

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
PROGRAM IN COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

Course #: CPS 5195 (CRN 22306) / CPS 6185 (CRN 24406)
Course Title: Graduate Seminar
Credit Hours: 1
Term: Spring 2026
Course Meetings & Location: Tuesday 15:00 - 15:50, Education Building 309
Prerequisite Courses: Instructor approval
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Virtual Office Hours: By appointment.

Textbook(s), Materials: None

Course Objectives (Learning Outcomes): Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- develop effective lecture slides using PowerPoint or similar software,
- deliver a lecture in a formal setting for a general scientific audience and respond effectively to questions from an audience of their peers, and
- evaluate and provide constructive feedback on lectures given by others.

Course Activities/Assignments: Students will

- give a 25-minute lecture on their research or on any topic of their choice to demonstrate their ability to present effectively
- develop a professional curriculum vitae

Assessment of Course Objectives: Students have to send the following to the instructor's email:

- Slides 24 hours in advance of their talk.
- CV by Friday, December 15, 2023.

Course Schedule:

Week 1 (Jan. 20): Introduction and discussion on effective presentation
Week 2 (Jan. 27): Discussion on CV
Week 3 (Feb. 3): Individual work on CV
Weeks 3 – 8 (Feb. 3 – Mar. 10): Student presentations
Week 9 (Mar. 17): No class meeting – Spring break
Week 10 - 16 (Mar. 24 – May 5): Student presentations

Grading Policy: • Presentation (70%)
 • CV (30%)

Make-up Policy: No make-up

Course Drop Policy: The UTEP Spring 2026 drop deadline is **Thursday, April 2, 2026**. We will not approve any student- or faculty-initiated drop requests for a course after that date, except under circumstances of complete withdrawal of all courses due to medical or non-medical reasons.

Attendance Policy: Attendance is mandatory.

Academic Integrity Policy: The University policy is that all suspected cases or acts of alleged scholastic dishonesty must be referred to the Dean of Students for investigation and appropriate disposition. Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. For further information, please refer to:
<https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/standards/student-conduct/academic-integrity.html>

Civility Statement: No cell phones are allowed to be used during the class, quizzes, tests or exams. Please turn off any electronic device which may disturb the class activity

Disability Statement: If a student has or suspects she/he has a disability and needs an accommodation, he/she should contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148 or at cass@utep.edu or go to Union Building East, Room 106 The student is responsible for presenting to the instructor any DSS accommodation letters and instructions.

Military Statement: If you are a military student with the potential of being called to military service and/or training during the semester, please contact me by the end of the first week of class.

Covid 19 Precaution Statement Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu, so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID 19 testing.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org