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

-- Mike Bailey

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. Lighting
12. Bump-mapping
13. Cube-mapping
14. GLM
15. Shadows
16. Positional and gradient noise
17. Fractional Brownian Motion (FBM, 1/f, octave) noise
18. Spectral effects
19. Using shaders in visualization
20. GLSL shaders
21. GLSL shaders

Grading: Points and Cutoffs

• 10 Quizzes @ 10 points each
• 2 Tests @ 100 points each
• 8 Projects, worth a total of 720 points

Grade cutoffs will be no higher than:

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Quizzes

• Quizzes will go live every Friday afternoon at 12:01 Pacific Time.
• Quizzes are due at 23:59 Pacific Time Sunday evening.
• Part of what is being quizzed is the time management skills 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/codedofconduct

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
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.

Life Events
As John Lennon or 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 (6255).

Basic Needs
Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, is urged to contact the Human Services Resource Center (HSRC) for support: hsrc@oregonstate.edu, 541-737-3747. The HSRC has a food pantry, a textbook lending program, and other resources to help. Furthermore, if you are comfortable doing so, please talk with me. I will do everything I can to help you.