

**TSCI 6098**  
**Mentored Thesis**

**Fall 2016**

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**CLASS DAYS and TIME:** Determined by each *individual student and their MSCI-TS COGS approved supervising professor.*

**CLASSROOM:** Determined by each *individual student and their MSCI-TS COGS approved supervising professor.*

**COURSE DIRECTOR:** Donald M. Dougherty, PhD

**OFFICE LOCATION and HOURS:** UPL 2.201, Monday – Friday (8:00 am – 5:00 pm by appointment only)

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

Registration for 1.0 SCH is required for MSCI-TS degree candidates.

**Pre-requisites** – MSCI-TS COGS approved Supervising Professor, Supervising Committee, and research project.

**Semester credit hours** – 1.0 – 2.0 SCH

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

- Prepare a manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal
- Submit a final manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal

**Computer Requirements:**

Students are required to have a laptop computer that can connect to and operate over a wireless network.

Software required:

- Microsoft Office Suite (A personal copy of the latest version can be purchased at The UTHSCSA bookstore at student pricing with a student ID)

Laptops with an Apple based Operating System must be able to also operate using a Windows based Operating System. It may be necessary to purchase Windows (student pricing available at The UTHSCSA bookstore with a student ID) and virtualization software.

All laptops will connect to The UTHSCSA network via the HSCwave broadcast wireless connection. Authentication for wireless use is based on The UTHSCSA domain username and password.

Verification of proper operation **prior** to the start of class is highly recommended.

Assistance is available thru the IMS Service Desk

- Telephone:(567-7777)
- E-mail ([ims-servicedesk@uthscsa.edu](mailto:ims-servicedesk@uthscsa.edu))

Assistance is also available at the IMS Student Support Center (ALTC 106).

**Reading Assignments** – Reading assignments will be based on the requirements of the individual student’s research and as deemed appropriate by the student’s supervising professor.

## ATTENDANCE

The student is expected to draft, finalize and submit his final manuscript for approval by the MSCI-TS COGS as required for graduation.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to meet with their supervising professor and supervising committee to discuss the student’s final manuscript prior to the student submitting their manuscript to a peer review journal.

Students are required to submit a completed Student Semi-annual Evaluation form and reviewed Student/Supervising Professor Compact. Failure to do so will result in the students receiving a grade of “Unsatisfactory” (U). If a student receives a grade of “Unsatisfactory” (U) the semester credit hours (SCH) will not be counted towards the total 30 SCH required for graduation.

### Grading System

The grading will be conducted on a pass fail basis and both assignments need a Satisfactory in order to pass the course.

S = Satisfactory      U = 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/eo/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**

All correspondence will be sent to the student using the student’s LiveMail address and CANVAS. All correspondence from the student to the course director should be sent to the course director’s e-mail as listed on the first page of this syllabus.

## **USE OF RECORDING DEVICES**

Only with course director’s or supervising professor’s permission.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Cell phones must be turned off during all class meetings and exams. Computers and electronic tablets are allowed only for participating in classroom activities (*e.g.*, viewing slides presented in lecture or conference materials). No texting, tweeting, e-mailing, web-surfing, gaming, or any use of electronic devices that is not directly connected with classroom activities is permitted.