

CS 5944: Graduate Seminar/Spring 2009

The goal of CS 5944 is to encourage CS graduate students to be well informed about current research in the department and in the broader computer science research community. The seminar features weekly talks by faculty as well as prominent visitors. All CS graduate students (M.S. and Ph.D.) are required to register for CS 5944 in their first three semesters and to earn a passing grade in each of them. This weekly seminar also serves as the CS general research seminar; therefore, faculty and other grad students are expected to attend the talks as well.

Meeting Times Fridays 11:15am–12:15pm, Torg 2150

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If you need adaptations or accommodations because of a disability (learning disability, attention deficit disorder, psychological, or physical), if you have emergency medical information to share with the instructors, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please get in touch with the instructors ASAP.

Course Format: Except for the first meeting of the course, which will focus on organizational issues, each week will feature a speaker who will deliver an accessible talk on his/her area of specialty. The seminars are intended to be of broad interest and breadth-wise in coverage and to be understandable to first-year graduate students.

Evaluation: The course is offered with a P(ass)/F(ail) grade option. At the end of each seminar, students are required to complete an online survey about the contents of the talk and its relationship to their interests. Each survey will be due by 5pm on the following Monday (i.e., three+ days later). To earn a passing grade, a student **must not miss more than two** seminars during the course of the entire semester. Attendance will be taken at each seminar and failure to fill out the weekly questionnaire about the research talk will constitute a “miss” for that talk.

Keeping in Touch: Stay tuned to the class listserv for periodic announcements. Since it is created automatically based on enrollment data, any student registered in CS 5944 will be added to the mailing list. If you do not receive a test mail from the instructors by the end of the first week of classes, ensure that your email address is properly recorded in the university system.

Schedule (tentative):

01/23	Organizational meeting	03/20	Naren Ramakrishnan
01/30	Wu-chun Feng	03/27	Godmar Back
02/06	Alexey Onufriev	04/03	Barbara Ryder
02/13	Manuel Perez	04/10	Sean Arthur
02/20	Steve Harrison	04/17	Cliff Shaffer
02/27	Caitlin Kelleher (wustl.edu)	04/24	Yong Cao
03/06	Ali Butt	05/01	T.M. Murali