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Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): CPSC 370 through 377

Course Title: Special Topics in Computer Science

**Type of change** *(check all applicable):*

- Number* _____
- Title _____
- Credits _____
- Description _X_
- Prerequisites _____
- Deletion _____
- Cross list** _____

*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

**To cross list courses between departments/colleges, there should be two cover sheets submitted with the proposal – one by the chair of each department with signatures from the relevant College Curriculum Committee Chair.

**Effective Date:** FALL Semester, Year 2015

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**JUSTIFICATION** *(including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)*

The special topics courses offered by the department in recent history have not required CPSC 230 Data Structures as a prerequisite. We feel the prerequisites for the course are best set by the instructor. The likely prerequisite for courses at this level are CPSC 220 Computer Programming and Problem solving, but will naturally vary based on the topic - for example, so courses require CPSC 220 or CPSC 219. Because the prerequisites vary, we prefer omitting references to possible prerequisites that may apply to some course offerings.

**TRANSITION PLAN** *(describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)*
This change does not affect people who are in catalogs where the course is an elective for the major.

**Approvals**

**Department Chair**

Jennifer Polack  
Date: ____________________

**College Curriculum Chair**

Dawn S. Bowen  
Date: ____________________

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site. If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).