

# Cognitive Engineering Systems: Distributed and Cooperative Work

## **ISE 5705**

## **Credit Hours:**

3.00 - 3.00

#### **Course Levels:**

Graduate

#### **Course Components:**

Lecture

#### **Course Description:**

Provides key concepts for the design and assessment of computer supported collaborative and distributed work systems.

#### **Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: Sr or Grad standing, or permission of instructor.

#### Course Goals / Objectives:

- Learn the fundamentals of computer supported collaborative work
- Analyze breakdowns in collaboration though the computer
- Assess the quality of coordinated and collaborative activity
- Know basic vulnerabilities that can lead to shallow, narrow, erroneous analyses
- Design computer support for collaborative work

### **Course Topics:**

- Introduction: Coordinated and collaborative work through the computer Computer-supported collaborative work (CSCW) Coordination Breakdowns
- Basic concepts in CSCW Common ground and situation awareness Collective sensemaking Synchronizing interdependent activities Integrating multiple perspectives
- How CSCW changes cognitive work Alerting Diagnosis Uncertainty management Hypothesis generation Continuous adaptive planning Case: voice loops in space shuttle mission control
- Distributed Work Architectures Case: airline dispatch and air traffic management Coordinating control, responsibility, knowledge, processing, and action over roles and groups On call architectures:
- Communicating Intent Case: military command and control
- Tele-Presence Cases: projecting physician presence in emergency medical services; electronic ICU
- Handoffs Case: computer support for nursing handoffs
- Crew Resource Management Case: Surgical teams
- Social Informatics and Disaster Response Case: Spatio-temporal mash-ups in response to disasters
- Integration Designing for collaboration through the computer Review of fundamental principles Does distance matter?
- Cases from Air Traffic Management; Columbia space shuttle accident; health care Case: Large screen displays and common operating pictures

#### **Designation:**

Elective