An Introduction to CS 457/557

“Don't wake me for the end of the world unless it has very good special effects.” – Roger Zelazny

"Computer Graphics is the world's #1 enabling technology." -- Mike Bailey

"What will matter is what you learned and how you used it." -- poster outside my office

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Welcome! I'm happy to be here. I hope you are too!
Course Topics

1. GLSL Vertex shaders
2. GLSL Fragment shaders
3. GLSL Geometry shaders
4. GLSL Tessellation shaders
5. GLSL Compute shaders
6. A more advanced look at the graphics pipeline
7. Homogeneous coordinates
8. The OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL)
9. The GLSL API
10. A more advanced look at transformations, including non-linear
11. Mixing and Morphing
12. Lighting
13. Bump-mapping
14. Cube-mapping
15. GLM
16. Shadows
17. Positional and gradient noise
18. Fractional Brownian Motion (FBM, 1/f, octave) noise
19. Spectral effects
20. Lenses
21. Using shaders in visualization
22. Vulkan GLSL shaders

Grading: Points and Cutoffs

- 10 Quizzes @ 10 points each
- 2 Tests @ 100 points each
- 8 Projects, worth a total of 720 points
- CS 557ers will also do a 100-point Paper Review Project (457ers get a free 100 points for that assignment)

Total Points = 1120

Grade cutoffs will be no higher than:

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Quizzes

- Quizzes will go live every Friday at 12:01 AM Pacific Time.
- Quizzes are due at 23:59 Pacific Time Sunday evening.
- *Part of what is being quizzed is the time management skills necessary to remember to take the quizzes. Thus, if you forget to take the quiz, there is no make-up.*
- *I really recommend that you take the quiz before the end of Friday!*

More Information, I:

Link to the Code of Student Conduct:  https://beav.es/codeofconduct

Student Bill of Rights
OSU has twelve established student rights. They include due process in all university disciplinary processes, an equal opportunity to learn, and grading in accordance with the course syllabus. See: https://asosu.oregonstate.edu/advocacy/rights
More Information, II:

Students With Disabilities
Accommodations for students with disabilities are determined and approved by Disability Access Services (DAS). If you, as a student, believe you are eligible for accommodations but have not obtained approval please contact DAS immediately at 541-737-4098 or at http://ds.oregonstate.edu. DAS notifies students and faculty members of approved academic accommodations and coordinates implementation of those accommodations. While not required, students and faculty members are encouraged to discuss details of the implementation of individual accommodations.

Religious Holidays
Oregon State University strives to respect all religious practices. If you have religious holidays that are in conflict with any of the requirements of this class, please see me immediately so that we can make alternative arrangements.

More Information, III:

Life Events
As (John Lennon? Allen Saunders?) has said: "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans". I care about you as a person. When life happens to you, send me an email and come see me. I might be able to help, I might not. But I surely can listen. You are not alone.

Reach Out for Success
University students encounter setbacks from time to time. If you encounter difficulties and need assistance, it's important to reach out. Consider discussing the situation with me or an academic advisor. Learn about resources that assist with wellness and academic success at http://oregonstate.edu/ReachOut. If you are in immediate crisis, please contact the Crisis Text Line by texting OREGON to 741-741 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
Basic Needs
Success at OSU means knowing and using your resources. One helpful resource is the community of staff available at the Basic Needs Center (BNC) for support (http://bnc@oregonstate.edu, 541-737-3747). Students can drop in during open hours and talk with a BNC student leader for resources, ideas and strategies connected to basic needs challenges. The BNC is often known for its food pantry but there are other resources connected to groceries and affording food and staff who can help you work through housing stressors.

Undergraduate students, living in Oregon, are especially encouraged to explore SNAP as a resource. Domestic undergraduate students living in Oregon are likely to be eligible for SNAP. BNC staff are skilled with helping students navigate this process.

Additionally, the BNC Textbook Lending Program offers students the opportunity to check out required textbooks for the academic term.

Furthermore, if you are comfortable doing so, please talk with Professor Bailey. He will do everything he can to help you.