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 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. A few of the classes involve hands-on activities.

**Schedule of Classes (tentative)**

September 12 -- The Grad Unhandbook (Panel of Faculty and Grads) MC2036
September 19 -- Time Management (Linda McKay)
September 26 -- Stress Management (Karen Rittinger)
October 3 -- Academic Speaking Skills
October 17 -- Research Internships (Vic DiCiccio and Frank Tompa) DC1304
October 24 -- Academic Integrity (Jeff Henry)
October 31 -- Academic Writing Skills
November 7 -- How to Create a Useful Poster
November 14 -- How to Finish that Damn PhD (Dan Berry)
November 21 -- Academic vs Industry Jobs (Industry Reps and Faculty) DC1304
November 28 -- Wrap-up of Course: What's on Your Mind?