

CS 697 - Graduate Research Skills Seminar, Fall 2026
Prof. Richard Trefler

Time and Place: Friday at 12:00pm / In DC. (check Quest)

Credit based on attendance, participation. 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.

There are no required materials, books, etc. needed for this course.

September 11, 12:00 pm – Introductory meeting

September 18, 12:00 pm – The Grad Unhandbook: Panel of Faculty and Grads

Possible future topics include:

- Library Services at UW
- How to finish that thesis
- Mental Health At UW
- Time management
- Reading CS literature
- Academic writing
- Academic speaking
- How to create useful posters