

**COMP 7980 Section (301) Spring 2010**  
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**Office Hours:**

| Monday                     | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday      | Friday |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| 5:00 – 6:00pm              |         |           | 2:30 – 3:30pm |        |
| <i>Also by Appointment</i> |         |           |               |        |

**Course Description:**

The goal of this course is to provide a starting point for students who plan to pursue a Master level project for the following semester. At the end of the course, you are expected to:

- Select a final project
- Formed a committee
- Written a survey/progress report for your project
- Make a presentation about the goal of your project and how do you plan to achieve your goal

**Evaluation:**

Evaluation is based on the following 3 components. The major component will be the grade that your project advisor gives. It will be adjusted based on two other factors: the end of semester presentation in class (graded by Dr. Lin), and the feedback on the other 2 members of committee to see how much they have been informed by you about your progress.

+/- grades will be used.

**Course Policies:**

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend every class.

**Testing Policy:** No early or late exams are allowed unless under extreme situations.

**Plagiarism/Cheating Policy:**

*Plagiarism or cheating* behavior in any form is unethical and detrimental to proper

education and ***will not be tolerated***. All work submitted by a student (projects, programming assignments, lab assignments, quizzes, tests, etc.) is expected to be a student's own work. The plagiarism is incurred when any part of anybody else's work is passed as your own (no proper credit is listed to the sources in your own work) so the reader is led to believe it is therefore your own effort. Students are allowed and encouraged to discuss with each other and look up resources in the literature (including the internet) on their assignments, but ***appropriate references must be included for the materials consulted***, and appropriate citations made when the material is taken verbatim.

If plagiarism or cheating occurs, the student will receive a failing grade on the assignment and (at the instructor's discretion) a failing grade in the course. The course instructor may also decide to forward the incident to the University Judicial Affairs Office for further disciplinary action. For further information on U of M code of student conduct and academic discipline procedures, please refer to:

<http://www.people.memphis.edu/~jaffairr>

### Course Syllabus

| Lecture | Date | Lecture Topics                                |
|---------|------|---|
| 1       | 1/19 | Introduction                                  |
| 2       | 1/26 | Overview of Project Requirements              |
| 3       | 2/2  | No class                                      |
| 4       | 2/9  | Faculty project description (1)               |
| 5       | 2/16 | Faculty project description (2)               |
| 6       | 2/23 | Presentation practice (1)                     |
| 7       | 3/2  | Presentation practice (2)                     |
|         | 3/9  | <i>Fall Break – no class</i>                  |
| 8       | 3/16 | Project selection presentation                |
| 9       | 3/23 | No class                                      |
| 10      | 3/30 | Selected topics (1)                           |
| 11      | 4/6  | Selected topics (2)                           |
| 12      | 4/13 | Project update                                |
| 13      | 4/20 | No class                                      |
| 14      | 4/27 | No class                                      |
| 15      | 5/4  | <i>Final Presentation (3) (3:00 – 5:00pm)</i> |