 Graduate students receive credit for completing this course, if they have attended a minimum of 8 out of the 11 classes. Attendance will be taken. Note that CS697 cannot been used to satisfy the course requirements of either the Masters or the 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. A few of the classes involve hands-on activities.

Schedule of Classes (tentative)

September 13 -- The Grad Unhandbook (Panel of Faculty and Grads)
September 20 -- Time Management (Counselling Services, Linda Mackay)
September 27 -- Stress Management (Counselling Services, Jennifer Yuen)
October 4 -- Academic Integrity (Associate Provost for Grad Studies, Sue Horton)
October 18 -- Speaking Skills
October 25 -- Writing Skills
November 1 -- Creating a Useful Poster
November 8 -- How to Finish that Damn PhD (Dan Berry)
November 15 -- DC Library Skills (DC Librarian, Laura Howell)
          location: DC1568 (in the DC Library)
November 22 -- Academic vs. Industry Jobs (Panel of Faculty and Industrial Reps)
November 29 -- Open Discussion: What's on Your Mind? Class Wrap-up