

## CS 298 — General Information

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### **Seminar Topics**

The focus of CS298 this quarter will be on the new undergraduate Computer Science curriculum that is rolling out this year at Stanford. The goal of the seminar is to provide a greater understanding of issues in CS curriculum development as well collectively building a greater sense of the important issues that an undergraduate education in CS should address. Specifically, we will discuss the general structure of the new curriculum, its pedagogical objectives, and details of some of the new "Core" courses being offered. We will look at some of the trade-offs in developing a compact and flexible curriculum in light of the growing body of CS material one might expect undergraduates to know. Consequently, we will also spend some time discussing topics that may be missing in the new curriculum and also contrast the curricular model we have adopted to other potential models that we considered or are in use at other schools.

### **Class meetings**

The class meets once a week on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:45pm in Terman 332.

### **Class web page**

The web page for CS 298 is located at <http://www.stanford.edu/class/cs298/>. You should regularly check the class web site for announcements and other information.

### **Units**

CS198 is a 1 unit seminar. Although the registrar says that you can register for the course for 1-3 units, you should enroll in the class for just 1 unit.

### **Handouts**

There is no require textbook, but we will have a light volume of class handouts.

### **Grading**

Grading is on a S/NC basis, determined on seminar attendance with the expectation that you will participate in the class discussions. You may miss up to one class meeting and still get credit for the course. If you need to miss more than one class, please let me know and we can arrange a way for you to make up the missed class.