ROWAN UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL TITLE: DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING

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SPONSOR(S): [ ] SHEKHANU MAHRAM [ ] JENlicasz SCHULZE

DEPARTMENT/TELEPHONE #: ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING 4-612

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**Course Proposal**

1. **Details:**

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<th>a) Course Title:</th>
<th>Digital Image Processing (0909.552)</th>
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<td>b) Sponsor:</td>
<td>Dr. Shreekanth Mandayam and Dr. John L. Schmalzel, Electrical Engineering</td>
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<td>c) Credit Hours:</td>
<td>3 credit hours</td>
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<td>d) Course Level:</td>
<td>Graduate / Senior Elective</td>
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<td>e) Curricular Effect:</td>
<td>Graduate electrical engineering course / available to electrical engineering seniors as an elective</td>
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<td>f) Prerequisites:</td>
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Faculty will be hired and laboratory equipment obtained consistent with Engineering School multi-year budget. Library acquisitions will be required.

2. **Rationale:**

The proposed course is a graduate level Engineering course, that is also available as a senior level elective to Electrical Engineering students.

Digital image processing is a rapidly evolving field in the context of the current phenomenal demand for information access and delivery in a multimedia format, on an internet based platform. Concurrent with this endeavour, there exist ongoing efforts to —

(a) design artificial vision systems that could ultimately perform the visual functions of living beings
(b) develop techniques for analyzing images (pictures) acquired and transmitted from space/earth based telescopes, and
(c) develop procedures for analyzing medical images acquired via invasive or noninvasive procedures.

Modern digital image processing draws upon prior (and some recent) developments in digital signal processing, computing hardware and heuristic knowledge of biological vision systems. The field encompasses the following four categories: Image Enhancement, Image Restoration, Image Compression and Image Recognition. Students will gain familiarity with both established and emergent algorithms for accomplishing image processing tasks in the above mentioned categories. State-of-the-art software tools will be employed for performing monochromatic image processing on real-world images.

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3. **Essence of the Course:**

**a) Objectives:**

The proposed course has a number of objectives:

(i) Provide an introduction to the digital signal processing principles employed for processing images.

(ii) Provide a working knowledge of the mathematical tools for describing monochromatic images.

(iii) Provide a working knowledge of the state-of-the-art image processing algorithms for performing image enhancement, restoration, compression and recognition.

(iv) Continually demonstrate the applications of image processing, for example, in multimedia information delivery, telemedicine, remote sensing, analysis and synthesis of medical images and robotic vision.

**b) Topical Outline:**

The general topical outline is described below; however, prior to each semester’s offering, the instructor will assess any technology advances in the course subject matter or in teaching resources prior to the course and make changes deemed appropriate to maintain requisite content and currency.

- Digital image fundamentals
- Elements of visual perception
- Sampling and quantization
- Pixel relationships and imaging geometry

- Image transforms
- Discrete Fourier, Cosine, Walsh, Hadamard and Karhunen-Loeve transforms

- Image enhancement
- Point processing
- Spatial and frequency domain filtering
- Contemporary applications

- Image restoration
- Degradation models
- Algebraic restoration
Filtering
Geometric transformations
Contemporary applications

Image Compression
Models
Error-free compression
Lossy and lossless compression
Standards – GIF, JPEG, MPEG

Image Recognition
Segmentation
Representation
Feature extraction
Interpretation
Contemporary applications

c) Evaluation and Grading Procedures:

Student grades will be based on projects, examinations, homework, and written and oral
technical communication.

d) Course Evaluation:
The proposed course will be evaluated based on student evaluations and critical review
by engineering faculty.

4. Results of Consultations:

a) Consulted Departments: None
b) Consultants and Consultant Statements: (N/A)
c) Written Consultations: (N/A)

5. Additional Supporting Information:

Example textbooks that could serve as primary or supplemental references for this course:

1. R. C. Gonzalez and R. E. Woods, Digital Image Processing, Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA.

Example software that could be used in conjunction with the course:

6. Catalog Description:

Digital image processing covers the analysis and contemporaneous applications of the enhancement, restoration, compression and recognition of monochromatic images. Both classical and state-of-the-art algorithms will be employed in conjunction with appropriate software for analyzing real-world images.

Prerequisite of Digital Signal Processing required.
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From: Seth Bergmann, Department Chairperson, Computer Science Department

Date: March 18, 1998

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3. The prerequisites should be: "Digital Signal Processing, Software Engineering, or permission of the instructor"

4. The curricular effect would be: "Graduate level electrical engineering, computer science or electrical engineering senior level elective. This course will also appeal to computer science graduates."

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