CMPT 361 - D100 Introduction to Computer Graphics

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Calendar Objective/Description:
This course provides an introduction to the fundamentals of computer graphics. Topics include graphics display and interaction hardware, basic algorithms for 2D primitives, anti-aliasing, 2D and 3D geometrical transformations, 3D projections/viewing, Polygonal and hierarchical models, hidden-surface removal, basic rendering techniques (color, shading, raytracing, radiosity), and interaction techniques.

Instructor's Objectives:
Computer graphics provides the tools to model 2D, 3D, or higher dimensional data and processes, to generate photo-realistic (or at least believable) or artistic rendering of the models, to interact with them through graphical user interfaces, and to create visualizations and animations for communication, education and entertainment. This course offers an introduction to the modeling and rendering aspects of computer graphics. The mathematical concepts and techniques behind the development of various computer graphics algorithms will be covered. You will also learn to implement some of these algorithms through programming assignments.

Prerequisites:
CMPT 225 and MATH 232 or 240.

Topics:
- Basic raster graphics algorithms for drawing 2D primitives
- 2D and 3D geometrical transformations, 3D projections/viewing
- Hidden-surface removal and visibility (ray tracing, radiosity, z-buffers)
- Basic rendering (color, lighting and shading, texture mapping)
- Curves and surfaces; polygonal meshes and subdivision
- Anti-aliasing; sampling and reconstruction

Grading:
To be announced the first week of classes
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

Required Books:

Academic Honesty Statement:
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