

# CS 7000 W13: Master's Thesis

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**Course Format:** Faculty-supervised master's thesis research

**Meeting Time/Location:** By arrangement

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## Catalog Description

Master's thesis research conducted under the supervision of a faculty advisor, culminating in a written thesis and, when applicable, an oral defense.

## Course Overview

This course supports students in conducting original research leading to a master's thesis. Students are expected to identify a significant research problem, develop rigorous methods, and produce a written thesis that demonstrates technical depth, originality, and scholarly quality.

## Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students are expected to:

- formulate a clear and well-motivated research problem;
- design and carry out a rigorous research plan;
- demonstrate depth of understanding in a specialized area;
- produce original technical insights, methods, or findings;
- communicate research contributions clearly in writing and presentation.

## Thesis Structure

The thesis work typically includes:

- problem formulation and motivation;
- literature review and positioning relative to prior work;
- methodological development or system design;
- experiments, evaluation, and analysis;
- conclusions and discussion of future directions.

## **Expectations**

Students are expected to demonstrate a high level of independence, rigor, and professionalism. Specifically:

- meet regularly with the thesis advisor;
- maintain steady and well-documented progress;
- take ownership of research direction and execution;
- revise and improve work based on feedback.

A detailed research plan and timeline will be established early in the term.

## **Assessment**

Evaluation is based on research quality, originality, rigor, and completeness.

- Research formulation and significance: 20%
- Progress and execution: 30%
- Technical depth and originality: 30%
- Final thesis and presentation/defense: 20%

## **Deliverables**

Primary deliverables may include:

- a written master's thesis;
- supporting materials such as code, experiments, or datasets;
- an oral presentation or thesis defense, when required.

Specific deliverables will be determined in consultation with the advisor.

## **Attendance and Communication**

There are no formal lectures. Students are expected to attend regular meetings with the advisor and maintain consistent, professional communication.

## **Late Work**

Thesis timelines will be determined in coordination with the advisor and program requirements. Students are expected to communicate early regarding any delays.

## **Academic Integrity**

All work must comply with the Georgia Tech Honor Code. Proper attribution of prior work, code, datasets, and external materials is required.

## **Accessibility and Student Support**

Students requiring accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services and notify the instructor early. Georgia Tech provides additional academic and wellness resources to support student success.

## **Institute Policies**

All Georgia Tech policies on academic conduct, non-discrimination, accessibility, and student behavior apply.

*Note: This syllabus outlines general expectations for master's thesis research. Specific requirements may vary depending on the project, advisor expectations, and program guidelines.*