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## Course specification

**Course Code:** CS 444

**Course Title:** Virtual Reality

**Academic Year:** /

**Course specification**  
**(CS 444 - Virtual Reality)**

**Course Outline**

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| <b>Faculty:</b>                                   | <i>HICIT- (Higher Institute for Computers &amp; Information Technology-El Shorouk Academy)</i> |  |  |
| <b>Programme(s) on which the course is given:</b> | Undergraduate program in Computer Science  |  |  |
| <b>Major or minor element of programme:</b>       | Compulsory   |  |  |
| <b>Department offering the program</b>            | Department of Computer Science   |  |  |
| <b>Department offering the course:</b>            | Department of Computer Science   |  |  |
| <b>Level</b>                                      | Fourth Level -2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester   |  |  |
| <b>Date of specification approval</b>             | DD/MM/YYYY   |  |  |

**Basic Information**

|                       |                               |                   |                              |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Code:</b>          | CS 444                        | <b>Title:</b>     | Virtual Reality              |
| <b>Prerequisites:</b> | CS 312 Analysis of Algorithms |                   |                              |
| <b>Weekly Hours:</b>  |                               |                   |                              |
| <b>Lecture: 2</b>     | <b>Exercise: 2</b>            | <b>Practical:</b> | <b>Total: 3 credit hours</b> |

**Professional Information**

**Course Aims:**

This course is designed to introduce students the fundamentals of virtual reality systems, including geometric modeling, transformations, graphical rendering, optics, the human vision, auditory, tracking systems, interface design, human factors, developer recommendations, and technological issues.

After completing this course students must be able to:

- 1- Understand the history and evolution of virtual reality technology.
- 2- Identify different types of virtual reality systems and their applications.
- 3- Explain the technical aspects involved in creating virtual environments.
- 4- Analyze human perception in virtual environments.
- 5- Evaluate different interaction techniques used in virtual reality systems.
- 6- Discuss ethical considerations related to the use of virtual reality technology

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| a3  | Show a critical understanding of Requirements, practical constraints and computer-based systems.   |
| a7  | Show a critical understanding of the principles of artificial intelligence, image Processing, Machine Learning, Neural Networks, and Virtual Reality.                            |
| b2  | Perform comparisons between (algorithms, methods, techniques, etc.).   |
| b12 | Create and/or justify designs to satisfy given requirements (synthesis, evaluation, application).  |
| c8  | Apply the principles of human-computer interaction to the evaluation and construction of a wide range of materials including user interfaces, web pages, and multimedia systems. |
| c14 | Operate computing equipment efficiently, taking into account its logical and physical properties.  |
| d1  | Communicate effectively by oral, written and visual means.   |
| d2  | Work effectively as an individual and as a member of a team.   |

### Program ILOs Covered by Course

| Knowledge and understanding | Intellectual Skills | Professional and practical skills | General and Transferable skills |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A3,A7                       | ,B2,B12             | C8.C14                            | D1,D2                           |

### Intended learning outcomes of course (ILOs)

#### a. Knowledge and Under-Standing

- a1. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts, technologies, and components of virtual reality systems.
- a2. Explain the geometry, physics, and perception of virtual worlds, as well as the principles of light and optics and their application to virtual reality displays.
- a3. Analyze the challenges and opportunities of motion in real and virtual worlds, including velocities, acceleration, and collision detection, as well as tracking systems and their application to virtual reality.
- a4. Identify different interaction techniques and audio systems in virtual reality and how they impact the design and evaluation of virtual reality systems and experiences.

#### b. Intellectual Skills:

- b1. Analyze and evaluate the design and implementation of virtual reality systems.
- b2. Develop strategies for solving problems related to virtual reality, including geometric modeling, tracking, and interaction.
- b3. Critically evaluate research and development in the field of virtual reality, including its impact on society and human behavior.

#### c. Professional and practical skills

- c1. Develop practical skills in the design and implementation of virtual reality systems, including visual rendering, motion simulation and tracking, interaction techniques, and audio rendering and auralization.
- c2. Apply evaluation methods to assess the effectiveness and usability of virtual reality systems and experiences, and develop recommendations for improvement.

