

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH SEMINAR

COURSE NUMBER: DIG4905	INSTRUCTOR: ANGELOS BARMPOUTIS, PHD
SEMESTER/YEAR: SPRING 2018	OFFICE LOCATION/HOURS: NRG M & W 3 RD PERIOD
SECTION: 07E3, 0795, 07FF	CONTACT EMAIL: ANGELOS@DIGITALWORLDS.UFL.EDU
CLASS LOCATION: NRG 0120	CONTACT PHONE: (352) 294-2000
CLASS MEETING TIME(S): T Period 4 & R Periods 4-5	COURSE WEBSITE: digitalworlds.ufl.edu/programs/Ma-in-das/
Credit Hours: 3.0	

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Interdisciplinary Research Seminar provides diverse hands-on research projects and interactive experiences that take full advantage of emergent Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality (AR/VR) technologies. Students will investigate a variety of research applications, including augmented reality environments for healthcare, experiential learning, digital heritage and art preservation, entertainment applications. The course will also cover in-depth several AR/VR-related technologies, such as 3D scanning, sensors for natural user interaction and body tracking, devices for haptic feedback, 360 degree image acquisition and real-time augmentation, and their use in wearable and mobile devices such as head-mounted displays for AR/VR.

PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

None

PURPOSE OF COURSE

During this course the students will be exposed to several funded research projects at the University of Florida in various areas of research computing, including data visualization, medical applications, natural human-computer interaction, digital humanities, automobile safety and others. The students will design their own virtual environments, they will work on processing and visualizing various forms of data, they will learn how to digitize real objects using state-of-the-art 3D scanning tools, they will collect motion data from various human-computer interaction devices (such as Microsoft’s Kinect, and Haptic mouse) and use the acquired data in their individual as well as group research projects. As part of their final project the students will have to write a research paper using the standard guidelines and structure followed by popular research computing societies.

COURSE GOALS AND/OR OBJECTIVES: *By the end of this course, students will be able to:*

1. Form a research hypothesis.
2. Design a data collection study.
3. Write and IRB protocol.
4. Collect data and analyze them in the form of a research paper.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

This schedule is only a guide and is subject to change. Unless otherwise indicated, assignments and readings are due the day they are listed on the syllabus, not the following day.

FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HELD IN CLASS ON APRIL 23 & APRIL 25.

Week	Topic	Assignments
1	Introduction to Research protocols and forming hypothesis	
2	Virtual Environments as research tools	
3	Digital Imaging Technologies: From 2D to 3D	
4	3D Scanning Techniques	
5	Visualizing multi-dimensional spaces	
6	Interacting in 3 dimensions, Natural User Interfaces	
7	Simulating Real Dynamic Environments	
8	Haptic-Devices for Simulation and Interaction	
9	Human-Computer Interaction for Computed Assisted Surgery	
10	Individual Project Presentations	Individual Projects due
11	Data Collection and Quantitative Analysis	
12	Application: Virtual Environments for Rehabilitation	
13	Application: Digital Epigraphy and Archaeology	
14	Application: Smart Sensors for Connected Vehicles	
15	Group Project Presentations	Final Paper and Group Project due

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND SOFTWARE:

The instructor will provide you with several articles as well as useful on-line tutorials and resources.

Books

Sherman, W.R., Craig, A.B. (2003) *Understanding Virtual Reality*. Morgan Kaufmann

Bowman, D.A., Kruijff, E., Laviola, J.J., Poupyrev, I. (2005) *3D User Interfaces: Theory and Practice*. Addison-Wesley

Earnshaw, R.A., Vince J. (1995) *Computer Graphics: Developments in Virtual Environments*. Academic Press

Begault, D. R. (1994) *3D Sound for virtual reality and multimedia*. Academic Press, London

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Durlach, N.I., Mavor, A.S. (1995) *Virtual reality: scientific and technological challenges*. National Academy Press

Stuart, R. (2001) *The Design of Virtual Environments*. Barricade Books

Articles

Blackwell, M., Morgan, F., DiGioia, A. M. (1998) *Augmented reality and its future in orthopaedics*. *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research* 354, S. 111-122

Bakker, N. H., Werkhoven, P. J., Passenier, P. O. (1999) *The effects of proprioceptive and visual feedback on geographical orientation in virtual environments*. *Presence: Teleoperators and Virtual Environments* 8, S. 36-53.

Dawson, S. L., Kaufman, J. A. (1998) *The imperative for medical simulation*. *Proceedings of the IEEE* 86, S. 479-483.

Glantz, K., Durlach, N. I., Barnett, R. C., Walter, A. A. (1997) *Virtual reality (VR) and psychotherapy: opportunities and challenges*. *Presence: Teleoperators and Virtual Environments* 6, S. 87-105.

Padmos, P., Milders, M. V. (1992) *Quality criteria for simulator images: A literature review*. *Human Factors* 36, S. 727-748.

