Introduction to Multimedia Systems Fall 2006 -- CS325/FILM385AB

Lectures: CL232, MWF, 13:30-14:20

September 6 to December 4, inclusive

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Labs: CL 135 (Undergraduate Digital Media Lab), beginning week

of September 11.

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Final Exam: Wednesday, December 13, 14:00-17:00

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http://www.uregina.ca/webct/ (WebCT)

Calendar description:

Multimedia is the use of computers to integrate text, graphics, video, animation, and sound in an interactive experience. The course will introduce students to the different technologies associated with the elements of multimedia. Students will gain an appreciation of the strengths of each multimedia element and be able to combine these elements into a finished work.

Textbook:

Digital Multimedia by Nigel Chapman and Jenny Chapman, Second Edition, John Wiley and Sons, March 2004, ISBN: 0-470-85890-7

Policies:

Attendance and participation in all aspects of the course are encouraged. Your attendance will indicate your agreement to be involved and to encourage the involvement of everyone in the class.

Most of the work in this course will be done in groups, where collaboration is essential. Groups will be assigned at random. There is no need to plagiarize: make sure to acknowledge the source of all material that is not your own. Individual assignments and exams must be done individually, and cheating will be subject to disciplinary action.

Communication between instructors and students is essential to ensure a rewarding and enjoyable experience from this course. Please take the time to give feedback, anonymous or otherwise, about this course as it progresses.

Evaluation:

Group work (project): 35%
Individual work (critiques): 10%
Lab work: 20%
Weekly questions: 10%
Final: 20%
Participation: 5%

Research credit: 1 - 2% bonus for participating in departmental

research

You must pass the final exam to pass the course.

Late assignments will be accepted, but with a penalty of 20% per day. Even if your group is too late to receive a mark for an assignment, the work must be submitted in order to receive grades for the following portions. This same is true for individual work required from group members. Groups will have an in-class presentation during the semester and another at the end of the semester. Because all group members will receive the same grade for each group assignment, group members will have the opportunity to rate the participation and contribution of the others and so contribute to a weighting (between 0.5 and 1.0) that is applied to each member's mark. For example, if the group receives 90% for an assignment and the weightings for each group member, as determined by the group, are 1.0, 0.8, 0.7, 0.9, those members will receive 90, 72, 63, and 81 respectively for that assignment.

Individual work will involve the critique of the work of other groups' work (on assignments 2 and 3). Your comments are to written and shared with that group and with the instructor (for grading). Grades will be awarded for effort and thoroughness.

Each lab session will have something to be done in-lab, for which you will receive a grade (out of 1.5 per lab).

There is no midterm exam this term, rather a series of (almost) weekly questions to be submitted before the following lecture.

A small percentage of your final mark is allocated to participation in the course, which will be assessed in part by you and your group members and by your course

and lab instructors. Ours is a small class, so please feel welcome to share your thoughts in person and online.

Notes:

- November 15, 2006 is the last day to drop a course with a grade of W (Withdrawal). After this date a failing grade of NP (No Paper) will be assigned for dropped courses.
- Please familiarize yourself with the University of Regina's rules regarding cheating and plagiarism in the General Calendar.
- You are required to adhere to the University of Regina's Racial and Sexual Harassment policies found in the University's General Calendar.
- If you, because of disability, may have a need for accommodations, please come and discuss this with your professor, as well as contacting the Coordinator of Special Needs at 585-4631.