COURSE: CMPS 213 - Sophomore Colloquia I
Department of Computing Sciences, University of Scranton

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Catalog Descriptions:

CMPS 213 - Sophomore Colloquia I, 0.5 credits, (Co-requisite: CMPS 134)
CMPS 213 is offered each Fall Semester. Each semester a minimum of five meetings are held where important, emerging, or interesting topics in computing are presented and discussed. The material comes from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, faculty, alumni, invited speakers, students, and professional webinars and videos.

Student Learning Outcomes:

CMPS 213 is the first in a six-course sequence of courses designed to be taken by computing majors during the six semesters of their sophomore, junior and senior years. The intent is for each student to accumulate a total of 3.0 credits by completing the sequence, as they develop an increasing involvement in each course.

This sequence of courses, as a colloquia series, is motivated as a means of better fulfilling the ABET student learning outcome dealing with professional development and lifelong learning. Upon completion of the course sequence, a successful student will have:

- Gained an appreciation of the value of staying up to date with developments in computing
- Gained a better appreciation of the breadth of impact and significance of computing
- Begun to identify those areas of computing they might wish to pursue in more depth
- Improved their listening and writing skills, specifically in regard to identifying and communicating key points
- Improved and grown in confidence in their oral communication skills

TEXTS: None required.
REFERENCES: As presented and as required.
Course Web Site: http://www.cs.scranton.edu/~jackowit/public/Fall2020/c213
(This site serves as our primary electronic communication tool for this course. You will use it to access required and optional course material and to submit and review assignments. Initially, you must register to obtain full access to the functionality of this site.)

GRADING:

Each student will receive either 'S' or 'U' as their final course grade, indicating either an overall evaluation of "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory" performance throughout the semester. Determination of the final course grade is based upon attendance and the grades received on each assignment. For each meeting and/or related assignment and activity each student will receive one of the following four grades: Absent, Unsatisfactory, Satisfactory, or Noteworthy.
To earn a “Satisfactory” final course grade a student must earn predominantly “Satisfactory” or “Noteworthy” grades throughout the semester. Thus, first and foremost, students must be present for all (or nearly all) meetings and complete all (or nearly all) required assignments on time.

MEETING DATES:

Student schedules specify this course meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the 11:30 - 12:45 time period, and will be held “Fully Face-to-Face” for Fall 2020. This has been done to assure that every registered student has no conflict that might prevent them from attending all colloquia meetings. However, no more than six meetings are expected to be held at these times and the exact dates and topics for these six meetings have yet to be determined, but when determined will be posted on the Course Web Site and announced on the Computing Sciences Department web site as well.

The current pandemic situation presents additional uncertainty that requires additional flexibility from all of us. Students are expected to keep their calendars clear so that they remain available to attend meetings as scheduled.

PROCEDURES:

Note that in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the University has established specific behaviors for all persons on campus. We are all expected to be informed of these and to adhere to them.