CSCI595-01W
Research Lit & Techniques
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Class Meetings: Online (through D2L), 1/11/2021-5/1/2021

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SPECIAL COURSE EXPECTATIONS DURING COVID-19 for IN-PERSON CLASSES

Attendance:
Students must perform a daily health assessment, based on based on **CDC guidelines,** before coming to campus each day, which includes taking their temperature. Students who are symptomatic/sick should not come to class and should notify their instructors. Absences due to COVID-19 quarantine or isolation requirements are considered excused absences.

Face coverings:
All students must wear face coverings while in class. NO students will be permitted in class without a face covering. If you have a medical reason that prevents you from wearing a face covering due to a health condition deemed high-risk for COVID-19 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), you should contact student disability resources and services office to discuss your specific needs and options.

Social distancing:
Students should practice CDC-recommended 6-feet social distancing between individuals inside and outside the classroom following signage and paying attention to the seating arrangements. Please be conscious of your personal space and respectful of others. Also be cognizant of how you enter and exit the room; always try to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others.

Desk and work spaces:
Students are recommended to sanitize their desks and/or work space before class.

Special notes:
It's important to note that based on the unpredictability of the COVID-19 virus things can change at any time so please be patient and understanding as we move through the semester. I also ask that you keep me informed of concerns you may have about class, completing course work/assignments timely and/or health concerns related to COVID.

Textbook required:
No textbook required. However, the following books are useful for learning about research method and design, software development life cycle, and systems analysis and design:
1. Shelly, G., & Rosenblatt, H.J. System Analysis and Design - 9th Edition, Shelly Cashman Series, 2012, ISBN-13: 978-1-133-27405-6 or ISBN: 0-538-48161-7
2. Lazar, J., Feng, J. H., & Hochheiser, H. Research methods in human-computer interaction. John Wiley & Sons. 2010
3. Creswell, J. W. Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches. Fourth Edition. Sage. 2013.
4. Berndtsson, M., Hansson, J., Olsson, B., & Lundell, B. Thesis Projects: A Guide for Students in Computer Science and Information Systems Second Edition. Springer. 2007.

Course Description:
A course designed to acquaint the student with the role of research in the initiation, development and modification of concepts and theories in computer science. A final written report and presentation and/or demonstration of results obtained during the course will be made to interested faculty members and students. Prerequisite: Completion of the required core courses.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO):
1. Understand various research methods and techniques in computer science that lead to successful research
2. Read, critique and write technical articles in computer science
3. Design and implement a substantial project on a specific computer science problem
4. Communicate effectively both orally and as a written paper

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Minimal Technical Skills Needed
Using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, using presentation and graphics programs, etc.

Instructional Methods
Delivery modalities: Face to face blended with D2L online platform
Course structure: Lecture-oriented course
Learning activities: Interactive problem-solving in class, Q&A session, team projects and exercise practice
Assessments: Quizzes, tests, project development, and presentation

Tips for Success in the Course
Completion of weekly exercise assignment (2 hours estimated weekly)
Weekly preview of chapters to be covered (2 hours estimated weekly)
Review of chapters covered (1 hour estimated weekly)

Student Responsibilities:
Regular attendance of class. In case of absence, the student is responsible for the make-up of covered material.

Method of Evaluation (*Tentative*):

Problem identification/Definition	(10%)
Literature review	(10%)
Proposal	(20%)
Presentation Slides	(10%)
Presentation	(20%)
Final paper	(30%)

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Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:
A = 90%-100%
B = 80%-89%
C = 70%-79%
D = 60%-69%
F = 59% or Below

Relationship between the assessments and course-level student learning outcomes:

Student Learning Outcomes	SLO1	SLO2	SLO3	SLO4
Assessment Methods Used	Presentation, Paper	Presentation, Paper	Program	Presentation, Paper

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:

 Browser support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11

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Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or **point** release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or **point** release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2Lsupports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
  - o 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
  - o Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
  - o Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution

- You must have a:
  - o Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
  - o Speakers or headphones.
  - o *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.

- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: JAVA web site http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp

- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.
Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.
    Pop-ups are allowed.

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JavaScript is enabled.
Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
  o Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/
  o Adobe Flash Player *(version 17 or later)* https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/
  o Adobe Shockwave Player https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/
  o Apple Quick Time http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT
Brightspace Support
Need Help?
Student Support
If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support
If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words "click here" to submit an issue via email.

System Maintenance
D2L runs monthly updates during the last week of the month, usually on Wednesday. The system should remain up during this time unless otherwise specified in an announcement. You may experience minimal impacts to performance and/or look and feel of the environment.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Policies:
> Attendance/Lateness: Students are expected to be present at all class lectures. The maximum number of excused absences allowed per semester will be 3. 3 or more absences will automatically result in F as course grade.

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Late Work: Under no circumstances will the late work be accepted. If a student is absent from class on the due date of any assignment, they are expected to make alternative arrangements to assure that the assignment is turned in ON TIME. Credit will be given for ONLY those assignments, programs, and/or projects turned in no later than the deadline as announced by the instructor of this class.

Missed Exams and Quizzes: Missed exams and quizzes will result in 0 in all circumstances.

Extra Credit: No extra credit work will be given under any circumstances.

Withdrawal: Any student wishing to withdraw from the course must do so officially as outlined in the class schedule. THE INSTRUCTOR CANNOT DROP OR WITHDRAW ANY STUDENT.

Syllabus Change Policy:

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

Student Conduct:

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook. http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html

TAMUC Attendance:

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01. http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf

Academic Integrity:

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03 http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10 http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf

ADA STATEMENT
Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

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Office of Student Disability Resources and Services:
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 162, Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu
Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

Nondiscrimination Notice:
Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement:
Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:
http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903- 886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Smoke, Vapor & Tobacco Free Environment:
University Procedure 34.05.99.R1 now prohibits the use of vapor/electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco inside and adjacent to any building owned, leased, or operated by A&M – Commerce.

COURSE OUTLINE/CALENDAR*:

WEEKS**	SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED
1	Introduction
2	Problem Identification (PI)
3	Presentation for PI
4	Literature Review (LR)
5	Presentation for LR
6	Methodology
7	Design
8	Midterm report and presentation
9	Implementation phase I
10	Implementation phase II
11	Implementation phase III (testing)
12	Implementation phase IV (document)
13	Report/Paper draft
14	Final report/paper writing
15	Final presentation review
16	Final demos with presentation

* The course outline/calendar may be subject to change.
** Every week, students will give update on research project progress.