ELEC 536 – Computer Vision

Term - SPRING 2015 (201501)

Instructor
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Office Hours
Days: Tue, Wed
Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: ECS 324

Lectures
A-Section(s): CRN 21127
Days: TWF
Time: 9:30-10:20
Location: ECS 108

Required Text
Title: Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications
Author: Richard Szeliski
Publisher: Springer
Year: 2010
Note: A free electronic version of the book can be downloaded from http://szeliski.org/Book

References: to be posted on CourseSpaces.

Assessment:
Assignments: 30%
Class participation: 5%
Project: 35%
Mid-terms (2): 30%  Dates (tentative): February 20, March 27

Due Dates for Assignments: There will be five programming assignments and one essay worth 5% each. The content and due dates for each assignment will be posted on the course site. Late submissions will not be accepted.
The final grade obtained from the above marking scheme will be based on the following percentage-to-grade point conversion:

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*Assignment of E grade will be at the discretion of the Course Instructor.

The rules for supplemental examinations are found on page 80 of the current 2014/15 Undergraduate Calendar.

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<th>Term in which E Grade Was Obtained</th>
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<td>First term of Winter Session (Sept – Dec)</td>
<td>February 28 in the following term</td>
<td>First week of following May</td>
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<td>Second term of Winter Session (Jan – Apr)</td>
<td>June 30 in the following term</td>
<td>First week of following September</td>
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<td>Summer Session (May – Aug)</td>
<td>October 31 in the following term</td>
<td>First week of following January</td>
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Deferred exams will normally be written at the start of the student’s next academic term; i.e., approximately 4 months following the deferral of the exam.
Course Description

1. Course Objective: to provide students with the basic skills needed to analyze, formalize, and solve Computer Vision problems.

2. Learning Outcomes
   Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:
   - understand basic concepts, mathematical tools, and algorithms for manipulation of digital images
   - implement an algorithm to solve a specific computer vision problem
   - evaluate the performance of the algorithm using quantitative evaluation methods
   - assess the social/economical/cultural impact of novel computer vision technologies

3. Syllabus
   Overview of the main concepts and methods in computer vision; geometry and physics of imaging, as related to image formation and representation; image preprocessing for feature extraction; image segmentation; binary shape analysis; texture analysis; motion analysis; feature selection and pattern recognition; in-class and on-line discussions on the social, economical, and cultural impact of various modern computer vision technologies.

Note to Students:
Students who have issues with the conduct of the course should discuss them with the instructor first. If these discussions do not resolve the issue, then students should feel free to contact the ECE Chair by email or the ECE Chair's Secretary eceasst@uvic.ca to set up an appointment.

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