

## **Syllabus & Course Information**

CSC 399 - Independent Study

Spring 2017

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### **Course Description**

This is a 2-credit project course run through the Computer Science Society that allows students to take what they have learned in class and apply it to a project of their interest. The class has three main requirements: you learn something new or expand on your current knowledge, you work on a full-scale project either alone or with a team, and you present your project at the CSS meeting during week 10.

There are no prerequisites and no required textbook.

This course is meant more for undergraduates to take advantage of the two extra credits they have in their full-time tuition package and is not recommended for graduate students who pay per credit hour.

### **Enrollment**

To enroll in the course, email Jacob Furst at [jfurst@cdm.depaul.edu](mailto:jfurst@cdm.depaul.edu) with your name, student ID number, and your intent to enroll.

For any questions regarding the course, please speak to a board member of CSS or email us at [cssdepaul@gmail.com](mailto:cssdepaul@gmail.com).

### **Attendance**

Attendance to CSS meetings is suggested but not required. Check-ins and the final presentation are in-person assignments, though.

### **Grading**

Grades will be based upon completion of the assignments and the final project.

Assignments: 60%

-Initial Project Plan (week 1 – week 3)

-Check-in #1 (week 4)

-Check-in #2 (week 6)

-Check-in #3 (week 8)

-Check-in #4 (week 9)

Final Presentation: 40%

-Presentation during the meeting (week 10)

## **Assignment Specifications**

Initial Project Plan (due by April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM)

The initial project plan will be submitted via Google form. At this point, you will need to know what project you will be working on, what you would like the end project to look like/do, why you chose the project, and who your team members are if you are working with a team.

All team members need to submit a project plan individually, but all your answers may be the same.

Check-ins

At a check-in, you just need to show a CSS board member that you have made progress on your project and what you are hoping to get done by the next check-in. The preferred check-in is at the end of a regular CSS meeting.

In exceptional cases, check-in can be done with a board member or Dr. Furst. Please email us to schedule an alternate time.

Final Presentation (May 31 during the CSS meeting)

For your final presentation, plan on showing the CSS members what you have worked on over the 10 weeks. Be ready to visually show your project, explain what it is and why you chose to work in this in particular, and answer some questions from the group.

Presentations must be done in person and all group members must be present.

If you are unable to present this day, please get in contact with a CSS board member to schedule an alternate time to present to a few board members.

## **Important Dates**

March 27 – First day of Spring Quarter

March 31 – Last day to add/swap class to Spring Schedule

April 7 – Last day to drop classes with no penalty

May 12 – Last day to withdraw from classes

June 2 – Last day of classes

June 9 – End Final Exams

## **Changes to Syllabus**

This syllabus is subject to change as necessary. If a change occurs, you will be notified via email and an updated copy will be posted to the website.

### **Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**

This course will be subject to the university's academic integrity policy. More information can be found at <http://academicintegrity.depaul.edu/> If you have any questions be sure to consult with your professor.

### **Academic Policies**

All students are required to manage their class schedules each term in accordance with the deadlines for enrolling and withdrawing as indicated in the University Academic Calendar. Information on enrollment, withdrawal, grading and incompletes can be found at

<http://www.cdm.depaul.edu/Current%20Students/Pages/PoliciesandProcedures.aspx>.

### **Students with Disabilities**

Students who feel they may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss their specific needs. All discussions will remain confidential.

To ensure that you receive the most appropriate accommodation based on your needs, contact the instructor as early as possible in the quarter (preferably within the first week of class), and make sure that you have contacted the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at:

Lewis Center 1420, 25 East Jackson Blvd.

Phone number: (312)362-8002

Fax: (312)362-6544

TTY: (773)325.7296