#### d. General and transferable skills

- d1. Develop effective communication skills, including oral and written communication of technical concepts related to virtual reality.
- d2. Develop collaborative skills by working in teams on virtual reality projects.

| <b>Contents</b>                 |                      |            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Topic</b>                    | <b>Contact Hours</b> |            |
|                                 | <b>lecture</b>       | <b>Lab</b> |
| Introduction to Virtual Reality | 2                    | 2          |
| Geometry of Virtual Worlds      | 4                    | 4          |
| Light and Optics                | 2                    | 2          |
| Visual Physiology               | 3                    | 3          |
| Visual Perception               | 3                    | 3          |
| Tracking Systems                | 4                    | 4          |
| Visual Rendering                | 4                    | 4          |
| Audio                           | 3                    | 3          |
| Interfaces                      | 3                    | 3          |

| <b>Teaching and learning methods</b> |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Teaching and learning methods</b> | <b>Used</b> |
| Lectures                             | √           |
| Tutorial Exercises                   | √           |
| Practical Lab                        | √           |
| Discussions.                         | √           |

| <b>Student assessment methods &amp; Schedule</b> |             |              |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Methods</b>                                   | <b>Used</b> | <b>Week#</b> |
| Midterm Exam                                     | √           | <b>8</b>     |
| Final Exam                                       | √           | <b>16</b>    |
| Course Project                                   | √           | <b>2-14</b>  |
| Course Work & Quizzes                            | √           | <b>2-14</b>  |
| Practical Exam                                   | √           | <b>15</b>    |

| <b>Assessment Weight</b>   |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Assessment</b>          | <b>Weight %</b> |
| Mid Term Exam              | 15              |
| Practical Exam and Project | 15              |
| Final Exam                 | 60%             |
| Course Work & Quizzes      | 10%             |
| Total                      | 100             |

| <b>Course Work &amp; Quizzes</b>                           |
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| Short Exams, Assignments, Research, Reports, Presentations |
| Class/Project discussion                                   |

### List of references

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Essential books (textbooks)</b> | 1. "VIRTUAL REALITY", Steven M. LaValle. Cambridge University Press, 2023.  |
| <b>Course notes</b>                | E-Learning Portal   |
| <b>Recommended books</b>           | 1. "Virtual Reality Technology" by Grigore C. Burdea and Philippe Coiffet<br>2. "Understanding Virtual Reality: Interface, Application, and Design" by William R Sherman and Alan B Craig . |

### Required Facilities

|                                     |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Tools & SW (Technology facilities): | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LABS equipped computers with high-end specifications capable of running VR software smoothly. This would typically include a powerful graphics card, at least 16GB of RAM, and a fast processor.</li> <li>- VR hardware such as headsets, and controllers.</li> <li>- VR development tools such as Unity or Unreal Engine. software for creating 3D models or animations.</li> </ul> |   |
| Teaching facilities:                | Whiteboard  | √ |
|                                     | Computer Lab  | √ |
|                                     | Data show   | √ |
|                                     | E-Learning  | √ |
|                                     | Videos  | √ |
|                                     | Website   | √ |

### Course Content/ILO Matrix

| Course Contents                 | Knowledge & understanding |    |    |    | Intellectual skills |    |    | Professional and practical skills |    | General and transferable skills |    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----|----|----|---------------------|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|
|                                 | a1                        | a2 | a3 | a4 | b1                  | b2 | b3 | c1                                | c2 | d1                              | d2 |
| Introduction to Virtual Reality | ✓                         |    |    |    |                     |    |    |                                   |    |                                 |    |
| Geometry of Virtual Worlds      |                           | ✓  |    |    |                     | ✓  |    | ✓                                 |    |                                 |    |
| Light and Optics                |                           | ✓  |    |    |                     |    |    |                                   |    |                                 |    |
| Visual Physiology               | ✓                         |    |    |    |                     |    | ✓  |                                   |    |                                 |    |
| Visual Perception               | ✓                         |    |    |    |                     |    | ✓  | ✓                                 | ✓  | ✓                               | ✓  |
| Tracking Systems                |                           |    | ✓  |    | ✓                   | ✓  |    | ✓                                 | ✓  | ✓                               | ✓  |
| Visual Rendering                |                           |    | ✓  |    |                     |    |    | ✓                                 | ✓  | ✓                               | ✓  |
| Audio                           |                           |    |    | ✓  |                     |    |    | ✓                                 | ✓  | ✓                               | ✓  |
| Interfaces                      |                           |    |    | ✓  | ✓                   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓                                 | ✓  | ✓                               | ✓  |

