CS @ Illinois PHD Program Overview
Fall 2014 CS 591 PhD Seminar

Reminder: SIT DOWN FRONT PLEASE. NO LAPTOPS!
Two Lessons for New Grads

1. The Ph.D. is the beginning, not the culmination, of your career. Don’t worry about making it your most important achievement. Get out sooner, rather than later.

2. If you bother to talk to and learn from the people who have already gone through this process, you might graduate two years earlier.

From Ronald Azuma
Being an Active Audience...

- Find out who the speaker is before class by using Google, listen to the speaker, think of questions: INTERACT.
- Impress the speaker by the intelligence of the CS @ Illinois Ph.D. students
- Interact and respond to the speaker – you will get more out of this course!
- Be on time, sit at the front, no laptops, keep eye contact with speaker!
- Don’t be distracting, be polite, laugh at the jokes!
- Chat with speaker afterwards.
CS 591 PhD Seminar Goal

“To enhance the learning and social experience for the incoming CS graduate students.”

How?

* Bringing sources of information to you:

1) the policies and procedures of the CS graduate program,
2) how to be a successful graduate student,
3) the structure of the university, and
4) the resources available within the university.

* Developing team-work skills and getting to know colleagues.
Get to Know your Colleagues

Take the next 10 minutes:

• At least one colleague of different gender
• At least one colleague from a different nationality
• At least one fellow student from a course you are taking this semester
• At least one colleague you share a hobby with
Graduate Program Policies & Procedures

- Work in teams of three.
- Familiarize yourself with CS Policies and Procedures by using your CS Grad Handbook.
- Complete the handout.

Team with the most correct answers wins a prize!
Websites

- CS Grad Program Site
  [http://cs.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate-students](http://cs.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate-students)
- My.CS
  [http://my.cs.illinois.edu](http://my.cs.illinois.edu)
- Graduate College Website
  [http://www.grad.illinois.edu/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/)
- Grad College Handbook
  [http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/)
# Timeline for PhD Students

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Next Week’s Class -

- Guest speaker is Rob Rutenbar, the CS Department Head.
- PRACTICE BEING A GOOD AUDIENCE ON Rob.
- Research who Rob Rutenbar is.
- Submit 1-2 questions for Rob at https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9903586 by next Monday, August 31. (Link will be e-mailed after class today. Viveka receives the questions.)
- Please sit in the front rows of 0216 and be active participants.
- Feel free to ask questions directly in class.