

**CSC 485 Robotics and Computer Vision**

**4 cr.**

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**Catalog description:**

This course presents the basic science behind mobile robotics, robotic manipulation, and computer vision. The course examines key aspects of autonomous systems including sensors, map making, and path planning. The fundamentals of robotic manipulation will be presented, including coordinate transformations, manipulator kinematics, and motion. Topics in computer vision include image formation and sensing, region and edge extraction, feature identification, camera calibration, and optical measurement. The course concludes with techniques for integrating vision, mobile robots, and manipulators into a complete system. Three hours of lecture and three hours of scheduled laboratory time per week.

**Prerequisite:** Pre- or Co-Requisite: MAT 221; Prerequisite: CSC 260; CSC 279 strongly recommended.

**Course Goals:**

The purpose of this course is to:

- CG01: develop an understanding of image sensing and processing;
- CG02: understand the fundamental mathematics behind robot kinematics and dynamics;
- CG03: present a unified description of sensing, path planning, and motion for autonomous systems;
- CG04: present a consistent methodology for describing manipulator kinematics and motion;
- CG05: present design methods for integrated robotic systems.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of the course, a student will be able to:

- CO01: develop software for basic computer vision tasks;
- CO02: identify key sensors and their roles in autonomous systems;
- CO03: describe basic path planning algorithms;
- CO04: analyze the structure of a simple robotic manipulator;
- CO05: describe basic motion algorithms;
- CO06: identify strategies for integrating vision, autonomous systems, and manipulators into a complete system;
- CO07: produce clear documentation for problems assigned in the course and their solutions.

**Program Outcome vs. Course Objectives matrix**

| Program Objective<br>(condensed form)                                  | CO01 | CO02 | CO03 | CO04 | CO05 | CO06 | CO07 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>PO-A:</b> apply knowledge of computing and math                     | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |
| <b>PO-B:</b> analyze a problem and define its computing requirements   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |
| <b>PO-C:</b> design, implement and evaluate applications               | ✓    |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>PO-D:</b> function effectively in teams to accomplish a common goal |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>PO-E:</b> professional, ethical, and social responsibilities        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

| Program Objective<br>(condensed form)  | CO01 | CO02 | CO03 | CO04 | CO05 | CO06 | CO07 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>PO-F:</b> communicate effectively with a range of audiences   |      |      |      |      |      |      | ✓    |
| <b>PO-G:</b> local and global impact of computing on people and society  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>PO-H:</b> need for continuing professional development  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>PO-I:</b><br>use current techniques, skills, and tools  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |
| <b>PO-J:</b> apply theory and principles to model and design systems   |      | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |      |
| <b>PO-K:</b> apply design and development principles in constructing software  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| note - full statements of the Program Outcomes (objectives) for the Computer Science Major can be found in the document <i>Computer Science Major Program Educational Objectives and Program Outcomes</i> on the Assessment page of the Computer Science Major (cs.salemstate.edu) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

**Topics:**

**(Total available class lecture hours: 42)**

- Autonomous Mobile Robotics **IS5(2), IS10 (10)**
  - Kinematic Models
  - Perception and sensing for mobile robots
  - Localization, belief representation, maps
  - Path planning
- Robotic Manipulation **IS10 (12)**
  - Coordinate transformations
  - Kinematic Equations
  - Manipulator configurations: planar, Cartesian, linear, and parallel
  - Joint and Cartesian motion
- Computer Vision **GV11 (12)**
  - Image formation and sensing
  - Regions and image segmentation
  - Edges and edge finding
  - Color and color processing
  - Camera calibration and optical measurement
- Systems Integration **AR9(2)**
  - Integration of sensing, motion, manipulation
  - Network architectures for distributed robotics
  - Representative systems

**Assignments:** Six to eight homework assignments will be given to reinforce learning of the mathematics and algorithms behind vision, map making, path planning, and manipulation. Four to six laboratory programming assignments will be given in three of the major areas of the course: vision processing, mobile robot navigation, and manipulation of objects.

**Quizzes, Tests and Examinations:** There will be two examinations plus a comprehensive final exam that will be administered during the final exam period.

**Grading:** The final grades will be determined according to the formula: final 20%, hour exams 15% each, laboratory work 30%, homework 20%.

**Course Objective / Assessment Mechanism matrix**

|      | Homework Assignments | Tests | Labs | Final Examination |
|------|----------------------|-------|------|-------------------|
| CO01 | ✓                    | ✓     | ✓    | ✓                 |
| CO02 | ✓                    | ✓     | ✓    | ✓                 |
| CO03 | ✓                    | ✓     | ✓    | ✓                 |

|      | Homework Assignments | Tests | Labs | Final Examination |
|------|----------------------|-------|------|-------------------|
| CO04 | ✓                    | ✓     | ✓    | ✓                 |
| CO05 | ✓                    | ✓     | ✓    | ✓                 |
| CO06 | ✓                    | ✓     | ✓    | ✓                 |
| CO07 | ✓                    |       | ✓    |                   |

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**Note:** This syllabus represents the intended structure of the course for the semester. If changes are necessary, students will be notified in writing and via email.