Letter

Due Date: 9AM Thursday, Sept 6, 2012.

Please email by 9AM to cs660-staff@cs.umass.edu a response that answers these questions and includes other information you’d like to provide. Make sure your full name appears in your email. The course staff will use your input to shape the course material. Please be brief. Ars longa, vita brevis. Thanks!

1. How long have you been in the graduate program?
2. What is your major or department (e.g., UMass Dept of CS)? B.S., M.S., or Ph.D.?
3. Have you passed any of these classes or equivalents?
   CS230, CS311, CS377, CS460, CS466, MATH471, ECE 597AB/697AB
4. What other relevant systems/theory coursework have you completed (if any)?
5. Why would you like to take this graduate course? What do you hope to get out of the class?
6. Please respond to the following items regarding team projects. You will be randomly assigned to a team project of 3–4 people based on your response. The course staff will attempt to respect your preferences, but please accept our advance apology that the course staff may not be able to satisfy each and every request.
   (a) If there are individuals you would prefer not to work with, please list names.
   (b) For the purposes of minimizing schedule conflicts for team meetings, please tell us if there are any times of the week that you could never meet because of childcare, work, etc. You may specify constraints as No Afternoons, No Evenings, or No Weekends.
7. Tell me about an experience of overcoming adversity that led to your interest in research.
8. Is there anything else you would like the course staff to know about you as a student?

Welcome to CS660!