

CHM 432 Chemistry Seminar Fall 2017

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Days/Time: Tuesday 11:00-11:50 AM and Friday 2:00-2:50 PM

Course Prerequisite: CHM 490 (Chemistry Internship) or CHM 491 (Capstone Experience)

Required Textbook: None

Seminar Webpage: <http://www.marshall.edu/chemistry/degrees/seminars/>

Successful completion of your capstone experience or chemistry internship culminates in effectively communicating to faculty and to peers two comprehensive reports of your project. In this course you will present an oral presentation and write a report.

Course Objectives:

1. To gain experience delivering oral and written presentations with clarity and with scientific accuracy.
2. To demonstrate your understanding and retention of fundamental chemistry concepts.
3. To express your ability to retrieve, digest, and share relevant information from chemical literature.
4. To develop communication skills necessary for scientific dissemination.

Grading Policy:

This course will be graded as either Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC). A grade of Credit will be earned upon successful completion of your oral presentation, your written report, and regular attendance.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is mandatory for this class. Missing more than 25% of the seminar periods without excused absences will result in a grade of No Credit (NC). See the undergraduate catalog for a list of excused absences and the process for securing an excused absence. During each seminar period attendance will be taken by passing around a sign-in sheet and it is your responsibility to sign it. 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.

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/>
Academic Dishonesty / Excused Absences / University Computing Services' Acceptable Use / Inclement Weather / Dead Week / Students with Disabilities / Academic Dismissal / Academic Forgiveness / Academic Probation and Suspension / Affirmative Action / Sexual Harassment

Written Report:

Detailed guidelines for writing your research report can be found on the seminar webpage. The written report will be evaluated by your research advisor and one other faculty member. I will assign the second reader and help make sure you get feedback in a timely fashion. A completed draft of your paper must be submitted to me by September 29th. You will submit the draft to me by email with your advisor carbon copied to the email for the first round of reading/revision. If I have not received the paper by September 29th, you will receive a grade of No Credit for the course. The scanned cover page of your paper with both readers' signatures and a final electronic copy (PDF) of your paper are due December 8th. Note that you must get both readers' consent and it may take several iterations before approval so don't wait till the last minute.

Oral Presentation:

The oral presentation can be conducted either during a seminar period to the Department of Chemistry or at an approved scientific meeting outside the department. If you have the opportunity to present your research outside the department, you must have it approved by me *before* giving the presentation to receive credit. For oral presentations within the department, several seminar periods will be allotted for Capstone students with each time slot accommodating up to three presentations. Guidelines to prepare for the oral presentations can be found in more detail on the seminar webpage. A PowerPoint outline of your oral presentation is due to me on October 13th. Your performance on the presentation will be evaluated by faculty members in attendance that day. If more than one fourth of the faculty members find your presentation unacceptable, you will be asked to repeat the seminar. There will be time slots reserved at the end of the semester for those who must repeat their presentation. Failure to receive a passing grade on your oral presentation will result in a No Credit grade for the course.

Timeline:

Event	Date
Seminar Orientation	August 25 (2:00 PM)
Abstract Due (including your Capstone title and research advisor)	September 1
First Draft of Capstone Paper Due	September 29
First Draft of Capstone PowerPoint Due	October 13
Completed Capstone Paper Sent to the Second Reader	November 17
Final Version of the Capstone Paper Due	December 8