

CS886 - Topics in AI: Trust modeling, Explanation, Social Networks

Current Interest in the Course

Fall 2023

This message is dated September 8, 2023 (after the first class). 2 of the 23 students enrolled in the course for credit have dropped and the first 2 of the 11 students on the waitlist have been invited to now be taking for credit. After August 25, 5 more students expressed an interest in taking the course for credit so there is now a list of 5 waiting to get onto the waitlist. One more student has expressed an interest in auditing, while 2 of those previously interested in auditing have departed. This makes a possible total so far of 6 audits; I am willing to accept a few more. Students on the waitlist who would like to audit if they cannot get in for credit can let me know, in the meantime. The previous Interests messages are archived below.

This message is dated August 25, 2023. Please read the message below from August 18, 2023 for an indication of the current interest in CS886. There have only been a few small changes since August 18. We now have seven students who have been approved to acquire Audit status in the course (as long as they meet certain requirements for doing so). We still have 11 students on the waitlist; 23 are officially enrolled. Two more students who wanted to be added to the waitlist were told that I am not expanding this list further at this point in time; they need to wait before possibly being invited to join us. We will already have about 40 students attending our first online class (if no one drops before September 8).

As before, if you are enrolled and have decided to drop the course, let me know. If you are on the waitlist and would like to be removed, let me know as well. This Interests page will be updated again either just before or just after our first class (depending on whether there are any changes before that date). The archived earlier comments are included below.

This message is dated August 18, 2023.

The messages from Aug 11, 2023 and Aug 4, 2023 are also archived below.

As of today, there are a total of 6 students who have been allowed to attend the class as Audits and their numbers will show in the total numbers for the course sometime soon. In the Schedule of Classes, the number of students enrolled will give the impression that I am exceeding the enrolment cap considerably, but that it is not true (several students not taking for credit are counted). As of today, a total of 23 students are enrolled in the course for credit. Note that I have been giving permission numbers recently to School of CS grad students only, despite what the Schedule of Classes appears to be recording. I have learned that a glitch in the system fails to properly record the total number of School of CS grad students in our total enrolled. I will not be handing out any more permission numbers unless those already enrolled in the class for credit begin to drop. Most likely then, there will be no adjustments to this message until we reach the first class on September 8. The ideal class size of students taking the course for credit is still 21. (I am prepared to continuously issue permission numbers to support a total of 23 students, but I cannot exceed this maximum in Fall 2023. If our class size remains at 23, we will need a slightly unorthodox schedule in two or three of our classes, but I am prepared to do this. All this will be explained in the first class). Since August 11, three new students have asked to be on the waitlist. That total is now 11.

Those enrolled who are dropping should draw this to my attention. Those on the waitlist who no longer need to be should let me know as well.

Former messages (August 11 and August 4):

This message is dated August 11.

As of today, the number of students enrolled in CS886 will be increasing. 5 students have been allowed to attend the class as Audits and their numbers will show in the total numbers for the course. One additional student has been given a permission number.

I will not be handing out any more permission numbers unless those already enrolled in the class for credit begin to drop. The ideal class size of students taking the course for credit is still 21. Most likely then, there will be no adjustments to this message until we reach the first class on September 8.

Since August 3, one new student has asked to be on the waitlist. With one permission number given today, the total on the waitlist is 8. And there are no students who requested an audit and were not given that chance. Potential audits have been told what they need to complete in order for the AUD to be on their record, at the end. This paperwork may also take a little while to clear.

Those enrolled who are dropping should draw this to my attention. Those on the waitlist who no longer need to be should let me know as well.

This message is dated August 4.

As of late August 3, CS886 has 22 students registered in the course, to take it for credit. The ideal class size is still 21.

There is a waitlist of 8 School of CS grad students. There are 3 MATH faculty students also interested, who are primarily going to be invited to audit. One School of CS student will also be auditing. Those outside of MATH faculty may end up unable to participate; will revisit Audit status for them, later.

I am inviting those on the waitlist to attend the first class. During that class, I will explain further why I cannot increase the size to accommodate all those who are interested.

The first 2 weeks of term there is always some activity, with students who are enrolled departing for other courses. Those on the waitlist should still have some hope of getting a seat; I have permission numbers to assist (tolerating a very tiny expansion beyond 21, while anticipating some drops). I expect to use one more permission number shortly, and then will wait for class changes.

This month, I will read and respond to email regarding CS886 during the day on Fridays. Thanks for your patience. The course website provides considerable detail about the expectations of the class and the constraints on our schedule.

If you are just now trying to be added to the waitlist, I can add you but please consider enrolling in some of the other fascinating courses offered by the School this Fall; several of them have room for more students.

If you are on the waitlist and would like to be removed, please let me know. If you are enrolled in the class and planning to drop, please let me know as well.

This page will be updated each Friday in August, if the numbers change.