

**CSBL 7099**  
**Dissertation**  
**Fall 2017 and Spring 2018**

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**CLASS DAYS and TIME:** By arrangement

**CLASSROOM:** None

**COURSE FACULTY:** Dr. Qitao Ran (director) and any faculty serving as supervising professor

**OFFICE LOCATION and HOURS:** 552C.4 Monday through Thursday, 9:00-10:00 AM and 12:00-1:00 PM

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

Conduct independent and original research under the direction of supervising professor.

**Pre-requisites** – Admission to candidacy for Doctor of Philosophy degree. Registration for at least two terms is required of Ph.D. candidates.

**Semester credit hours** – Credit to be arranged

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Orally present and defend a dissertation project.
- Write a dissertation
- Write manuscript(s) publishable in peer-reviewed journals of the appropriate discipline.

**COURSE ORGANIZATION**

**The main teaching modalities used in this course include:**

- 1) Independent study
- 2) Faculty-student meetings
- 3) Public defense: Rehearsal and presentation

**Materials** – None

**Computer Access** – Any personal computer

**Reading Assignments** – As required by the supervising professor

**ATTENDANCE**

The student and supervising professor should keep scheduled appointments. Advance notice is required for changes.

**TEXTBOOKS**

**Required:** None

**Recommended:** None

## **GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES**

The grade will be determined by the supervising professor in consultation with the student's supervising committee.

### **Available Grades are:**

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

## **REQUESTS FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES**

In accordance with policy 4.2.3, **Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA)**, any student requesting accommodation must submit the appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100). to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at <http://uthscsa.edu/eeo/request.asp>.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM**

Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act. Additional information may be obtained at <http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/academicdishonestypolicy/>

## **TITLE IX AT UTHSCSA**

### **Title IX Defined:**

Title of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. It reads "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

### **University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio's Commitment:**

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. As required by Title IX, UTHSCSA does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and it encourages any student, faculty, or staff member who thinks that he or she has been subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment (including sexual violence) or sexual misconduct to immediately report the incident to the Title IX Director.

In an emergency, victims of sexual abuse should call 911. For non-emergencies, they may contact UPD at 210-567-2800. Additional information may be obtained at <http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/>

## **EMAIL POLICY**

N/A

## **USE OF RECORDING DEVICES**

N/A

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

N/A

**TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**COURSE SUBJECT and COURSE NUMBER**  
**COURSE TITLE**  
**SEMESTER and YEAR**

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WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	Assignment	Instructor and Modality
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
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