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. The schedule below is tentative.

September 9 – The Grad Unhandbook: Panel of Faculty and Grads
September 16 – Time Management: Maria Barichello
September 23 – Mental Health at UW: Kristine Meier
September 30 – Library Skills: Rebecca Hutchinson
October 7 – How to finish the thesis: Dan Berry
October 14 – Reading Week
October 21 – Academic writing skills
October 28 – Academic speaking skills
November 4 – Academic integrity and research ethics: Karen Pieters, Erin Nearing
November 11 – How to create a useful poster
November 18 – Academia or Industry: Panel discussion
November 25 – course wrap up