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.

September 9 . . . The Grad Unhandbook (Panel of Faculty and Grads)
September 16 . . . Stress Management and Willpower (Brenda Julian, Linda Mackay)
September 23 . . . Time Management (Erica McKellar, Lauren Broderick)
September 30 . . . Academic Speaking Skills
October 7 . . . Academic Writing Skills
October 21 . . . UW Library Resources (Rachel McNeil) (LOCATION: MC1078)
October 28 . . . How to Finish that Damn PhD (Dan Berry)
November 4 . . . Gender Sensitivity in STEM Disciplines (Diana Parry)
November 11 . . . Academic vs. Industry Jobs (Panel of Industry reps/Faculty)
November 18 . . . Surviving Conferences and TAs (Panel of Cheriton School Grads)
November 25 . . . How to Create a Useful Poster; Course Wrap-up

Please attend the last class even if you have met your quota of classes.