

CSCI 2094 (Computer Science Seminar), Fall 2012

Syllabus

1 Course description

This course is a departmental seminar. As such, it is meant to serve several purposes:

- Exposing students to a variety of topics relevant to the field, including current research, professional opportunities, and ethics.
- Providing a venue for research presentations, by both faculty and students.
- Providing a venue for outside speakers to address the department as a whole.
- Fostering a sense of community among students and faculty.

The department believes that students benefit from attendance and therefore includes the course in the list of requirements for the majors and minor.

2 Basic information

Class meeting times and location

- Th 12:45pm – 2pm, HAS 228

Prerequisites

- None.

Instructor contact information

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Office hours

A current schedule of office hours can be found on my home Web page (<http://www.cs.trinity.edu/~bmassing>). If I'm not in my office during office hours, I should be somewhere in the building, perhaps in one of the labs helping another student, and there will often be a note on my door saying where to find me.

In addition to scheduled office hours, you're welcome to drop by and see if I'm in my office and free to talk, or you can make an appointment by calling me or sending me e-mail.

E-mail is almost always a good way to reach me; I normally check it fairly often and reply promptly.

3 Course materials

Web page

Most course-related information (this syllabus, a list of topics and speakers) will be made available via the Web. The course Web page is a starting point for Web-accessible course material; you can find it linked from my home page (<http://www.cs.trinity.edu/~bmassing>) or directly at http://www.cs.trinity.edu/~bmassing/Classes/CS2094_2012fall/HTML.

4 Course requirements

Grades in this course will be based solely on attendance. Everyone starts out with an A and can miss two classes without penalty. After that, every class you miss reduces your letter grade by one letter. If you must miss more than two classes because of conflicts with university-sponsored activities or religious holidays, come talk to me and we will negotiate something appropriate.