

Chemistry 632 - Chemistry Seminar
Spring 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
Course Credits: 1
Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm located at Residence Hall TTW – Lobby, 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 an oral presentation on your Master's research. Generally, the public, oral presentation will immediately precede your Master's thesis defense with your committee. Guidelines to prepare for the presentation can be found in more detail on the seminar webpage (see both the Instructions for Masters Literature Presentation and Instructions for Master's Thesis Defense).

Student Learning Objectives:

Students will:

1. Gain experience delivering oral and written presentations with clarity and with scientific accuracy.
2. Demonstrate your understanding and retention of fundamental chemistry concepts.
3. Express your ability to retrieve, digest, and share relevant information from chemical literature.
4. Recognize communication skills are an important aspect of career plans.

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). 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 mandatory for this class and will be monitored. Missing more than 25% of the seminar periods without 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 at least 50% of the seminars during lunch. Participation is **mandatory** and you will be expected to ask 2 questions 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. 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.

Important Dates

January 12 Q & A regarding your responsibilities for the course at 11:30 in S-465.

January 15 Schedule your seminar date with me. You will need to work with your committee members to finalize the date.

University Policies

A link to all Marshall Policies is attached (<http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/>).

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.

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Incomplete Coursework

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D/F Repeat Rule

See page 89 of the 2015 – 2016 undergraduate catalog.

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Accommodations for Disabilities

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