

Special Problems Course

Course Information

- Instructor: Gregory Mihalik (gmihalik3@gatech.edu)
- Course Prefix and Number: ECE 8900 M24
- Term: Fall 2026

Course Description

This course provides academic credit for independent studies under the direction of a faculty member. The scope and direction of the studies are determined by the student (or small group of students) in consultation with the course instructor.

Course Learning Outcome

By enrolling in this course, students will gain experience in performing independent studies on topics that are not taught in a formalized course setting.

Required Course Materials

No textbooks or materials are required. Resources for research are determined in consultation with the instructor.

Grading Policy

Pass/Fail (does not count towards degree credit in the letter grade GPA)

The evaluation will be assigned based on agreed upon objectives commensurate with the difficulty and scope of the project, the number of credit hours, as well as the technical proficiency of the student. It is the joint responsibility of the instructor and the student to discuss expectations and how meeting or not the expectations affects the evaluation grade. The grading process will be clearly articulated to the student to allow reasonable prediction of progress towards the final evaluation throughout the semester.

Attendance Policy

This course does not include scheduled class meetings. The frequency and format of student-faculty contact are determined by mutual agreement and are consistent with the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled.

Instructor Commitment:

All of the instructors commit to dedicating our time and energy to ensure that you have a productive learning environment where you feel supported in exploring technology entrepreneurship. We will provide clear instructions, timely feedback, and transparent

grading criteria to help guide your progress. We will be available during office hours and responsive to email inquiries.

Student Commitment:

As the student, you agree to engage actively in class discussions, team projects, and entrepreneurial exercises with curiosity and professionalism. You will commit time and energy to complete readings and assignments, watch recordings, complete assignments in a timely manner, and will contribute fairly to team efforts. You agree to communicate openly with your peers and instructor, respect diverse viewpoints, and ask for help when needed.

For more information on Faculty and Student Expectations see: [XXI. Student-Faculty Expectations | Georgia Tech Catalog](#)

Academic Integrity:

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. Review Georgia Tech's Honor Code. [Academic Honor Code | Policy Library](#)

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarism on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

Office of Disability Services:

If you are a student registered with the Office of Disability Services (ODS), please make sure the appropriate forms and paperwork are completed and sent to Prof. Mihalik by the end of the first week of class. The instructors will abide by all accommodations required by ODS. It is the responsibility of the student to properly arrange test accommodations for each quiz with ODS in sufficient time to guarantee space for quiz administration. ALL quiz accommodations must be handled through ODS. If the student does not register accommodations with ODS for the quiz, then the student will take the quiz at the normally scheduled times, without any additional accommodation unless the instructor is given specific directive from ODS on the students behalf. For more information on services provided by ODS use this link: [Home | Disability Services](#)