

Computer Integrated Surgery II

601.456/496/656/356

Spring 2022
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Tu, Th 1:30-2:45
Zoom



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Course concept

- Combination:
 - Projects
 - Seminar on current research
 - Lectures on computer-integrated surgery and related subjects by instructor, guests
- Projects should have some medical application tie, but this can be fairly broadly construed. E.g.,
 - Medical image analysis
 - Diagnosis
 - Interventional systems & applications
 - Rehabilitation
 - Health informatics
 - Mobile health
 - Infrastructure development for CIS research
- Prerequisite: 601.455/655 or my consent



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Course Numbers and Credits

- 601.456 (3 credits)
 - Full course (lecture/seminar + project)
 - Advanced undergrads
- 601.496 (3 credits)
 - Intended for CS students who want to use CIS II to satisfy the CS “team” requirement
 - Same as 601.456 except that students enrolled must be in 3 person teams (who can include students enrolled in other 456 and 656, as well).
- 601.656 (3 credits)
 - Same as 601.456 but intended for grad students
 - Projects tend to be more advanced
 - Project teams can consist of grad students and undergrads
- 601.356 (1 credit)
 - Seminar only



Contact Information

- Course web sites:
 - Wiki page: <https://ciis.lcsr.jhu.edu/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=courses:456>
 - Piazza: <https://piazza.com/class/kjrn4pc34z386>
- TA = Yixuan Wu
 - Email: yixuan_wu@jhu.edu
 - Office Address: Hackerman 137
 - TA office Hours = TBD
- My office hours
 - By appointment (see Ashley in Hackerman 200)
- My lab meeting is Mon. 16:00-17:00 on Zoom
 - Link is <https://wse.zoom.us/j/870643547>
 - May change, but all are welcome
- ERC/LCSR Seminars Wed. 12-1:00 on Zoom
 - Link is <https://wse.zoom.us/s/94623801186>
- Medical Image Analysis Seminar (601.856)
 - Jointly led by Prof. Taylor and Prof. Prince Tues. 3-4:30 Malone 228
 - Paper reading and discussion on medical image analysis



Grades

- 601.456/496/656
 - 25 % seminar presentation/writeup
 - 15 % project plan
 - 10 % project checkpoint presentation
 - 10 % project final presentation (poster presentation)
 - 40 % project implementation & final report
 - Attendance can affect your seminar / presentation grades, so see me and the TA if you have special situation or needs
 - **Note:** We may modify this a bit to include quizzes based on materials presented in class
- 601/356
 - Grade based on seminar presentation & critical summary of pertinent research papers



Date conflicts

- I may be out of town occasionally
 - Will arrange for guest speakers if cannot connect via zoom
- We may need to find make-up dates
 - Pick an evening (e.g., 5-7pm) or dawn (7-8am)
 - Evenings preferred
 - The TA will make a poll when things settle down



Rough Calendar

- 1/25&27, 2/1&3 (if need): Discuss possible projects in class
- Pick project & seminar topics by 2/16 (preferably sooner)
- Approved project proposals by 2/25
- Project plan presentations 2/10 or sooner thru early March
- Paper seminars March through April
- Project checkpoints mid-March through mid-April
- Project poster session on final exam day
- Project final reports on final exam day
- Will modify a bit as semester unfolds



Projects

- Typically, will involve some substantial implementation/experimentation component
- Require a “mentor”
 - Me, colleague, or an end user
 - **Mentor must interview you and agree that you are appropriate for the project**
- Required funding/equipment support
 - Can come from me, other mentor, or end user
 - Note that my discretionary funds are limited
- Require a defined plan and budget
- Team projects encouraged



Project Web Sites

- **The course web site is a Wiki**
 - <http://ciis.lcsr.jhu.edu/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=courses:446>
 - Access to students-only pages is controlled
 - Log in with JHED ID
 - I preloaded from class enrollment on ISIS, but may not have all.
 - Try login; if problem send your JHED id as soon as possible to me and the TA.
- **Piazza web site for communication**
- **Each group should maintain a project web site as a wiki page under the course web site**
 - Will contain project descriptions and also PDF copies of all reports and presentations.
 - May contain media and other material as well.
 - Format and template guidelines on the web site
 - Each group will have permissions to write own site, read others in course
 - Each group should indicate if their web site may be viewed outside of course
 - Please respect the rules for where things can be put
 - Please keep them up-to-date. The TA and I will be spot-checking them.



