

# COURSE DATA

Data Subject			
Code	36478		
Name	Graphics cards programming		
Cycle	Grade		
ECTS Credits	6.0	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	
Academic year	2022 - 2023		
Study (s)			
Degree		Center	Acad. Period year
1407 - Degree in M	ultimedia Engineering	School of Engineering	4 Second term
Subject-matter			
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1407 - Degree in Multimedia Engineering		19 - Optatividad	Optional

## SUMMARY

The course "Programming on Graphics Cards" is a core course of the fourth year of the Multimedia Engineering Degree. The course workload is 6 ECTS and it is given in the first four-month period of the second year.

This course is a continuation of the subjects "Computer Graphics" and "Advanced Graphics and Sound", which will delve into the programming graphics cards to generate real-time graphics. Likewise, students will also learn how to program such cards for general purposes.

# PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

#### Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

#### **Other requirements**

Have completed and passed the subjects "Fundamentals of Computer Graphics" and "Computer Graphics"



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# OUTCOMES

#### 1407 - Degree in Multimedia Engineering

- G2 Have the learning skills needed to undertake further studies or to gain further training with a certain degree of autonomy. (RD1393/2007)
- MM2 Be able to understand and manage the different technologies involved in multimedia systems, both from the point of view of hardware and electronics and of software.
- MM9 Program correctly in the different specific languages of multimedia systems taking into account time and cost restrictions.
- MM28 Be able to solve problems with initiative, decision-making and creativity and to communicate and transmit the knowledge, abilities and skills of a multimedia engineer.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning goals of the course:

To Know the internal architecture of the graphic hardware.

Build small programs that use the graphic hardware to perform sophisticated visual effects.

Use the parallel programming and the graphic hardware for General-Purpose Computing.

It is also pretended in this course to further develop the following skills:

Logical reasoning.

Analysis and synthesis.



Oral and written communication skills.

Personal work capacity.

Teamwork and group leadership skills.

# **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS**

#### **1. Introduction**

Review of OpenGL Basics Historical evolution of the graphics cards architecture

### 2. Shader Programming Model

Motivation Programmable Pipeline High-level shading languages GLSL API

### 3. Programming advanced lighting effects

Reflection and refraction Local lighting models Shadows

## 4. Efficient methods for real-time

Tessellation shaders Geometric shaders Compute shaders: Programming the graphics card for general purpose



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## WORKLOAD

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theory classes	30,00	100
Laboratory practices	20,00	100
Classroom practices	10,00	100
TOTAL	60,00	

## **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

#### Theoretical activities.

Description: The lectures will present the course contents providing a global vision, a detailed analysis of the key concepts and encouraging the student participation. The workload of this section for the students is 20% of the total of the course.

### Practical activities.

Description: The practical activities complement the theoretical classes and allow the students to put into practice the contents and improve the understanding of the course concepts. They include the following types of classroom activities:

- Solving problems in class.
- Regular discussion of exercises and problems that the students have previously tried to work out.
- Laboratory sessions.
- Support tutorial sessions (individualized or in group).



• Individual evaluation of questionnaires to be done in class with the help of professors.

The workload of this section for the students is 30% of the total of the course.

#### Personal work.

Description: It is the work that the student must carry out individually out of the classroom timetable. It tries to promote the autonomous work habit. Activities in this group are: monographs, guided literature search, exercises and problems as well as preparation of classes and exams. The workload of this section for the students is 50% of the total of the course.

During the course the e-learning (pizarra virtual) platform of the University of Valencia will be used to support the teaching activities. This platform allows the access to the course materials used in the classes as well as additional documents, solved problems and exercises.

## **EVALUATION**

The breakdown of the course assessment is the following:

(C) Continuous assessment. It is based on participation and the degree of involvement in the teachinglearning process. In this section it will be taken into account the attendance to classroom activities and the resolution of exercises and problems. The weight of this part will be 10% of the final mark. They are not recoverable in 2nd examination session.

(P) Laboratory activities assessment. The marks of this part will take into account the achievement of objectives in the laboratory sessions. These activities will be carried out individually and/or in-group and its weight is 45% of the final mark. They are not recoverable in 2nd examination session.

(T) Final Work, consisting of programming a final project and presentation of the work done

The final mark of the course in the first examination session will be calculated as follows:

#### M=0,2\*C+0,4\*T+0,4\* P



Part (C) and (D) will be replaced in the 2° examination session by an exam, and the final mark of the course in the second examination session will be calculated as follows:

### M = 0, 5\*T + 0, 5\*E

In any case, the evaluation of this subject will be done in compliance with the University Regulations in this regard, approved by the Governing Council on 30th May 2017 (ACGUV 108/2017)

## REFERENCES

#### Basic

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