

## Chemistry 631 - Chemistry Seminar

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Time: Tues. 11-11:50 and Fri. 2-2:50

Course PR: None

Required Textbook: None

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

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.

### Course Objectives:

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

### 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). You should consult the evaluation criteria (a copy will be available from me) as you prepare for your seminar. The seminar coordinator will complete the evaluation form from the faculty deliberation and provide it to you within 48 hours of your presentation.

### Attendance:

Attendance is not mandatory for this class.

### Abstract:

Prepare an abstract for your presentation one week before your scheduled time 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 27 We will have a short orientation to seminar in S 465 at 11:00.

September 6 Schedule your oral presentation date with me.