CSCI 681 [000539] Section 1
Technical Presentation in Computer Science
Fall 2023 SYLLABUS

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(and by appointment)
Student Office Hours: https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/91845917984
Invitation: Student Office Hours Zoom invitation text
{I sometimes won't be available for an office hour - this will usually be because I'm attending a meeting}

Resource Links:

- D2L Brightspace
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- SCSU Student Resources for Online Learning
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- SCSU Zoom Resources
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- SCSU Student Information for Attending Classes Off-Campus
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- SCSU: The Write Place
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- SCSU Information Technology Services
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- SCSU Medical Clinic
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- SCSU Counseling and Psychological Services
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- SCSU Library
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- SCSU Student Code of Conduct
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Additional SCSU student resources, curated and compiled by the Academic Affairs office, are presented in:
Fall 2023 Student Instructional Resource and Support Guide

Hyflex Content Delivery and Accessibility:
I plan to teach using a blend of synchronous and asynchronous delivery via Zoom and D2L,
where it should make no effective and essential difference whether at any time you are F2F or remote.

I intend to record all lectures. And, most materials will be available through D2L.
Student submissions of quizzes, assignments, notes, etc. will be via a D2L dropbox.
This plan should maximize flexibility for both you and me to adapt to whatever factors change progressively
or suddenly for either you or me.
You will never be expected to be F2F in our classroom.
My default mode of presentation is synchronous.
Your default Zoom mode of access should be with your camera on, and your mute *must* be on.
If you are connecting synchronously through Zoom, you are encouraged to contribute at any time by unmuting, or by Zoom text.
Here's the SCSU definition of Hyflex (from the Provost's Fall 2021 Instructional Resource and Support Guide):

Hyflex Course - Course activity is both online and in-person, at the same time, offering students flexibility with their learning.

In a hyflex course, all learning activities are delivered via asynchronous online, synchronous online, and in-person.

With faculty consultation, a student may choose which mode of learning works best for their circumstance.

Although there are asynchronous learning activities, the course is not self-paced.

Meetings are online (both synchronous (scheduled) and asynchronous) and in-person.

Exams are typically in-person and synchronous online (not asynchronous).

In-person and synchronous meeting/exam dates and times are often scheduled in ISRS (registration system) and in the syllabus.

Media code 14.

CLASS TIME AND LOCATION:

Class: M: 13:00 - 13:50 in ECC 135

Lecture Zoom meeting link & invitation:
https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/98005404797; Lecture Zoom Invitation

REQUIRED TEXT: * Writing for Computer Science, 3rd ed.,
Justin Zobel, Springer, 2014

SCSU COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: (for CSCI 681)

Oral presentation with appropriate visual aids on current topics in computer science for a select audience.

One semester of graduate coursework required and permission of instructor.

DESCRIPTION:

In practice, this course has evolved beyond the course catalog description.

This course is now taught as a technical writing and research methods course preparing the student for writing in the thesis style.

Towards this end, Students are expected to satisfactorily demonstrate competence in the execution of the following deliverables:

- use of a Reference Management System
- writing a research topic description as an extended abstract
- writing an annotated bibliography

- writing a research paper conforming to the SCSU graduate thesis style requirements
- writing a slide presentation and presenting it orally.

All of the writing deliverables must be coupled to the same research topic.

SLOs:

None stated in the current CSCI 681 SCSU course description

PREREQUISITES:

Graduate Standing in Computer Science

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

You are expected to do your own homework. If you copy someone else's work or allow someone else to copy your work, you are being academically dishonest and will be subject to severe disciplinary action which may include any or all of: no credit for the work in question, a failing grade for the course, notification to the university that you have violated your Code of Conduct. Use of recording devices during exams is prohibited. If you must quote or paraphrase another source, citation is essential, otherwise plagiarism has been committed. You are expected to be familiar with your rights and obligations as outlined in the "Code of Conduct"

[http://www.stcloudstate.edu/studenthandbook/documents/2013_14_codeofconduct.pdf] See also:

[http://www.stcloudstate.edu/studenthandbook/code/prohibited.asp]

[http://www.stcloudstate.edu/studenthandbook/code/rights_responsibilities.asp]

ATTENDANCE:

You are responsible for knowing what happens at each class meeting.

EXAMS:

There will be no exams

GRADING:

Your grade will be determined by the contributions of your scores on assignments, quizzes, intermediate and final exams, term papers and their presentations.

Makeup of tests, quizzes, and exams are by prior arrangement only.

(Exception handling: If you have received undergraduate credit for CSCI 331 (you were a SCSU CSCI undergrad), instead of taking the exams, you will write and present additional term papers on significantly different topics, and pass a Quiz on the other presented term papers)

APPROXIMATE POINTS:

Assignments	100%

CAVEAT:

I reserve the right to amend the contents of this syllabus with notification.

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