Tang, S. L., Kwoh, C.K., Teo, M. Y., Sing, N. W., Ling, K. V. (1998) *Augmented reality systems for medical applications*. *IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Magazine* 17, S. 49-58.

COURSE FEES:

Course fees are assessed for certain courses to offset the cost of materials or supply items consumed in the course of instruction. A list of [approved courses and fees](#) is published in the Schedule of Courses each semester. (UF-3.0374 Regulations of the University of Florida).

Material and supply and equipment use fee information is available from the academic departments or from the schedule of courses (Florida Statutes 1009.24). The total course fee for this class is \$0.00

The total course fee for each course is listed on the UF Schedule of Courses.

[\(https://registrar.ufl.edu/soc/\)](https://registrar.ufl.edu/soc/).

EVALUATION OF GRADES

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Grade
Weekly Homework projects: The students will receive homework assignments related to the material covered classe. The students will have 1 week to work on each	30	30%

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homework assignment. The assignments will be submitted through the course's learning management system.		
Individual Project –It is expected that in this assignment, students manifest their knowledge on forming a hypothesis and designing a research study.	25	25%
Participation – Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions, both in class as well as online by writing peer reviews.	10	10%
Group Project / Final Paper – Final Project is the final result of the semester long effort in learning. It is expected that in this final assignment, students manifest their knowledge on the matter, and successfully deploy this knowledge in the practical format of a group project.	35	35%

GRADING SCALE:

Letter Grade	% Equivalency	GPA Equivalency
A	94 – 100%	4.0
A-	90 – 93%	3.67
B+	87 – 89%	3.33
B	84 – 86%	3.00
B-	80 – 83%	2.67
C+	77 – 79%	2.33
C	74 – 76%	2.00
C-	70 – 73%	1.67
D+	67 – 69%	1.33
D	64 – 66%	1.00
D-	60 – 63%	.67
E, I, NG, S- U, WF		0.00

More information on grades and grading policies is here:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

COURSE POLICIES:

PARTICIPATION / ATTENDANCE

In our course, attendance for On-Campus and RT On-Line students is mandatory. Students are allowed **three unexcused absences**. If you miss more than **three classes** during the semester, each additional absence will lower your overall grade by **100 points**. If you miss more than **six classes**, you will fail the course. Exempt from this policy are only those absences involving university-sponsored events, such as

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athletics and band, and religious holidays, family emergencies, and health issues for which **you must provide appropriate documentation in advance of the absence.**

Additionally, tardiness will not be tolerated. If you are tardy for three class periods, you will receive an unexcused absence.

YOT On-Line students will be expected to stay in sync with the rest of the class, and to achieve their participation portion by recording/writing their responses to course material in advance of each lecture at least once a week.

MAKE-UP POLICY

Unless discussed at least 72 hours in advance of the deadline, late assignments will not be accepted. Excluded from this policy are any assignments missed due to medical emergencies.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

COURSE TECHNOLOGY

The students will be required to have access to, and use a personal computer with the access to the Internet. Word editing software will be required for written assignments.

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS

Students can communicate directly with the Instructor regarding the course material through the course management system (CANVAS). Electronic communication must demonstrate a formal tone and style and, unless absolutely urgent, will be responded to M-F from 9 AM to 5 PM.

VIDEO LECTURE CAPTURE

High-quality video lecture capture of this course is available only for enrolled students. These video captures are edited and posted within 24-48 hours of the class meeting for the benefit of the Your Own Time [YOT] students and to offer the potential for review by on-campus and Real Time [RT] online students. For the on-campus and RT students, watching lectures in lieu of attending and participating in class is NOT acceptable.

Your Instructor will provide you with this semester's login information during the first week of class. It is not permissible to share or distribute video login information to anyone other than officially enrolled students of this course. Lecture videos can be found at <https://vimeo.com/digitalworlds>.

UF POLICIES:

UNIVERSITY HONESTY POLICY

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UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge that states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The [Honor Code](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a violation of the UF honor code. A student shall not represent as the student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- “1. Quoting oral or written materials including but not limited to those found on the internet, whether published or unpublished, without proper attribution.
2. Submitting a document or assignment which in whole or in part is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment not authored by the student.”

Students shall not use unauthorized materials or resources in an academic activity. Unauthorized materials or resources includes any paper or project authored by the student (or another student) “and presented by the student for the satisfaction of any academic requirement if the student previously submitted substantially the same paper or project to satisfy an academic requirement and did not receive express authorization to resubmit the paper or project.”

CLASS DEMEANOR

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of the classroom. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

STUDENTS REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the [Disability Resource Center](#) (352-392-8565) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

NETIQUETTE COMMUNICATION COURTESY

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats, more information can be found at: <http://teach.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf>

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing [online evaluations](#). Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at [evaluation results](#).

CAMPUS RESOURCES

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

U Matter, We Care

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392- 1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.

<http://www.crc.ufl.edu/>

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

<http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

<http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>

Student Complaints Campus:

https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf

On-Line Students Complaints:

<http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>

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Disclaimer: This syllabus represents the instructor's current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunity. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.