CS 401/501: Contemporary Issues in Computer Science

Fall 2013

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Office Hours: In the office except during meetings or class

Class Location: JEB 121

Class Day and Time: Mondays, 3:30 – 4:20 PM

Text: none

Class web page: http://www2.cs.uidaho.edu/~cs401_501/

Prerequisites:
- CS 401: Senior Standing
- CS 501: Graduate Standing

Course Goals:

- Make students aware of contemporary issues in Computer Science via guest speakers and video presentations (such as TED talks).
- Gain practice in critical thinking and expression through short writing assignments about the topics presented.

Course Content:
Topic areas include
- Important trends in computing
- Social impact and ethics
- Current research directions, including research projects underway at the U of I
- Best practices, presented by practicing CS professionals in industry

Grading
Pass/Fail

- 60% attendance
- 40% writing assignments