### Learning Method /ILOs Matrix

| Learning Methods       | Knowledge and understanding |    |    |    | Intellectual skills |    |    | Professional and practical skills |    | General |    |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|----|---------------------|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|---------|----|
|                        | a1                          | a2 | a3 | a4 | b1                  | b2 | b3 | c1                                | c2 | d1      | d2 |
| Lectures               | x                           | x  | x  | x  | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |
| Tutorial Exercises     |                             | x  | x  | x  | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |
| Reading material       | x                           | x  | x  | x  | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |
| Websites search        | x                           | x  | x  | x  | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |
| Research and reporting | x                           | x  |    |    |                     |    |    |                                   |    |         |    |
| Problem solving        |                             |    |    |    | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |
| Group work             |                             |    |    |    |                     |    |    |                                   |    | x       | x  |
| Case study             |                             |    |    |    | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  | x       | x  |
| Practical Lab          | x                           | x  | x  | x  | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |
| Discussions.           | x                           | x  | x  | x  | x                   | x  | x  | x                                 | x  |         |    |

| <b>Learning Method /ILOs Matrix</b> |                                    |           |           |           |                            |           |           |  |           |                |           |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>Learning Methods</b>             | <b>Knowledge and understanding</b> |           |           |           | <b>Intellectual skills</b> |           |           | <b>Professional and practical skills</b> |           | <b>General</b> |           |
|                                     | <b>a1</b>                          | <b>a2</b> | <b>a3</b> | <b>a4</b> | <b>b1</b>                  | <b>b2</b> | <b>b3</b> | <b>c1</b>                                | <b>c2</b> | <b>d1</b>      | <b>d2</b> |
| Mid Term Exam                       | x                                  | x         | x         | x         | x                          | x         | x         | x  | x         |                |           |
| Final Exam                          | x                                  | x         | x         | x         | x                          | x         | x         | x  | x         |                |           |
| Course Project                      | x                                  | x         | x         | x         | x                          | x         | x         | x  | x         | x              | x         |
| Course Work & Quizzes               | x                                  | x         | x         | x         | x                          | x         | x         | x  | x         | x              | x         |
| Practical Exam                      |                                    |           |           |           | x                          | x         | x         | x  | x         |                |           |

| <b>Course ILOs Vs Program ILOs</b> |    |                                      |           |                            |            |  |            |                |           |
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| <b>Course ILOs \ Prog ILOs</b>     |    | <b>Knowledge &amp; understanding</b> |           | <b>Intellectual skills</b> |            | <b>Professional and practical skills</b> |            | <b>General</b> |           |
|                                    |    | <b>A3</b>                            | <b>A7</b> | <b>B2</b>                  | <b>B12</b> | <b>C8</b>                                | <b>C14</b> | <b>D1</b>      | <b>D2</b> |
| Knowledge and understanding        | a1 | x                                    | x         |                            |            |  |            |                |           |
|                                    | a2 | x                                    | x         |                            |            |  |            |                |           |
|                                    | a3 | x                                    | x         |                            |            |  |            |                |           |
|                                    | a4 | x                                    | x         |                            |            |  |            |                |           |
| Intellectual skills                | b1 |                                      |           | x                          | x          |  |            |                |           |
|                                    | b2 |                                      |           | x                          | x          |  |            |                |           |
|                                    | b3 |                                      |           | x                          | x          |  |            |                |           |
| Professional and practical skills  | c1 |                                      |           |                            |            | x  | x          |                |           |
|                                    | c2 |                                      |           |                            |            | x  | x          |                |           |
| General skills                     | d1 |                                      |           |                            |            |  |            | x              | x         |

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