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. The schedule below is tentative.

- September 10 . . . The Grad Unhandbook (Panel of Faculty and Grads)
- September 17 . . . Time Management (Maria Barichello, Student Success Office)
- September 24 . . . Mental Health at UW (Paul Ward, President’s Committee on Mental Health)
- October 1 . . . Academic Writing Skills
- October 15 . . . Academic Speaking Skills
- October 22 . . . How to Finish that Damn PhD (Dan Berry)
- October 29 . . . Academic Integrity and Research Ethics (UW Academic Integrity, UW Research)
- November 5 . . . UW Library Resources (Rebecca Hutchinson, DC Librarian))
- November 12 . . . How to Create a Useful Poster
- November 19 . . . Academic vs. Industry Jobs (Panel of Industry reps/Faculty)
- November 26 . . . Course Wrap-up; Thinking Outside the Box, Respectful Communication

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