter Shirley, Michael Ashikhmin, Michael Gleicher, Stephen R. Marschner, Erik Reinhard, Kelvin Sung, William B. Thompson, Peter Willemsen, "Fundamentals of Computer Graphics", Second Edition, AKPeters, 2005.

Philip Dutré, Kavita Bala, Philippe Bekaert "Advanced Global Illumination, Second Edition", AK Peters, 2006.

Erik Reinhard, Greg Ward, Sumanta Pattanaik, Paul Debevec, "High Dynamic Range Imaging: Acquisition, display and image based lighting", Morgan Kaufman, 2005.

Greg Ward Larson, Rob Shakespeare, "Rendering with Radiance: The Art and Science of Lighting Visualization", Booksurge, 2004.