Confidentiality and Projects

- Some of the projects may involve potentially patentable or otherwise confidential material
 - Premature disclosure can compromise patentability
 - Student inventors can get patents and licensing income
 - Some projects (e.g., those using ISI API data) may require students to sign a separate non-disclosure agreement with a company.
 - You need to close the loop with me on projects involving 3rd party confidential data, to be sure that something is publishable. Usually, this has not been a problem, but should be addressed early
- Web sites for these projects will be only accessible by me, the TA, the students involved, and the mentors
- To permit free discussion in class, we can have this plan
 - The whole class will sign a **non-disclosure agreement** to cover in-class presentations and discussion (JHTV has provided a template)
 - Agreement PDF is on course web site
 - If any student is uncomfortable with this, please speak up. In that case, we will need to consider our options.



Project Proposals

- “Closed” plan by 2/25 or before
- Approximately 3-5 page summary containing
 - Stated topic and goal
 - Team members, mentor
 - **Short** statement of relevance/importance
 - **Short** technical summary of approach
 - List of “deliverables” (min, expected, max)
 - Key dates & assigned responsibilities
 - List of dependencies & plan for resolving
 - Management Plan
 - Reading list
- Project plan presentations in late Feb, early March
 - Cover similar material to written proposals
 - Bring a hard copy of plan and all presentation materials to class for me to use and post electronic form to your wiki page

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Seminar Presentations

- Select a single important paper or series of papers (2-5) relevant to your project or other interest
- Give short (typically, 20 minutes) talk
 - Critical summary of what paper says & its significance
- Bring hard copy of presentation materials to class for me to use and post pdf to your wiki page
- Also, write a short (3-5 page) critical review
 - Due day before talk (post on class WIKI page)
 - Will be flexible on due date for the first talks
- Copy of paper will go onto your wiki page & hard copy to me
- Will be critiqued in class (in a friendly way)

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Typical Outline (modify as appropriate)

- 1 slide statement of your project
- Paper selection and why
- Summary of problem & key result
- Significance of key result
- Necessary background
- Description of what the author(s) actually did
 - Theory, experiment, etc.
- Your assessment
 - Importance, relevance to you, good & bad points, etc.
 - Possible next steps for this work
- Conclusions



Project Checkpoint Presentation

- Approximately 12-15 minutes talk + 5-8 minutes discussion
 - Time guidelines based on number of projects and will be announced after project groups are identified
- Given in late March, early April
- Summarize/update plan material
- Present work to date
- Present problems, exposures, dependencies
- Bring hard copy of presentation materials to class for me to use and also post to your wiki page
- Will be critiqued in class (in a friendly way)



Project Final Presentation (Poster)

- Currently planned for date of final exam
- Standard format
- Project should be done or nearly so
- Present/demo results
- Discuss work remaining to be done
- Discuss significance of work

- Discuss lessons learned
- Prizes awarded in various categories



Project Final Report

- Technical summary
 - Similar to a short conference paper
 - Explain background, problem, approach, results, significance, etc.
- Management summary (1 page)
 - Who did what
 - Discuss what was accomplished vs planned
 - Discuss what might be next
 - What you learned
- Technical appendices
 - Code, user's manual, etc. (may be on the Wiki)



Have fun!

- In conclusion, let me just welcome everyone to the course. Generally, students need to put a lot of work into these projects, but they also get a lot out of them.
- Again, your immediate job is defining projects, establishing your project teams, and making a project plan in cooperation with your mentors.
- You can either pursue one of the suggested projects or propose one of your own. In either case, you should pay attention to the requisite background and skills mix needed to do the proposed project. If you are missing a skill, you may be able to recruit someone who has it.
- Feel free to discuss things with me or the TA if you have any questions or ideas.

