1. **Course:** CPSC 587, Fundamentals of Computer Animation - Winter 2024

Lecture 01: TR 14:00 - 15:15 in SS 010

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<td>Dr Adam Runions</td>
<td><a href="mailto:arunions@ucalgary.ca">arunions@ucalgary.ca</a></td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>MS 634</td>
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To account for any necessary transition to remote learning for the current semester, courses with in-person lectures, labs, or tutorials may be shifted to remote delivery for a certain period of time. In addition, adjustments may be made to the modality and format of assessments and deadlines, as well as to other course components and/ or requirements, so that all coursework tasks are in line with the necessary and evolving health precautions for all involved (students and staff).

**In Person Delivery Details:**

Lectures are blended (delivered both in person and online) and will be delivered TR 14:00-15:15. Students are expected to attend lectures (either in person or online). Labs will be conducted in person, students are expected to attend labs.

**Online Delivery Details:**

This course is being offered online in real-time via scheduled meeting times, you are required to be online at the same time.

To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share the Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published without the instructor’s permission.

Lectures and materials relevant to exams and assignments will be made available via D2L. Students are expected to review the assigned required materials each week.

**Course Site:**

D2L: CPSC 587 L01-(Winter 2021)-Fundamentals of Computer Animation

**Note:** Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

**Equity Diversity & Inclusion:**

The University of Calgary is committed to creating an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus, and condemns harm and discrimination of any form. We value all persons regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, age, LGBTQIA2S+ identity and expression, disability, religion, spirituality, and socioeconomic status. The Faculty of Science strives to extend these values in every aspect of our courses, research, and teachings to better promote academic excellence and foster belonging for all.

2. **Requisites:**

See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

**Prerequisite(s):**

Computer Science 453.

**Antirequisite(s):**

Credit for Computer Science 587 and 687 will not be allowed.

3. **Grading:**

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:
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<th>Course Component</th>
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<td>Assignments 5 (best 4 out of 5)</td>
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<td>Midterm</td>
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<td>Mar 02 2024 at 02:00 pm (70 Minutes)</td>
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Assignments are equally weighted. Tentative due-dates for the 5 assignments are 1) Feb. 6, 2) Feb. 29, 3) Mar. 5, 4) Mar. 22 and 5) April 8.

Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

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This course will have a Registrar Scheduled Final exam that will be delivered in-person and on campus. The Final Examination Schedule will be published by the Registrar's Office approximately one month after the start of the term. The final exam for this course will be designed to be completed within 2 hours.

The University of Calgary offers a flexible grade option, Credit Granted (CG) to support student's breadth of learning and student wellness. Faculty units may have additional requirements or restrictions for the use of the CG grade at the faculty, degree or program level. To see the full list of Faculty of Science courses where CG is not eligible, please visit the following website: https://science.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate/program-advising/flexible-grading-option-cg-grade

4. Missed Components Of Term Work:

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online or in-person assessment on time (e.g. due to illness, domestic affliction, etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date, or possible exemption and reweighing of components. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be accommodated. Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation (Section M.1) for an excused absence, See FAQ.

If an excused absence is approved, options for how the missed assessment is dealt with is at the discretion of the coordinator or course instructor. Some options such as an exemption and pro-rating among the components of the course may not be a viable option based on the design of this course.

5. Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:

There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. Course Materials:

There is no required textbook for the course. Course readings will come from a variety of sources which will be made available to students via D2L.

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection.

For more information please refer to the UofC ELearning online website.

7. Examination Policy:

The midterm and take home final are open-book and open-notes, but must be the student's own work: no collaboration or discussion of exam questions is permitted.

Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations.
8. Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:

There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

9. Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section E.2 of the University Calendar.

10. Human Studies Statement:

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

11. Reappraisal Of Grades:

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

   a. Term Work: The student should present their rationale a effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within ten business days of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections I.1 and I.2 of the University Calendar.

   b. Final Exam: The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

12. Other Important Information For Students:

   a. Mental Health: The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, Mental Health Services Website) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (Mental Health).

   b. SU Wellness Services: For more information, see their website or call 403-210-9355.

   c. Sexual Violence: The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at 403-220-2208. The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed here.

   d. Student Ombuds Office: A safe place for all students of the University of Calgary to discuss student related issues, interpersonal conflict, academic and non-academic concerns, and many other problems.

   e. Student Union Information: SU contact. Email your SU Science Reps: science1@su.ucalgary.ca, science2@su.ucalgary.ca, science3@su.ucalgary.ca.

   f. Academic Accommodation Policy:

   It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf.

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, by filling out the Request for Academic Accommodation Form, and sending it to by email preferably 10 business days before the due date of an assessment or scheduled absence.

   g. Misconduct: Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values
of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional Code of Conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary’s reputation of excellence. Some examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to: posting course material to online platforms or file sharing without the course instructor’s consent; submitting or presenting work as if it were the student’s own work; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor’s permission; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor’s approval; falsification/fabrication of experimental values in a report. Please read the following to inform yourself more on academic integrity:

Student Handbook on Academic Integrity
Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure
Faculty of Science Academic Misconduct Process
Research Integrity Policy

Additional information is available on the Student Success Centre Academic Integrity page

h. Copyright of Course Materials: All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or non-academic misconduct, in addition to any other remedies available at law.

i. Freedom of Information and Privacy: This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see Legal Services website.

j. Surveys: At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

Course Outcomes:

- By the end of the course, the students should be able to: list and apply to computer animation the key concepts of classical animation
- Create a short animation using an industry-class software (e.g. Maya or blender)
- Describe and distinguish between the key computer animation paradigms, including key-frame animation, physically-based animation, and behavioral animation
- Furthermore they should understand and be able to describe, explain and implement in software: key mathematical concepts related to the description of motion of objects in space, including quaternions for the description of rotations, and explicit and semi-implicit methods for solving systems of differential equations
- Key mathematical concepts related to the animation of articulated objects, including forward and backward kinematics, and animation of walking including synthetic and motion capture techniques
- The fundamental mathematical and physical concepts related to physically-based animation, including Newton's equations of motion of single particles, mass-spring-systems, elastic and non-elastic collisions, position-based dynamics, and smoothed-particle hydrodynamics
- Selected methods of behavioral and crowd animation.