

1. Projection and 3D coordinate systems

- Viewing 3D in 2D (if I asked for the “top view”, could you label the axes?)
- Screen/viewport vs. world (including clipping)
- Difference between orthographic and perspective projection, frustums
- Mathematics of perspective projection (i.e. dividing by the z -coordinate, similar triangles)
- Z-buffering for hidden surface removal
- How projection and viewing work in OpenGL
- Review: Class 10-12, Lab 9, HW 6, OpenGL Redbook Chapter 3

2. Lighting

- How lighting works through light vectors and the normal vectors of objects
- Difference between ambient, diffuse, specular, and emissive light
- How lighting and materials work in OpenGL
- Review: Class 13-14,16, Lab 10, HW 6, OpenGL Redbook Chapter 5

3. Hierarchical models

- Matrix stack, push and pop
- Using trees to describe hierarchical models
- How hierarchical modeling works in OpenGL (depth-first tree traversal)
- Review: Class 14-16, Lab 11-12, HW 6

4. Texture mapping

- Texture mapping in 1D and 2D
- Perspective-correct texture mapping in 3D
- Texture mapping surfaces (sphere, cone, etc)
- Review: Class 16-17, Lab 13, HW 7-8, OpenGL Redbook Chapter 9

5. Ray-tracing

- Vectors (direction, magnitude, addition, subtraction, dot and cross products, normals)
- What types of interactions can be computed through ray-tracing?
- Ray-tracing algorithm, difference between ray-tracing and rasterization
- Ray equation and relationship to computer graphics components (camera, screen, pixels, light sources, objects, etc)
- Ray-object intersections (plane, triangle, sphere, cone, etc)
- Ray-tracing in Blender (basics)
- Review: Class 18, 20, 22-23, Lab 18, HW 8

6. Less emphasis

- Blender 3D, Lab 14-17, HW 8, Blender 3D Online Textbook
- Bézier surfaces, Class 19
- Meshes, Class 21
- Animation, Class 22-23
- Barycentric coordinates, Class 22-23
- 3D printing, Class 24