

CS 591 SN
Spring Version
 New Systems and Networking
 Seminar
 Spring 2009

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CS 591SN: New Systems and Networking Seminar

“New”?

- Last Fall 08: New and Top Systems + Networking conferences from 2008
 - Infocom, NSDI, Sensys, Middleware, ICDCS, OSDI, and more!
 - Best award papers and/or stand-out papers
- **Spring Format this Spring 2009 semester:** each session devoted to one of:
 - I. Practice Runs of Interview Talks by graduating PhD students
 - II. Practice Runs of Upcoming conference presentations
 - III. Presentations of Top non-UIUC Papers from Top Conferences
 - IV. Visitors from outside UIUC

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“Systems and Networking”?

- If you don't know, you may not belong here...

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“Seminar”?

seminar 1887, from Latin seminarium "breeding ground, plant nursery" (also "seminary"). Sense of "meeting for discussion of a subject" first recorded 1944.

A place where all opinions, all debates, are fair game. Faculty and students will participate.

Goal: to inform, debate, banish or accept new ideas from the systems community.

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Seminar Structure

- Each seminar 1 hour
 - I. Practice Job Talks: 55 min + 5 min, but you'll get questions during the talk itself
 - II. Practice Conference Talks: 25 min + 5 min, but you'll get questions during the talk itself
 - III. Other non-UIUC Conference Papers: 25 min + 5 min, but you'll get questions during the talk itself
 - IV. Visitor talks usually 1 hour long

Timings will be imposed harshly, especially for job talks.
- Some sessions will have a "faculty host" who's in charge of that seminar
 - For non-UIUC papers, faculty host selects papers, accepts requests from students for presentations, introduces students during seminar
 - Faculty host will NOT answer questions about paper and will NOT preview your presentation
- **Feedback form to be filled out by audience members (must for students, optional for faculty members)**

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Credit?

- 1 hour
- Credit is optional – you can attend the seminar even if you're not taking it for credit
- You can attend the seminar even if you've attended in prior semesters
- *If you're taking the course for credit, you need to do a presentation and make yourself visible by asking lots of (good) questions*

If you're doing a presentation...

- It's completely your responsibility (slides, practice, everything).
- Make sure you increase your reputation in the department by doing a good presentation.
- Start on time: Make sure you arrive 5 minutes before the seminar starts and set yourself up
- Please do not ask me or the faculty host for any clarifications
- See "Suggestions on Doing a Good Presentation" on the course website

What Else?

- Schedule? See course website:
<http://www.cs.uiuc.edu/class/cs591sn>
- Will I be reminded about these talks? Yes, please subscribe to mailing list
cs591sn@cs.uiuc.edu