
CpSc 9500: New PhD Student Seminar

Instructor: Dr. Brian Dean

Fall 2018

Webpage: <http://www.cs.clemson.edu/~bcdean/>

Monday 11:15-12:05

Course Syllabus

McAdams 114

1 Overview and Course Goals

This weekly seminar will provide new computer science PhD students with useful skills, background, and knowledge on how to be a successful PhD student. Topics of discussion include research skills, finding and interacting with an advisor, time management, funding opportunities, navigating the publication process, how to read/write/present research content effectively, and more. Faculty in the School of Computing will be invited to give occasional talks in the seminar, in order to help introduce students to potential advisors and research topics.

2 Instructor Information

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Office Hours: Please feel welcome to stop by the instructor's office any time.

3 Grading

There are no exams, and no substantial homework assignments except for a few short out-of-class exercises to complete.

One unit of credit is the normal amount for student registration, requiring only attendance and participation in discussions, as well as completion of a few very short out-of-class exercises. All students who attend regularly and demonstrate satisfactory participation will receive a passing grade.

4 Course Conduct and Miscellaneous Policies

Please arrive on-time to class meetings. All students are encouraged to participate in class discussions. Students are expected to adhere to Clemson's high standards for academic integrity. Any student with disabilities are encouraged to contact Student Disability Services to discuss any individual needs for accommodation.