Introduction

YOUR THESIS IN PICTURES

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND WORKLOAD

COURSE PHILOSOPHY
Your Thesis in Pictures

1 year [1.6 years]

thesis

proposal

thesis topic

selection

thesis

proposal

thesis

2 years [4 years]

degree (MSc [PhD])

presentation(s)

publication(s)
Your Thesis in Pictures II

What You Can Do

You Should Be Here

What Hasn’t Been Done

What’s Worth Doing
Course Organization (Tentative)

690A
• Giving Talks for Fun and Enlightenment
• Technical Writing (LaTeX, xfig, SliTex)
• Effective Literature Search (Google Scholar)

690B
• Starting Research: Selecting a Thesis Topic
• Doing (and Surviving) Research
• Presenting Research I: Conference Submission
• Presenting Research II: The Joy of Peer Review
• Presenting Research III: Conference Presentation, Attendance, and Beyond
• Funding Research: How to Get Shown the Money
Course Workload (Tentative)

690A
- Assignments (2) 40%
- In-class Presentation 25%
- In-class Exam 35%

690B
- Assignments (2) 40%
- In-class Presentation 25%
- Course Project 35%
Course Philosophy:
Paragons and Pragmatists

Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1949)
What We Should Do

Niccolò Machiavelli (1469–1527)
What We Actually Do
Course Philosophy:
The Importance of Story

“It doesn’t have to be revolutionary and it doesn’t have to be very difficult but it must tell a story.”
— Juris Hartmanis (1928–)