

Applied Graphics II-Syllabus

Learning outcomes

Create and edit vector digital images
Create “real-world” projects using vector graphics
Research application of skills to “real world” projects

Prerequisite: IDC 6030

Textbooks:

Required:

Adobe Illustrator CS4 Classroom in a book

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Purchase your textbook(s) BEFORE our **online class begins on Thursday, August 27th**. Your first week will include assignments in *Classroom in a book*. Buying online is generally cheaper than the bookstore.

Software and hardware:

Required:

Adobe Illustrator CS4 (included in Adobe Creative Suite CS4)

Personal Use software discounts through eMSD

The SPSU community, faculty staff and students, can purchase many software titles through the Managed Software Distribution organization at the University of Georgia. The process, known as eMSD, makes the software available for personal use at significantly discounted prices.

To take advantage of this opportunity visit: <http://emsd.uga.edu>. To log in, use your SPSU user name and password. New titles will be added regularly, but if there is an application you are interested in you can contact the eMSD administrators directly at emsd@uga.edu (from <http://www.spsu.edu/infotech/software.html#emsd>)

If you don't own or can't purchase this software, then you MUST have complete access to it. Using the trial version may be an option for you. If you live in the Metro Atlanta area and have access to campus, the software is available in the Graphics Lab (J212) for your use.

If you live near SPSU and opt to use the Graphics Lab, then it's your sole responsibility to request a security pass card to provide entrance to the lab when it's not open. Call Donna McPherson, department Administrative Assistant (678-915-7202) or e-mail her (dmcphers@spsu.edu) to request a card. Do this BEFORE class begins.

Adobe Acrobat for creating PDF files (Acrobat is included in CS4)

This is not the same as Adobe Acrobat Reader, which allows you to read PDF files. This software allows you to create PDFs.

Scanner (Available in the Graphics Lab--J212)

Internet access with high-speed connection

Caution: a dial-up connection is not suitable for this online course.

Class schedule & Vista:

“Class” will begin on Thursday, August 27th. Course material for the week will be posted in Vista by 6:00 pm that day. You’ll be expected to “log in” at your convenience within the next 24 hours (from 6:00 pm on August 27th to 6:00 pm on August 28th) to get your assignment and read the course syllabus. This “first day of class” will mark the beginning of the first “week” of instruction. Course material for the week will be posted in Vista by 6:00 pm that day, and new material will be posted at 6:00 pm on each successive Thursday. The assignments and due dates are carefully arranged to help you avoid getting behind; these due dates will be strictly enforced. Although there are no required synchronous meetings online, students should log in to the course as promptly as possible each week and then again several times during the week to check for new announcements and additional assignments. If you have problems logging into Vista, you’ll need to contact Vista support (Brichaya Shah, bshah@spsu.edu)

Contacts to solve problems:

How to log in to Vista? http://www.spsu.edu/webct/vista_login_instructions.html

Can’t access your Vista account? E-mail Brichaya Shah (bshah@spsu.edu)

Need to speak with instructor? Call me (Dr. Oliver) at 687-915-4994 or e-mail me (boliver2@spsu.edu);

Don’t use Vista to e-mail me; I don’t read Vista e-mail. You may use Vista e-mail among among classmates if you choose.

Need to arrange an appointment? Call me or e-mail me, and leave your contact information; I’ll get back to you

Emergency? If you can’t reach me via phone or e-mail, call Donna in ETCMA office (678-915-7202); She can always reach me.

Need to arrange a security card pass? Call Donna (678-915-7202) or e-mail her (dmcpfers@spsu.edu)

Files—backing up, sending, etc.

It’s your responsibility to back up your files to your flash (thumb) drive, CD-RW, or external hard drive in addition to storage on your personal computer. Files uploaded to Vista will be in PDF format, unless otherwise specified. If you are requested to mail files to instructor, these files must be on CD-RW disks; no floppy disks are allowed.

Grades

Your semester grade will be based totally on the successful completion of any assignments, quizzes, and assigned projects. Late work will not be accepted without prior arrangement with the instructor.

Disabilities

“A student at Southern Polytechnic State University who has a disabling condition and needs academic accommodations has a responsibility to voluntarily identify him/herself as having a disability by scheduling an appointment with the Disability Services Coordinator as soon as possible.” (*SPSU Undergraduate Catalog*)

Cheating

“A faculty member reserves the right to remove any student from his or her course if the student’s behavior is of a disruptive nature or if there is evidence of academic dishonesty.” (*SPSU Undergraduate Catalog*) Plagiarism is academic dishonesty. Material used but not cited is plagiarism and can result in removal from course with an “F.”

Miscellaneous issues

Telephone and e-mail will be our main forms of communication. Face-to-face conversations or synchronous telephone conversations are preferred. E-mails from you explaining late assignments do not constitute excuses. These matters must be handled either face-to-face or in a synchronous phone conversation prior to the event. **Please use my SPSU account to email me; that’s boliver2@spsu.edu. I WILL NOT be checking my email in Vista.** Use of cell phones in the lab is not allowed.

Professionalism

Students in the graduate program are required to conduct themselves professionally. For more information on expectations, please read the statement on Professionalism in the Student Guide to Success Handbook.

NOTICE: This syllabus may be changed at any time. You will be notified of any changes.