TSCI 6097
Mentored Research

Spring 2023

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: Helen P. Hazuda, PhD

OFFICE LOCATION and HOURS: Appointments by request via Microsoft Teams

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES
The Research Course is set up for the student to work on their MSCI-TS COGS Approved Mentored Research Project with their Supervising Professor. Pre-requisites and course objectives are specified below.

MSCI-TS students must enroll in TSCI 6097 Mentored Research for at least two semesters to be eligible for consideration for graduation.

Pre-requisites – MSCI-TS COGS approved Supervising Professor, Supervising Committee, and research project proposal and an approved Planned Activities Form outlining the number of contact hours you will be completing.

Semester credit hours – 1.0 – 4.5 SCH

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

• Demonstrate completion of the research activities specified by the student and supervising professor on the Planned Student Activities form and approval by the Course Director.
• Submission of Semi-Annual Evaluation Forms (Submitted on either August 31 or February 28 depending on the semester.
• Submission of Compact: Submitted annually on August 31.

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

• Microsoft Teams (Please visit Microsoft for the free download, if needed)
• 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)

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
Research is expected to be carried out weekly, if not daily, as directed by the individual student’s supervising professor. Depending on the number of semester credit hours (1.0 – 3.0 SCH) planned, 48 – 288 contact hours of research/manuscript activities are required to fulfill the requirement for this course.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Students are required to meet with their supervising professor and supervising committee to discuss the student’s research and career activities to ensure the student’s progression through the MSCI-TS research and manuscript requirements.

At the end of the semester, you and your Supervising Professor must submit the Planned Activities Completion Form to the Academic Coordinator (Machuca@uthscsa.edu) June 10th (Spring) or December 10th (Fall).

SEMI-ANNUAL EVALUATION FORM/COMPACT REQUIREMENT
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 ACCOMMODATIONS 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 found in the UTHSCSA Catalog at http://catalog.uthscsa.edu.

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.