Mini-Seminar

16:400:601 Section 3 (for fall semester)

16:400:602 Section 3 (for spring semester)

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Learning Goal
Help the students to greatly improve their critical thinking and communication skills for technical presentations and for writing critical essays, theses, or dissertations.

Topics to be covered
- Elements of effective technical communication
- Critical thinking skills
- Logic and argumentation
- Developing the key messages and getting them across
- Organization of technical materials in clear and concise manner
- Effective use of PowerPoint
- Effective use of voice in presentation
- Effective use of body language in presentation
- Tips for preparing technical presentations
- Tips for writing critical essays, theses, or dissertations

Expected outcomes
- The course will help the student to greatly improve their critical thinking and technical communication skills
- The course will also help the student to be better prepared in writing their critical essays, theses, or dissertations
Assessment
- Class participation
- Home assignments
- Team projects
- Presentations in class
- Mid-term and final exams