Al Imam Mohammad ibn Saud Islamic University
College of Computer and Information Sciences

CCIS

Computer Science Department

Course Syllabus
CS391 - Seminar

Catalog Description:	The course introduces the principles and methods of reading, writing and presenting a scientific research, report or paper. It helps student to success and accomplish their final year project. It also gives student technical skill of using and writing with latex as another style of writing based on What You Think Is What You Get as opposed of WYSIWYG Software like MS Word.

Credit Hours: **1 Credit hours:**   **1** Lectures per week   **0** Labs. per week   **0** Recitation per week

Prerequisites: CS322

Course Learning Outcomes:
1. Develop technological searching skill on the internet.
2. Develop capabilities in writing reports, project proposals and communicating via academic email.
3. Developing skills of Selecting, Reading, Reviewing, and presenting a scientific work.
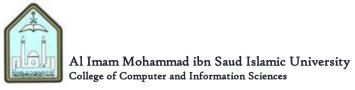4. Help students in exploring for a project idea, choosing a suitable title, and preparing a prototype project proposal.

Major Topics:
- How to read a scientific work: paper (1/2)
- How to read a scientific work: report and dissertations (2/2)
- How to write academic emails
- How to search in e-databases
- Citing and referencing academic sources
- Introduction to Latex
- How to write scientific report and research papers
- How to present a scientific work

Text Books: Day, Robert A., and Gastel, B., How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper., 6th edition, Greenwood Publishing Group. 2006.

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Grading:	◉ The grading scale for this course is:

    . 95 - 100 A+ Passing
    . 90 - 94   A   Passing
    . 85 - 89   B+ Passing
    . 80 - 84   B   Passing
    . 75 - 79   C+ Passing
    . 70 - 74   C   Passing
    . 65 - 69   D+ Passing
    . 60 - 64   D   Passing
    . 0 - 59   F   Failing

◉ Final grades will be determined based on the following components:
    . 60% Semester Work
    . 40% Final Exam

◉ Students may not do any additional work for extra credit nor resubmit any graded activity to raise a final grade.

◉ Late submissions will not be accepted for any graded activity for any reason.

◉ Studentshave one week to request the re-grading of any semester work.
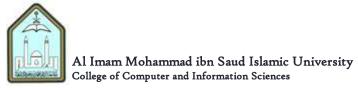
Attendance Policy:	Students should attend 80% of the overall course hours taught in the semester as per the University regulations.

If a student fails to achieve this portion, he/she shall not be allowed to appear in the final exam and shall be awarded "DN" grade and repeat the course.

Cheating and Plagiarism Policy:	The instructor will use several manual and automated means to detect cheating and/or plagiarism in any work submitted by students for this course.

When a student is suspected of cheating or plagiarism, the instructor raises the issue to the disciplinary committee.

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Communications:	Registered students will be given access to a section of the Blackboard Learning System for this course. Bb will used as the primary mechanism to disseminate course information, including announcements, lecture slides, assignments, and grades.
	Communication with the instructor on issues relating to the individual student should be conducted using CIS email, via telephone, or in person.