

**CPSC 8070**  
**3D Modeling and Animation**  
**Fall 2017**  
**Syllabus**

**Instructor**

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**Class Meeting Times**

TR 9:30am - 10:45am, McAdams 118C

**Class Cancellation**

Students are expected to wait for 15 minutes after the beginning of class before leaving if the instructor is late.

**Materials**

Textbook: Dariush Derakhshani, *Introducing Maya 2017* (or *2015*), Sybex, 2015. (optional)

**Grading**

Final grades will be mostly based on projects and exercises. Class participation is also required, and includes: contribution to class discussion, engagement, and attitude.

Projects            60%  
Class Exercises 30%  
Participation    10%

Letter grades will be based on a 10-point scale. These ranges may be changed somewhat, but only to your advantage.

**Projects and Class Exercises**

Projects and exercises will constitute a significant portion of your grade for the course. Unless instructed otherwise each of these projects and exercises should follow the guidelines listed below.

- **Webpage** For each project or exercise add to your webpage:

- description of the problem
- description of the solution
- images and/or videos produced
- **Source Files** For each assignment, you will be notified on the method for submitting source files, if required.
- **Late Work** Late assignments will be accepted with penalty (10%/day for projects, 33%/day(!) for class exercises).
- **Independent/Team Work** You must work on projects independently, unless specifically authorized to work in teams. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in significant penalties.

## Course Topics

Topics for the course include:

- 3D Graphics Concepts
- **Modeling**
- Shading and Texturing
- **Animation**
- Motion Capture
- Rigging
- Lighting
- Rendering
- Scripting

## Communication

You are required to check your Clemson email at least once a day. All email to the instructors must come from your Clemson email address.

## Recording Devices

Lectures may not be recorded without the written permission of the instructors, and you do not have the instructors' permission to use notes from the lectures for commercial lecture note purposes.

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