

**CS 697 - Graduate Research Skills Seminar, Fall 2021**  
**Prof. Richard Trefler**

**Time and Place: Monday at noon / TBD, Online – MS Teams**

Graduate students receive credit for completing this course, if they have attended a minimum of 8 classes. 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.

September 13, 12 pm – The Grad Unhandbook: Panel of Faculty and Grads Craig Kaplan, Xe He, Mojtaba Valipour

September 20th, 12pm – Academic Writing

September 27, 12pm – Time Management:

October 4th 12 pm – Library Skills: Rebecca Hutchinson

October 11 – Thanksgiving / Reading Week – no class

October 18th 12 pm – Mental Health at UW: Kristine Meier

October 25th 12 pm — How to finish the thesis: Dan Berry

Possible future topics include:

- Academic speaking
- Academic integrity and research ethics
- How to create useful posters
- Academia vs. Industry