

CSE 6001: Intro to the CSE PhD (Fall 2020)

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Your research will be judged not just by what you say and do, but how you say and do it. Your technical electives teach you “the what.” This course is about “the how.”

Note that “the how” includes how to frame your work, how to write about it, how to present it, and how to carry out your work in impactful, responsible, and ethical ways. These latter attributes will help you ensure that you follow Georgia Tech’s policies on Responsible Conduct of Research.¹

¹ www.rcr.gatech.edu

Date	Topic [Activity]	Reading (<i>before</i> class!)
Aug. 19	Hello and welcome! [Self-introductions]	
Aug. 26	<i>No class (Vuduc away)</i>	[Guo, 2012]
Sep. 2	Responsibilities of teachers and mentors (RCR) [In-class written response]	
Sep. 9	Innovation	[Fujimoto, 2011]
Sep. 16	Data management (RCR)	
Sep. 23	Writing tips	[Pinker, 2015]; [Shewchuk, 1997]; [Zinsser, 2010]
Sep. 30	Plots and charts; Data management (RCR) [3 x Tweet a paper]	[Doumont, 2009]; [Püschel, 2008]
Oct. 7	Guest: Sheila Cranman on conflict resolution (RCR) and listening skills, Part 1	
Oct. 14	Guest: Sheila Cranman on conflict resolution (RCR) and listening skills, Part 2	
Oct. 21	Authorship and publication (RCR) [4 x Redo a chart]	
Oct. 28	Collaborative research, research ethics (RCR): conflicts of interest; human subjects research; research misconduct	
Nov. 4	[4 x Your video talks , part 1]	
Nov. 11	[4 x Your video talks , part 2]	
Nov. 18	What is CSE?	[Rüde et al., 2016]
Nov. 25	<i>No class (Thanksgiving)</i>	

Table 1: What we plan to cover, what activities we will do for each, when, and with what readings (if applicable).

Who should take this class? If you are a Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) PhD student, you *must* pass this course once, and you must take it in your first semester unless extenuating circumstances prevent you from doing so. (Please consult with the instructor in such cases.)

Logistics. The class meets Wednesdays from 1:55–2:45 pm in the Klaus Advanced Computing Building, Room 2456 (classroom side).²

² <https://goo.gl/maps/dANhxGkLktv>

Books. There are no required books for the class. Instead, we will rely primarily on readings available online.

Philosophy and approach. The basic philosophy of this course is that you learn best by a combination of reading, thinking, and most importantly, *actively doing*. Therefore, there will be few formal lectures. Rather, we will all do *actual stuff* together in class. This approach only works if you prepare *before* each class, so please do so.

Your grade in the class is based entirely on participating in *all* the exercises. If you really need to miss a class, you should advise the instructors as far in advance as possible.

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