

CPSC 699 Seminar Requirements

As part of the requirement for CPSC 699 you must attend 9 seminars in each of the two terms (fall and winter), 18 seminars total over the course. For each seminar you must submit a summary for grading.

The goal of the seminars is to encourage *participation in academic life on campus*. As such certain seminars are eligible for the 699 requirement and others are not. Examples of what is acceptable include

- graduate seminars (a full session of one or two talks counts as one grad seminar, summarize each talk),
- *live* web seminars,
- talks in a distinguished lecture series, and
- lectures by visiting speakers.

Key features of eligible seminars are that it must be a *live event* where it is possible to interact with the speaker by asking a question, and it must be *open to an audience at least as broad as the computer science department*. As graduates you will receive notices of graduate seminars and other department seminars. However, you are free (and encouraged) to attend seminars in other departments and faculties. You may have to do some work to seek these out, but there are many eligible talks on campus every week.

Recorded seminars *are not eligible*. Seminars given in a class that is part of a course requirement *are not eligible*. If in doubt about whether or not a seminar is eligible, please ask the instructor.

Your seminar summary must include:

- the date and location of the seminar,
- the title of seminar,
- the name of the speaker,
- the hosting group/organization (eg. CPSC department, or Sigma Chi), and
- a paragraph that summarizes the topic and salient points in the talk.

Although the summary is primarily used to check that you have attended the seminars, they must be complete and written in proper English. Summaries that are inadequate will be returned for rewriting before you can receive credit.

You may hand in a maximum of two summaries per week, due at the end of the week. Summaries will not be accepted after 5pm on the last day of classes in the winter term.

You must complete the set of 18 seminars to pass this component of the course. Furthermore, since you must pass all components of the course, you must complete the set of 18 seminars to pass the course.