

## CS 4960, Fall 2023 Topic Proposal Guidelines

No two students may work on the same article or exactly the same topic. Initiate a “claim” to a topic by uploading your topic proposal to Canvas no later than **Friday, September 8, 2023**. Below are format guidelines:

<Your Name>

CS 4960

<Date>

Topic Proposal

**<Working Title>**

First paragraph: describe your proposed topic.

Second paragraph: discuss which issues you intend to address and emphasize and what you intend to leave out and why.

Additional paragraphs as necessary.

Provide your primary article citation and a tentative of other sources in APA format. You must have at least two sources and they must be reliable (peer reviewed, edited, or primary).

<http://library.csustan.edu/citation-style.htm>

**You must also upload a pdf of the primary source paper.**

Your topic will be finalized when I approve your proposal; I may ask you for one or more revisions along the way. Topics will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Submit your topic proposal no later than **Friday, September 8th**.

Your primary source must be a full-length article in Communications of the ACM or equivalent publication. I recommend that you choose something that you are very interested in and / or that will be useful in your career.

The topic proposal and the paper need to be uploaded to Canvas.

The final paper for this course may not be submitted to any other classes and will be uploaded to turinitin.com