ECE 536 – Computer Vision

Term – SPRING 2020 (202001)

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**Course Objectives**

- To provide students with the basic skills needed to analyze, formalize, and solve Computer Vision problems. Students will learn traditional computer vision methods that are mature, and also develop a high-level understanding of how deep learning works from a fundamental computer vision perspective.

**Learning Outcomes**

- The course aims to provide students with the opportunity to research and implement a computer vision-based project through guided assignments, in addition to the standard midterm and final assessments, so that students:
  - Understand when to use traditional computer vision methods versus deep learning;
  - Learn how to integrate the two methodologies to solve specific problems;
  - Understand how deep learning models have evolved from a generalization of traditional computer methods;
  - Have a working knowledge of computer vision and Python or Matlab

**Syllabus**

- The course will consist of a project proposal, midterm, final exam and 4 assignments that are designed to guide students through implementing a computer vision-based project in a group. The semester will conclude with a final report and a final exam. General topics to be covered – image processing; feature extraction; clustering and segmentation; convolutional neural networks; object detection and classification.

**A-Section(s):** A01 / CRN 20933  
Days: Monday and Thursday  
Time: 10:00 – 11:20 am  
Location: DSB C130

**Optional Textbook**

Title: Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications  
Author: R. Szeliski  
Publisher: Springer  
Year: 2010
References: Additional mandatory readings will be posted regularly on the course web site.

Assessment:

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Note: There will be four assignments: first assignment is worth 5% of the final mark and the rest are worth 10% of the final mark. Assignments will contain material related to the term project.

The group project will have three deliverables: a proposal report, project code, and one final report.

Failure to pass the final exam will result in a failing grade for the course.

Failure to pass the cumulative mark of assignments will result in a failing grade for the course.

The final grade obtained from the above marking scheme for the purpose of GPA calculation will be based on the percentage-to-grade point conversion table as listed in the current Graduate Calendar.

https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2020-01/grad/academic-regulations/grading.html

Note to Students:

Students who have issues with the conduct of the course should discuss them with the instructor first. If these discussions do not resolve the issue, then students should feel free to contact the Chair of the Department by email or the Chair's Secretary to set up an appointment.

Course Withdrawal Deadlines:

- January 19: Withdrawal with 100% reduction of tuition fees
- February 9: Withdrawal with 50% reduction of tuition fees
- February 29: Last day for withdrawal (no fees returned)

Accommodation of Religious Observance:

https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2020-01/grad/registration/Registration.1.17.html#

Policy on Inclusivity and Diversity:

https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2020-01/general/policies.html

Standards of Professional Behaviour:

You are advised to read the Faculty of Engineering document Standards for Professional Behaviour, which contains important information regarding conduct in courses, labs, and in the general use of facilities.

http://www.uvic.ca/engineering/assets/docs/professional-behaviour.pdf

Cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic fraud are taken very seriously by both the University and the Department. You should consult the entry in the current Graduate Calendar for the UVic policy on academic integrity.

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Equality:

This course aims to provide equal opportunities and access for all students to enjoy the benefits and privileges of the class and its curriculum and to meet the syllabus requirements. Reasonable and appropriate accommodation will be made available to students with documented disabilities (physical, mental, learning) in order to give them the opportunity to successfully meet the essential requirements of the course. The accommodation will not alter academic standards or
learning outcomes, although the student may be allowed to demonstrate knowledge and skills in a different way. It is not necessary for you to reveal your disability and/or confidential medical information to the course instructor. If you believe that you may require accommodation, the course instructor can provide you with information about confidential resources on campus that can assist you in arranging for appropriate accommodation. Alternatively, you may want to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning located in the Campus Services Building. [https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal](https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal). The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing, and protecting a positive, and supportive and safe learning and working environment for all its members.

**Course Lecture Notes:**
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- **Where:** Sexualized violence resource office in EQHR; Sedgewick C119
- **Phone:** 250.721.8021
- **Email:** svpcoordinator@uvic.ca
- **Web:** [www.uvic.ca/svp](http://www.uvic.ca/svp)

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