Graduate students receive credit for completing this course, if they have attended a minimum of 8 classes. Note that CS697 cannot be used to satisfy the course requirements of either the Masters or PhD degree.

The purpose of the course is to introduce graduate students to a number of challenges and skills that are relevant to graduate studies in computer science at the University of Waterloo. A majority of the classes include guest speakers. The schedule below is tentative.

September 14 – The Grad Unhandbook: Panel of Faculty and Grads
September 21 – Mental Health at UW: Kristine Meier
September 28 – Time Management: Maria Barichello
October 5 – Library Skills: Rebecca Hutchinson
October 12 – Thanksgiving / Reading Week – no class
October 19 – How to finish the thesis: Dan Berry
Possible future topics include:

• Academic writing
• Academic speaking
• Academic integrity and research ethics
• How to create useful posters
• Academia vs. Industry