

# Master's Project

## Course Information

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- **Course Prefix and Number:** CS 6999 X04
- **Term:** Fall 2026

## Course Description

This course provides academic credit for a supervised master's project conducted under the guidance of a Georgia Tech faculty advisor. The course does not involve regular class meetings, assignments, or examinations. The scope and deliverables of the project are defined by the student in consultation with the project advisor, consistent with the requirements of the degree program.

## Course Learning Outcomes

By enrolling in this course, students will:

1. Engage in a substantial independent project under faculty supervision.
2. Gain experience in defining a project scope, applying appropriate methods, and producing a tangible outcome.
3. Communicate project results through interactions with their advisor and, as required, a project committee.

## Required Course Materials

No textbooks or materials are required. Resources for the project are determined in consultation with the project advisor.

## Grading Policy

This course is graded on a **Satisfactory (S)** / **Unsatisfactory (U)** basis.

- A grade of **Satisfactory (S)** indicates that the student has made acceptable progress toward completing the project, consistent with the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled for the semester.
- A grade of **Unsatisfactory (U)** indicates that the student did not meet the expectations for satisfactory performance during the term.

## **Attendance Policy**

This course does not include scheduled class meetings. Students conduct independent project work under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The frequency and format of student–advisor contact are determined by mutual agreement.

## **Academic and Research Honesty/Integrity Statement**

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 the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and the [Academic Honor Code](#), especially [Appendix A: Graduate Addendum to the Academic Honor Code](#).

Students are expected to perform research in an ethical and responsible manner. All Doctoral and Master’s Thesis students are required to take the [Responsible Conduct of Research training](#), and it is expected that students abide by the principles taught in that training while performing research for this project course.

Allegations of scientific or scholarly misconduct are handled in accordance with the procedures outlined by the [Policy for Responding to Allegations of Scientific or Other Scholarly Misconduct](#).

## **Core IMPACTS**

Not applicable.

## **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, [contact the Office of Disability Services](#) as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

## **Expectations of Advisors and Advisees**

At Georgia Tech, we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgment, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. [The Expectations of Advisors and Advisees](#) articulates some basic expectations that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.