

# CSE 6367 - Computer Vision - Spring 2012 - Syllabus

**Course web page:** [http://vlml.uta.edu/~athitsos/courses/cse6367\\_spring2012](http://vlml.uta.edu/~athitsos/courses/cse6367_spring2012)

**Lecture times:** Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30pm-4:50pm

**Classroom:** PH 306

## **Optional Textbooks:**

- Linda G. Shapiro and George C. Stockman, "Computer Vision", first edition (paperback), Prentice Hall, 2001.  
An easier read, more accessible to computer vision novices.
- David A. Forsyth and Jean Ponce, "Computer Vision: A Modern Approach", first edition, Prentice Hall, 2002.  
A more math-heavy reference, provides good theoretical coverage of several topics.

The course will not follow either textbook. There will not be a close correspondence between class lectures and textbook chapters, and thus these textbooks are entirely optional. Students are expected to heavily refer to class lectures and online class slides.

## **Instructor:**

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# Course Description

## **Contents and Objectives:**

This course introduces students to basic concepts and techniques in computer vision. Students successfully completing this course will be able to apply a variety of computer techniques for the design of efficient algorithms for real-world applications, such as optical character recognition, face detection and recognition, motion estimation, human tracking, and gesture recognition. The topics covered include image filters, edge detection, feature extraction, object detection, object recognition, tracking, gesture recognition, image formation and camera models, and stereo vision. The course will be graded based on programming assignments, and a final programming project.

## Prerequisites:

A strong programming background is assumed, as well as familiarity with linear algebra (vector and matrix operations), and knowledge of basic probability theory and statistics. Matlab will be the primary programming language/environment used in the programming assignments. All students are expected to have passed *Artificial Intelligence 1* (CSE 5360), or *Data Modeling and Analysis* (CSE 5301), or an equivalent, before attending this course.

## Getting Access to Matlab:

**Matlab software** is available for purchase at the [UTA Bookstore](#). Make sure to ask for it on the SECOND floor, as they may be out of stock on the first floor (each floor has its own stock). You should purchase the student version of Matlab. It costs \$100, and it has all the necessary packages needed for this course. If you have any problems purchasing Matlab from the bookstore, let the instructor know immediately by e-mail.

An alternative to purchasing your own copy of Matlab is to use the computer lab at NH 231. All computers in that lab have the student version of Matlab, and all packages required for this course. That lab is open to all UTA students (use your UTA Net ID to log in), and has the following hours:

Monday -Friday	8:00 am-12:00 am
Saturday	9:00am-12:00am
Sunday	12:00pm-12:00am

## Additional Course Materials:

Students should ensure they have access to Matlab, including Matlab's image processing toolbox, as described above. Additional course materials, such as lecture notes and assignments, will be available electronically on the course web page. Changes and corrections, if any, will also be announced by e-mail to the course mailing list.

## Assignments and Project:

There will be weekly programming assignments. Solutions must be submitted via the Blackboard online system. These programming assignments will constitute 65% of the course grade.

There will also be a final programming project, that will constitute 35% of the grade (25% for programming, 10% for the project presentation). The final programming project will be due on Sunday, April 29, at 11:55pm. The instructor will provide a project topic, but students will also have the option (if they obtain the instructor's approval) to choose their own topic. For students who want to choose their own topic, project topics and progress timelines must be chosen by Monday, April 9. Students who have not obtained the instructor's approval for a different project by April 9 will do the project suggested by the instructor. The project presentations will take place during class time on Tuesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 3.

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# Grading

Programming Assignments	65%
Project, Programming Part	25 %
Oral Presentation of Project	10 %

Only online submissions via Blackboard will be acknowledged. Any late submission (for an assignment or a project) will incur a penalty of 2% of the assignment (or project) points per hour. No extensions will be given, except for well-documented medical (or otherwise serious) emergencies, in which case extensions will be granted according strictly to UTA guidelines.

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## University Policies and Services

### Drop Policy:

The standard UTA drop policy applies to this course.

### Americans With Disabilities Act:

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 - The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of federal legislation entitled *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

Faculty members are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability). Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

### Academic Integrity:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to

commit such acts." (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

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