

Course Syllabus for COSC 109 - Richard Webster Sections

COSC 109 Computers and Creativity (3) - Creative activities involving symbolic manipulation and computer graphics; animation, dynamic story-telling, computer music, visual effects, Web publishing, computer games, artwork, and multimedia. Additional lab time required.

Prerequisite: None. [GenEd I.E.](#) (UG)

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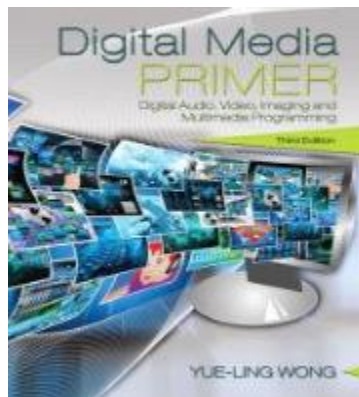
I'll be checking my e-mail daily, including weekends and evenings. Always feel free to drop me a line if you have any questions.

Office Availability: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am –3:00 pm. Always feel free to stop by – but it's also best if you call ahead for an appointment.

Office Hours: 8:00 –9:00 AM & 4:00 –4:45 PM on those days not meeting on-line.

Course Objectives: To provide the environment and tools so that the computer can be used to express and enhance creativity. Traditional creative forms such as drawing, painting, photography, and writing will be explored as well as creative forms unique to computer technology such as computer graphics, multimedia, dynamic presentations, computer-based animation, world-wide-web publishing, digital photography and movies, virtual reality, three-dimensional modeling, and the use of computers for music publishing and performance. Computer concepts which are relevant to the use of the computer as a creative tool will be studied.

Textbook, Required: Digital Media Primer, 3rd ed. by Yue-Ling Wong (Prentice Hall, 2015)



Required Materials:

- Personal stereo headphones (PC style Headphones with Microphone -not ear buds): Headsets are available at the Towson University Bookstore and at local stores. This is only a required purchase if you plan on completing your Lab Assignments in the COSC Computer Labs.
- Towson University E-mail Account. Students who do not already have a TU tigerweb email must apply for one. This can be done by visiting the TU Helpcenter in the basement of Cook Library.
- Digital photograph of yourself in JPEG format that you can download to your H:\COSC109 folder and use in future lab assignments.
- A USB storage device (aka flash drive / thumb drive,) recommended storage capacity is 1GB or more.
- PC running the MS-Windows operating system (Macs are great – but the software applications used in this course are based on the Windows platform) If you don't have a PC at home running Windows, computers with the appropriate software already installed are provided for you in the 7800 York Road COSC computer labs in YR-403 and YR-407.

Lecture & Lab Assignments: See Online Class Schedule.

All laboratory assignments are due on the date specified on the schedule. No late assignments will be accepted. All work MUST be turned in by the assigned deadlines or a grade of zero will be assigned.

Assignments and Grading: Final grades will not be rounded up to the next highest grade (and no, there are no extra credit assignments available).

Grade	% of Total Points
A	92-100
A-	90-91.9
B+	87-89.9
B	82-86.9
B-	80-81.9
C+	77-79.9
C	70-76.9
D+	67-69.9
D	60-66.9
F	59.9 and below

Cheating Policy: All assignments are of an individual nature and each student is expected to submit work of her/his own creation. The penalty for cheating will consist of a grade of 0 for the dishonest work and the submission of a letter to the Vice President. The policy concerning Academic Dishonesty is described in Appendix I of the Towson University Undergraduate Catalog 1998-99. (At the instructor's discretion, some collaboration in the lab may be allowed. Permission to work together in the lab must be obtained prior to this collaboration)

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend each class meeting and attend team meetings as required. Students are required to notify the instructor via email if they are unable to attend a class meeting. Written documentation of the reason for the absence may be requested by the instructor and must be submitted for the absence to be excused. Students who miss more than one class meeting without permission of the instructor will be penalized with a reduction in grade.

Final Examination Requirement: The final examination will meet in the lecture room classroom. See Online Class Schedule for date, time and location of Final Exam.

Examination Makeup Policy: If a student is absent from an exam during the scheduled time for that exam, the student will automatically receive a grade of 0 for the exam unless: (a) the student notifies the instructor of the absence prior to the exam and supplies a written doctor's excuse explaining the absence or (b) there is an extraordinary situation which the instructor allows as an acceptable excuse (instructor needs to be notified within 24 hrs of the exam). If (a) or (b) applies, arrangements for a makeup exam will be made. It will be the responsibility of the student to show written documentation supporting the absence, from your team coach, physician, or other relevant authority.

NOTE: Students may not repeat a course more than once without prior permission of the academic standards committee.