

**Chemistry 331, 431 - Chemistry Seminar  
Fall 2016  
Course Syllabus**

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**Meeting Times:** Science Building 465, Tuesday 11:00 – 11:50 am and Friday 2:00 – 2:50 pm  
**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm or by appointment. I welcome drop-in visits, but cannot guarantee that I will be available to help you during non-office hours. Simple questions can be answered via email.

**Seminar webpage:** [www.marshall.edu/chemistry/seminars.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/chemistry/seminars.asp)

**Course Overview:**

Welcome to Chemistry Seminar! In this course, student will develop new or refine current skills that they may find useful in their academic and professional careers. The purpose of this course is to provide students a broad depth of knowledge in an appropriate field of chemistry, especially an emerging area of research activity that may be relevant. Students will be connected to a scientific community in a supportive atmosphere where teaching and research partnerships are formed and faculty and students work together in common pursuits. Students will listen to external speakers as well as outgoing research in the chemistry department.

**Student Learning Objectives:**

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate your understanding and retention of fundamental chemistry concepts.
2. Analyze information and ideas
3. Develop communication skills necessary for scientific dissemination.

**Materials**

*Book: None*

**Grading**

This course will be graded as either Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC). A grade of Credit will be earned upon regular attendance.

**Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory for this class and will be monitored. Missing more than 25% of the seminar periods including excused absences will result in a grade of No Credit (NC). Absences from lectures can only be accepted if the absence falls within one of the categories outlined in the undergraduate catalog. All excused absences must be obtained as soon as possible. During each seminar period attendance will be taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and it is your responsibility to sign it. Furthermore, students must meet outside speakers for at least 50% of the seminars during lunch. Participation is **mandatory** and you will be expected to ask one (1) question to student speakers as well as outside speakers over the term which you will document to me by uploading them in *MU online*. Students will briefly state speaker's name, date, their questions, and the speaker's answer. **On the day of the seminar, Dr. Quiñones will assign a specific student to ask questions to the speaker.** The scheduled seminar list on the website will be updated throughout the semester and scheduled seminars will be posted around the fourth floor of the Science Building. It will be up to you to know when a seminar is planned.

We will have an orientation to seminar on **August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Room S 465** to go over the syllabus and answer questions concerning your responsibilities.

### ***Miscellaneous policies***

*I have an Open Communication Policy:* If you have any questions class related please do not hesitate to email me or come by my office. Please silence cell phone ringers during class. The instructor reserves the right to answer any ringing cell phones during lecture, or to dismiss the offending student. Use of cellphones / PDAs / MP3 players and similar devices during class will be considered academic dishonesty. Recording of lectures without the instructor's permission is prohibited. Laptops should not be used during class without permission.

### **University Policies**

By enrolling in this course, you agree to the University Policies listed below. Please read the full text of each policy by going to <http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/> and clicking on "Marshall University Policies." Or, you can access the policies directly by going to [www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/](http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/). Academic Dishonesty/Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduates/Computing Services Acceptable Use/Inclement Weather/Dead Week/Students with Disabilities/Academic Forgiveness/Academic Probation and Suspension/Academic Rights and Responsibilities of Students/Affirmative Action/Sexual Harassment

### ***Academic Honesty***

The university policy will be enforced. See page 71 of the 2015 – 2016 undergraduate catalog. Some examples of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) copying another student's assignment, lying about being ill on the day of a test, using a cell phone or other communication device during a test, quoting an author's writing (including material found on the internet) without giving due credit.

[http://www.marshall.edu/catalog/files/UG\\_15-16\\_final\\_published.pdf](http://www.marshall.edu/catalog/files/UG_15-16_final_published.pdf)

### ***Incomplete Coursework***

The university policy will be enforced. See page 94 of the 2015 – 2016 undergraduate catalog.

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### ***D/F Repeat Rule***

See page 89 of the 2015 – 2016 undergraduate catalog.

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### ***Accommodations for Disabilities***

Students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disabled Student Services in Prichard Hall 117, phone 696-2271 to provide documentation of their disability to ensure proper accommodation. Please visit

<http://www.marshall.edu/disabled> for additional information.

### ***Sexual Harassment***

This course will follow Marshall University's policy on Sexual Harassment, which can be found on p. 69 of the 2015– 2016 online undergraduate catalog.[http://www.marshall.edu/catalog/files/UG\\_15-16\\_final\\_published.pdf](http://www.marshall.edu/catalog/files/UG_15-16_final_published.pdf)