

OCICS PhD Activity CSI9901/CSI9902 Seminars

Background

The seminar requirement is two seminars which have to be completed during the PhD program. Historically, this requirement was satisfied by a PhD candidate attending a seminar course over two terms. The seminar course was, however, not very effective in teaching PhD students how to give a scientific presentation and to engage with their research peers. Hence, the requirement was changed to the PhD student attending a scientific event (conference, workshop, meeting) and presenting research or tutorial material. The idea is that the PhD supervisor would teach and monitor that the PhD student would give an effective presentation and would also encourage interaction with peers.

Procedure

The student is to enroll in CSI9901 for the first and in CSI9902 for the second seminar. This is an ongoing activity, i.e., if the seminar was not completed in one term, the registration can be simply continued in the next term.

1. Once the seminar has taken place, the student submits a service request (no form, just a general request) reporting:
 - a. the time and place of the seminar
 - b. the venue in which the seminar took place
 - c. a program or announcement documenting the seminar (e.g., a link to a webpage for the conference with a listing of the presenters, a pdf of the program or similar)
2. The supervisor will confirm that they are satisfied with the presentation
3. The CSI graduate coordinator will verify that the venue and presentation satisfy the above stated goals.
4. The completion will be entered in the student record as satisfied by the CSI graduate administrator.

Some special circumstances and possible solutions:

Sometimes the plan for dissemination of the research does not involve conferences or workshops and is taking place through journal publications only. A possible solution is for the PhD student to hold a seminar talk about the publication to local researchers in the area. The learning experience for the student will improve if the audience includes, e.g., industry collaborators or a related research group different from the one the student works in, or a local research event such as the Faculty of Engineering poster day.