

# CS 695: Doctoral Seminar

## *Syllabus for Spring 2020*

**Course Number:** CS 695

**Semester:** Spring 2020

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**Office Hours Time:** E-mail to set up an appointment

**Office Hours Location:** SB 229C

**Lecture Time:** N/A

**Course Website:** <http://cs.iit.edu/~khale/class/cs695/s20>

### **Overview**

This course is required for all PhD students in computer science, and will expose the students to presentations from senior people in computer science from industry, government labs, and academia. The course will involve outside invited speakers, written summaries of presentations, and short oral presentations by the students. Students must complete a form for each seminar, within 12 hours of the seminar. The link to the form will be posted on the course website. Late submissions will be penalized 25% for every 24 hour period they are late. Submissions will not be accepted after 3.5 days as the penalties will make the submission be worth 0 points.

Seminars will be posted on a schedule linked to from the course website ahead of time, and students will be expected to attend. These will not necessarily occur weekly.

Your short presentations will be on a research topic of your choosing (ideally your own research). Students will give their short presentations during a meeting later in the semester (the date will be posted on the website). If more students register, we may have to give presentations in two blocks. I will list your names in which block you are presenting in if this is the case. If you have a conflict and must reschedule to the other block, or to another date entirely, please let me know well ahead of time.

### **Prerequisites**

You must be enrolled as a PhD in the CS department.

### **Required Texts**

None

### **Communication**

We will be using Piazza for communication in this course. The link to the Piazza is on the course website. If you are already registered for the course, I will be enrolling you in the Piazza site at the beginning of the semester.

## **Grading Policies**

- Attendance: 50%
- Participation - (questions during presentations): 20%
- Participation - (summary write-ups for presentations): 20%
- Presentation: 10%