

Chemistry 912 Graduate Seminar–Fall/Spring 17/18: Syllabus

General:

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Seminar: Friday 3:00-4:15 pm, room: CHM 180
Official start date: Tuesday, 5th 2017
Pre-requirement: none

Description general:

This class is giving graduate students the opportunity to give a professional seminar to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The class is mandatory for all graduate students in the Department. It is important that before the first day of classes you familiarize yourself with the grading process used to "grade" AUDIT and GRADED.

For students **not** giving a seminar this semester you have to enroll as **audit**.

For students giving a seminar during the semester you have to enroll as **graded**.

The grade will be established as follows for audit students:

Students can **miss up to two seminars** each semester and will receive satisfactory (S) grade. Excuses are not necessary. Attendance will be discounted if the student arrives late (i.e. at or after 3:05 pm) at the classroom and/or leaves the classroom either before the seminar ends (including discussion) or before 4:10 pm (whatever comes first).

Students missing **more than two seminars** will receive unsatisfactory (U) grade.

Any student not giving a seminar this semester, but mistakenly enrolled as a GRADED STUDENT will need to change enrollment back to AUDIT. Students who fail to correct their enrollment will receive a FAIL (F) grade at the end of the semester.

Grading for students giving a seminar:

Students giving a seminar (GRADED STUDENTS) will be graded following the conventional A-F system. The final grades will be calculated as follows:

10% of the points will come from making the deadline for the seminar title (on a subject previously approved by the faculty of the student's division, deadline for Fall 2017 is September 1st).

10% of the points will come from timing. The seminar should take 50 minutes plus or minus 10 minutes. Under special circumstances (e.g. in case of too many interruptions arising from the audience during seminar presentation) the upper time limit for the talk (60 min) can be slightly extended.

80% of the points will come from the overall quality of the presentation and the ability of the student to entertain reasonable questions arising from the audience.

The final grade of speakers missing more than two seminars during the semester (or arriving late or leaving early) will be decreased at the rate of one grade level per event. Example, a final grade A would decrease to B if the student misses the third seminar.

Policies:

UWM: You must follow the policies and procedures outlined in the current Schedule of Classes.

See: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/SyllabusLink.pdf>

Department of Chemistry: You are expected to fully understand the policies posted on the bulletin boards across from CHM 195 and adjacent to CHM 164.

Drop, Section Change: Most changes can be made on PAWS. Make sure you check-out of laboratory to avoid having a “hold” placed on your records.

Incomplete: An incomplete can be given only to a student who has been doing satisfactory (C or better) work but who is unable to continue attending the course for a reason judged valid. The request for an Incomplete must be accompanied by documentation.

Tentative Course Outline:

Below is an approximate outline.

Date	speaker	Title	Host
9/8/17	Jennifer Herriges	Safety Seminar	Chair
9/15/17	Melissa A. Maurer-Jones, Assistant Professor Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Swenson College of Science and Engineering University of Minnesota - Duluth		
9/22/17	Resham Rana move? symposium		Tysoe
9/29/17	Ben Feringa		Arnold
10/6/17	Michael Kaul		Dietz
10/13/17	Victoria Fisher		Murphy
10/20/17	symposium		
10/27/17	Milad Montaz		Chen
11/3/17	Khorshada Jahan		Hossain
11/10/17	Elliot DiMilo		Arnold
11/17/17	Asad Zaman		Peng

12/1/17	Qi Zhang		Peng
12/8/17	Alejandro Boscoboinik		Tysoe
12/15/17			
1/26/18	Kevin Koerber		Aldstadt
2/2/18	Tania Mutchie		Arnold
2/9/18	Roni		Arnold
2/16/18	Yeunus Mian		Cook
3/2/18	Raj Virdi		Frick
3/9/18	Ted Harris		Arnold
3/16/18	Shahama Alam		new
3/23/18	Sosnovsky		
3/30/18	Jawad Bin Belayet		Hossain
4/6/18	Prithu Mondal		Cook
4/13/18	Mohammad Mohiminul		new
4/20/18	TBA		
4/27/18	Sree Pradapta		new
5/4/18	Anahit Campbell		new
5/11/18			

Disclaimer:

Teaching policies and regulations for this course are not open for discussion or negotiation. This syllabus has been constructed to be as complete as possible but is by no means a binding document. I reserve the right to alter policies and regulations as needed