Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number/Section	CS 6v81 - 501
Course Title	Geometric Modeling and Processing
Term	Fall 2008
Days & Times	MW 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm, ECSS 2.412

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Other Information	It is important to visit the course web page http://www.utdallas.edu/~xguo/CS6v81.htm, and course WebCT frequently to check announcements, assignments, tips, FAQ, links, etc.

Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

Formal prerequisite for this course is Computer Graphics (either undergraduate CS4361 level or graduate CS6366 level). You should have familiarity with basic calculus, linear algebra and geometry, and good working knowledge of graphical programming (such as OpenGL, DirectX, or Java3D).

Course Description

This class is intended to give students both a broader understanding of geometric modeling and processing (through class discussions and homework assignments) and in-depth experience with a particular geometric modeling and processing topic (through a course project). Among the specific topics to be covered are:

- Terminology, coordinate systems, and implicit forms
- Basic differential geometry of curves and surfaces
- Parametric and spline representations of curves and surfaces and their uses
- Subdivision surfaces
- Solid modeling paradigms and operations
- Geometric mesh processing, including mesh simplification, reconstruction, parameterization, editing, deformation, etc.
- Advanced or Application-oriented topics

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

After successful completion of this course, the students will be:

- Comfortable with all of the major terms and concepts in geometric modeling
- Able to apply concepts to specific geometric modeling problems

- Able to implement key parts of certain modeling techniques
- Extremely familiar with at least one topic of current interest related to geometric modeling and processing
- Able to independently read and study current geometric modeling and processing research publications
- Prepared to pursue further research in geometric modeling and processing

Required Textbooks and Materials

Required Texts

Curves and Surfaces for CAGD: A Practical Guide, by Gerald Farin, Morgan Kaufmann, 2001. ISBN: 1558607374.

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates, Exam Dates

Week	Monday	Wednesday
1	8/25: Introduction	8/27: Parametric/Implicit Forms
2	9/1: Labor Day	9/3: Curves and Interpolation
3	9/8: Bernstein Basis and Bezier Curves	9/10: Bernstein Basis and Bezier Curves
4	9/15: Curve Generation	9/17: Rational Representation, Splines
5	9/22: Blossoming and B-Splines	9/24: Blossoming and B-Splines
6	9/29: Differential Geometry I (A1 due)	10/1: Tensor-Product Surfaces
7	10/6: Midterm Presentation	10/8: Midterm Presentation
8	10/13: Bezier Triangles	10/15: Subdivision Curves
9	10/20: Subdivision Surfaces	10/22: Subdivision Surfaces
10	10/27: Differential Geometry II	10/29: Differential Geometry III
11	11/3: Boundary Representation (A2 due)	11/5: Surface Simplification
12	11/10: Implicit Representation	11/12: Free-Form Deformation
13	11/17: Surface Reconstruction	11/19: Smoothing, Denoising
14	11/24: Surface Parameterization	11/26: Shape Matching
15	12/1: Final Project Presentation	12/3: Final Project Presentation

Important: The dates in this schedule may change due to the class level. If the class needs more time and examples to understand a concept I will modify the schedule. If the class is ready to skip a chapter or go faster I will modify the schedule. Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to check what we covered in class and the changes in the schedule announced during class.

Grading Policy

There will be No Midterm Exams and No Final Exams! The final grade will be based on programming assignments, project reports, demos, and presentations. There will be two programming assignments specifically designed to get the students familiar with basic concepts of curves and surfaces. There will be a final course project. Students can work individually or in groups of 2 people, depending on the difficulty and workload of the project. The project can be written in any programming platform utilizing any graphical rendering APIs. A proposal describing the specific goals of the project is required before the midterm of the course. The students are required to present their proposal and preliminary implementation at the midterm check-point. There will be one final demo presentation at the end of the semester. The final grade will be composed of the following three parts:

- Programming Assignments: 30%
  - Assignment 1 (15%): Interactive Curve Editor.
  - Assignment 2 (15%): Subdivision Surfaces.
- Final Project: 60%
  - Project Proposal (10%)
  - Midterm demo with preliminary results (10%)
  - Final demo and presentation (10%)
  - A working system and software codes (30%)
  - Final project report (10%)

Course Policies

Make-up exams

N/A.

Extra Credit

N/A

Late Work

- All assignment needs to be demonstrated to the Instructor during office hours no later than the specified due date**.**

Special Assignments

No special assignments for this course.

Class Attendance

I expect the students to **come to class**, read and study the materials and textbook. Download and print available materials from WebCT prior to coming to class. The class schedule specifies the chapters to read for each topic covered. Primary material of this course will come from the required textbook. In addition, material from recent articles or relevant reference books will be presented. Numerous slides and video clips on graphics will be shown. Students are advised to attend the class and follow the lecture notes closely. It is the **student's responsibility** to check what we covered in class and the announcements during class if he or she did not attend.

Classroom Citizenship

Field Trip Policies / Off-Campus Instruction and Course Activities

No field trip for this course.

Student Conduct & Discipline

The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD publication, *A to Z Guide*, which is provided to all registered students each academic year.

The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the *Rules and Regulations, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, Part 1, Chapter VI, Section 3*, and in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the university's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SU 1.602, 972/883-6391).

A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents' Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

Academic Integrity

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.

Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one's own work or material that is not one's own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university's policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.

Email Use

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts.

Withdrawal from Class

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.

Student Grievance Procedures

Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called "the respondent"). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent's School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean's decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the deal will appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of **F**.

Disability Services

The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:
The University of Texas at Dallas, SU 22
PO Box 830688
Richardson, Texas 75083-0688
(972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)

Essentially, the law requires that colleges and universities make those reasonable adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally an assignment requirement may be substituted (for example,

a research paper versus an oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes enrolled students with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-taking, or mobility assistance.

It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.

Religious Holy Days

The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code, Texas Code Annotated.

The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student, so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.

If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.

Off-Campus Instruction and Course Activities

Off-campus, out-of-state, and foreign instruction and activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be found at the website address given below. Additional information is available from the office of the school dean. (http://www.utdallas.edu/Business Affairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm)

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.