CIS6930, Fall 2016
Special Topic: Selected Topics on Cloud Computing

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In this course, we will examine recent research topics on cloud computing and data center management. The course will be structured in a research seminar style. Students will form research groups. Each group will identify and survey a major research topic on cloud computing and give presentations on what they have learned. Each group will develop a research project with original ideas, work on the ideas and write a paper with publishable quality.

Benefits: Students will learn several advanced topics in cloud computing research and practice. More importantly, students will learn how to approach a new subject, innovate and work toward original results.

Prerequisite: Knowledge on computer networks at the level of CNT5106C.

Requirement:
There will be no exams. The main requirement is a course project. Each student will also make several presentations. Attendance is required and will matter in the final course grade.

Regarding the course project: Throughout the semester, students will work toward a course project. It should be research-oriented and contain original ideas on a chosen topic in cloud computing. I will give a list of suggested topics. Students are also welcome to choose their own projects. Each student group will turn in a paper of publishable quality, 6-8 page long in the IEEE conference format. Each research group will have three students.

Grading:
Project: 60%
Presentation: 30%
Attendance and Class Participation: 10%

Class Schedule:
Tuesdays: Period 7; 1:55-2:45 pm
Thursdays: Period 7-8; 1:55-2:45, 3:00-3:50
Classroom: CSE 221

Office Hours:
Fri. 12 – 2 pm, E538

Textbook: None required.
We will use materials from published papers.

Useful Reference Books: