CS 8999 H20 Syllabus

Doctoral Thesis Prep · Fall 2026

Course Information

Course	Section	Credit Hours	Instructor	Email
CS 8999	H20	Variable (as registered)	Josiah Hester	josiah@gatech.edu

Course Description

Academic credit for preliminary doctoral research carried out under the direction of the faculty advisor, before admission to candidacy.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Develop research skills and a focused research direction.
- Make progress toward the thesis proposal and candidacy.

Required Course Materials

None. Research resources are determined with the instructor.

Grading Policy

Grades are based on progress toward the goals agreed with the instructor at the start of the term, assessed through regular meetings and the agreed deliverables.

Attendance Policy

No scheduled class meetings. Meeting frequency and format are set by mutual agreement and are consistent with the credit hours enrolled.

Academic and Research Integrity

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Review the Student Code of Conduct and the Academic Honor Code, including Appendix A (Graduate Addendum). Students must conduct research ethically and complete the required Responsible Conduct of Research

training. Suspected violations are reported to the Office of Student Integrity; allegations of scholarly misconduct follow the Institute Policy for Responding to Allegations of Scientific or Other Scholarly Misconduct.

Core IMPACTS

Not applicable.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Contact the Office of Disability Services as soon as possible, and email the instructor to discuss your needs.

Student-Faculty Expectations

See the Student-Faculty Expectations and the Expectations of Advisors and Advisees.