# Chemistry 631 - Chemistry Seminar Fall 2014 Course Syllabus

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**Meeting Times:** Science Building 465, Tuesday 11:00 – 11:50 am and Friday 2:00 – 2:50 pm

Course Credits: 1

Office Hours: MWF 9:00 am -10:00 am 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

#### **Course Overview:**

In this course you will present a proposal for your thesis work as an oral presentation to the chemistry department. Guidelines to prepare for the presentation can be found in more detail on the seminar webpage.

### **Student Learning Objectives:**

Students will:

- 1. Understand the scientific problem within the context of the primary literature.
- 2. Develop the methodology needed to answer the scientific questions you have developed
- 3. Gain experience delivering oral presentations with clarity and with scientific accuracy.
- 4. Demonstrate your understanding and retention of fundamental chemistry concepts.
- 5. Express your ability to retrieve, digest, and share relevant information from chemical literature.
- 6. Develop communication skills.

#### Materials

Book: None

## Grading

The grade for this course will be determined by the faculty members present in the audience on the day of the presentation. Following the presentation, those faculty members will meet briefly and based on their collective evaluation of your performance, you will be assigned a grade (A-F). Students who perform unsatisfactorily on the presentation may be asked to repeat their presentation later in the semester. You should consult the evaluation rubric (a copy will be available from me) as you prepare for your seminar. The seminar coordinator will compile the evaluation forms from the faculty and provide it to you within 48 hours of your presentation.

#### Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for this class and will be monitored. Missing more than 50% of the seminar periods without excused absences will result in lowering the student's grade by one letter grade. 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. 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.

#### Abstract

Prepare an abstract for your presentation one week before your scheduled seminar and place it in each faculty member's mailbox. The abstract should include the title, time and place of the seminar along with a one page summary of the presentation to be given.

### **Important Dates:**

**August 26** We will have a short meeting to go over your responsibilities in S 465 at 11:30.

**September 2** Schedule your oral presentation date with me.

### Miscellaneous policies

*I have an Open Communication Policy:* If you are 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.

# Academic Honesty

The university policy will be enforced. See page 70 of the 2014-15 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.

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### <u>Incomplete Coursework</u>

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# D/F Repeat Rule

See page 88 of the 2014-15 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 <a href="http://www.marshall.edu/disabled">http://www.marshall.edu/disabled</a> for additional information.