Syllabus

MSE 595 – MSE Colloquium 2019-2020

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We are very pleased to welcome a diverse range of researchers to deliver a series of exciting and stimulating talks. For both faculty and students, the colloquium series is a terrific opportunity to gain exposure to new cutting edge research, and we hope that you enjoy it.

Timing and Location

Colloquia take place every Monday during the Fall and Spring semester at 4-5 pm in MSEB 100. A speaker list will be provided on the Compass2g course space.

Attendance and Swiping In

Registered students (only) are expected to attend the seminar every week. Attendance will be taken using a card reader through which students will swipe their I-cards upon entry. Please be sure to arrive ~10 minutes before the seminar to leave sufficient time to swipe in. It is the student's own responsibility to assure that their swipe was registered by verifying that their name appears on the terminal. Students who forget their I-cards or have problems with the card reader should write their name on the piece of paper next to the card reader.

Unexcused Absences

A missed day counts as one absence, and lateness counts for half an absence. Students are permitted 2.5 unexcused absences for the semester. The only exception to this policy is the Ethics Seminar currently scheduled for Dec 2, for which attendance is mandatory to pass the class.

Excused Absences

If you have a legitimate conflict that will prevent you from attending, you must notify Prof. Perry (Fall) or Prof. Zhang (Spring) at least 24 hours in advance to avoid accruing an absence. You must provide supporting documentation when requesting an excused absence. Students are permitted a maximum of four excused absences. Despite legitimate conflicts that may arise, any more absences than this simply cannot be justified as adequate participation in the course.

Absence Record

Attendance records will be posted throughout the semester in the grade book on the UofI Compass2g website for MSE 595. It is the student's responsibility to periodically check the record to ensure that they remain in good standing in the course.

Engagement and Technology

Students are expected to be fully engaged during the talks, and are encouraged to ask questions of the speaker. Out of courtesy and respect to our invited guests, the use of laptops, cellphones, tablets, etc. is prohibited. The use of such devices reflects poorly on the department, and students engaging in these activities will be penalized one absence.