CS398T: Supervised Teaching in Computer Science

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Today’s Agenda

• Introductions
• Course Overview
  – What is 398T?
  – How to succeed
  – Tentative Schedule
• Career Development presentation
  – At 1:15p in GDC 6.302
  – By Po-Tsan Ku from the College of Natural Sciences (CNS)
Introductions

• Us
  – Role at UTCS
  – How we got here
  – What we do when we are not here

• You
  – Tentative research area (Systems? Theory? AI? ...?)
  – Background
  – Personal interests (Cooking? Reading? Cycling? ...?)
What is 398T?

• A course where you will learn about:
  – Research opportunities
  – Teaching

• Part 1: Research professors presenting about their research
  – Helps you know the possibilities as you begin exploring research areas and choosing advisors
  – Led by Vijaya Ramachandran
What is 398T?

Research Professor Presentations

– Helps you know the department as you explore research areas and choosing an advisor

– Not all professors will give talks

– Many students switch advisors
  • (more than you think)

– You will identify a research advisor to work with for next semester (and maybe for your whole PhD!)
  • You will need to identify this person and have her/him agree to work with you and sign a form
What is 398T?

• How to Teach
  – Helps you be a good TA and then a great teacher
• Topics:
  – How to Be a Good TA,
    • Wednesday, 9/5, 7p-9p in MEZ 1.306
  – Preparation, Assessment, and Human Messiness,
    • Wednesday, 9/19, 7p-9p in MEZ 1.306
  – Experienced TA/AI Panel
  – Being Professional
  – Teaching a Course
  – CNS Inclusive Classrooms Workshop
  – Micro-teaching Presentations
    • You will teach for 7 minutes!
Course Information

• Credit/No Credit Class
  – All you need is to earn credit, and you are finished!

• To earn credit for this course:
  – Attend class
    • Sign in on the Sign-In Sheet
    • Do NOT sign in for anyone else
  – Participate in class
    • Pay attention
    • Ask questions and/or contribute to the discussion
    • Electronic devices are *not* allowed. They need to be put away and on silent.
  – Complete assignments by the deadline
    • Must show good effort
  – Meet with various faculty to identify a research advisor for next semester
  – Get a signature from one faculty member for a CS395 research course for next semester (due 12/6)
Course Tools

• Piazza
  – Main place for communication, including information about course schedule, forms, and assignments
  – Should have received an invitation

• Website
  – Include contact information for course staff, course schedule, and assignment information

• Canvas
  – Automatic registration

• Email
Communication

• Course communication will take place through:
  – Piazza announcements
  – CS email (login@cs.utexas.edu)
  – email officially registered with the university
  – Canvas announcements

• Both Piazza and Canvas announcements will by default go to the email address registered with the university
Schedule (So Far)

September and first week of October:
• Research talks during in-class meetings
• Two out-of-class TA trainings:
  – How to Be a Good TA,
    • Wednesday, 9/5, 7p-9p in MEZ 1.306
  – Preparation, Assessment, and Human Messiness,
    • Wednesday, 9/19, 7p-9p in MEZ 1.306

Rest of October and first week of November
• Experienced TA/AI Panel
• Being Professional
• Teaching a Course
• CNS Inclusive Classrooms Workshop
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Announcements

Next week:

– On Tuesday, hopefully a talk on Communication through Writing led by William Cook
– A Wednesday evening training on How to Be a Good TA
– Research talks begin on Thursday