

# CS 499 Senior Seminar Syllabus and Information

## Notes from Class (current semester)

- 1/17/2016
  - Day/time to be determined to work with everyone's schedule.
  - See [Course Notes / Advice](#) from previous semesters. I will update that section as needed with more information during the current offering of the course.
- 1/5/2016
  - Nothing new yet ...

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## General Information

### Contact Your Instructor

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### Lecture, Exam, Office Hours

**Lecture:** *to be determined*

**Exam:** *no exam in this course*

**Instructor Office Hours:** *W 9-10am, 1-3pm. I am normally in the office each day from around 9am-4pm except when in class or other meetings.*

### Prerequisites

C or better in CS 202 and senior standing. The course is meant to be taken during the last semester before graduating.

### Standard text

No textbook is used. Students present current topics. One source for such topics is the *Communications of the ACM*, available online at <http://cacm.acm.org/>. Students also work on professional skills, including interviewing and writing a resume. The resources of the Career Center, <http://www.indstate.edu/career-center>, are used.

## Course Announcements

Announcements regarding the course will be made both during class and via email to your @sycamores.indstate.edu email address. You should regularly check this email account or have it forwarded to an account that you check regularly. You can set the account to forward by logging into your indstate.edu email from Internet Explorer (the "light" version of the webmail client that opens up from Firefox or Chrome does not give the option to forward email).

## Classroom conduct

You may not use cell phones, iPods/music players, etc. during class. You should be civil and respectful to both the instructor and your classmates, and you should arrive to class a few minutes before the scheduled lecture so you are ready for lecture to begin on time. You may use your computer during class if you are using it to follow along with the examples that are being discussed. You may not check email, facebook, work on other courses, etc. during class.

## Course Description

The catalog description for this course is

“The senior seminar is taken by students in their last year. The course prepares students for the process of applying for and interviewing for jobs or a graduate program. Students also present on current topics in computer science.”

The senior seminar is being created based on feedback from students in exit surveys and based on results from annual assessment of the program. The course fills a need to help students develop professional skills.

## Course Outline

- I. Resume writing
- II. Interview skills
  - Soft skills
  - Technical questions
- III. Current topics in computer science
- IV. Program assessment and exit interview

## Grading and Assignments

The students of this course have the following responsibilities: attend weekly seminars, write a resume, search for jobs, practice interview skills, complete program assessment and exit interview. The course is graded pass/fail.

## CS Course Policies

Note that this course follows all standard CS course policies. In particular, (a) cheating/plagiarism by graduate students (for courses with graduate students) results in an F in the course, (b) missing 20% of the classes results in an F for any student, and (c) there will be no makeup exams. See <http://cs.indstate.edu/info/policies.html> for details.

## Blackboard

The course has a blackboard site. Click <https://blackboard.indstate.edu/> to go to blackboard. You should see this course listed under your courses for the current term. The blackboard site is only used for giving you your grades. All course content, schedule, etc. is kept in this google doc (which you are currently viewing).

## Academic Integrity

Please follow these guidelines to avoid problems with academic misconduct in this course:

- **Note on sources:** if you use some other source, the web or whatever, you better cite it! Not doing so is plagiarism.

If cheating is observed, you will at the least receive a 0 for the assignment (and may receive an F for the course), and I will file a Notification of Academic Integrity Violation Report with Student Judicial Programs, as required by the university's policy on Academic Integrity. A student who is caught cheating twice (whether in a single course or different courses) is likely to be brought before the All-University Court hearing panel, which can impose sanctions up to and including suspension/expulsion. See the <http://www.indstate.edu/sjp/docs/code.pdf> and <http://www.indstate.edu/academicintegrity/> for more information.

Please ask the instructor if you have doubts about what is considered cheating in this course

## Special Needs

If you have special needs for the classroom environment, homeworks, or quizzes, please inform the instructor during the first week of classes. If you have any such needs, you should go to the Student Academic Services Center to coordinate this. See <http://www.indstate.edu/sasc/programs/dss/services.htm> for more information.

## Disclosures Regarding Sexual Misconduct

Indiana State University fosters a campus free of sexual misconduct including sexual harassment, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and stalking and/or any form of sex or gender discrimination. If you disclose a potential violation of the sexual misconduct policy I will need to notify the Title IX Coordinator. Students who have experienced sexual misconduct are encouraged to contact confidential resources listed below. To make a report or the Title IX Coordinator, visit the Equal Opportunity and Title IX website:

<http://www.indstate.edu/equalopportunity-titleix/titleix>.

**The ISU Student Counseling Center** – HMSU 7<sup>th</sup> Floor | 812-237-3939 |  
[www.indstate.edu/cns](http://www.indstate.edu/cns)

**The ISU Victim Advocate** – Trista Gibbons, [trista.gibbons@indstate.edu](mailto:trista.gibbons@indstate.edu)  
HMSU 7<sup>th</sup> Floor | 812-237-3939 (office) | 812-230-3803 (cell)

**Campus Ministries** - United Campus Ministries | 812-232-0186  
<http://www2.indstate.edu/sao/campusministries.htm>  
[www.unitedcampusministries.org](http://www.unitedcampusministries.org) | [ucminister2@gmail.com](mailto:ucminister2@gmail.com)  
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**For more information on your rights and available resources**  
<http://www.indstate.edu/equalopportunity-titleix/titleix>