

Chemistry 615: Inorganic/Physical/Nano/Analytical Seminars (Spring 2017)

Time and Place: Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, LaT 300

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Grading: Grading is based on attendance and participation in the seminar series:

A: Perfect attendance & ask questions 50% of the divisional seminars (questions at departmental colloquia can substitute for the divisional seminars).

Missing any seminar will result in a drop of one grade, e. g. A \rightarrow A- \rightarrow B+ \rightarrow B. If you miss a seminar because you have to attend a national meeting, to go for a job interview, due to severe illness or family emergency, you need to inform the seminar coordinator **beforehand!** Otherwise it will count as a missed seminar. Excused absences can be made up by attendance at a different seminar (for example, the biochemistry series, or a talk at a different location such as Argonne).

Lack of involvement in questions or discussion will also result in the loss of one grade. This rule does not apply to first year graduate students.

Students are expected to give a research or literature presentation each semester in this class. These presentations can include required activities such as candidacies, research updates, and defenses. In addition, each speaker will introduce the next speaker in the series.

Monday's Graduate Colloquium attendance is now part of the Chem 615 grade. The missed seminar also includes Monday's Colloquium. The seminar coordinator will take attendance in Monday's Colloquia.

Basis for the grading policy: Seminar presentation is a very important skill for chemists. It may play a vital role in your job search. The purpose of this seminar series is not only for you to present your research progress, but also to develop good presentation and question handling skills. The faculty members and fellow students will criticize your presentation and ask tough questions. In this way, you will be much better prepared to enter the real world after your graduation. For these reasons, we require students to attend all seminars and participate in question-answer sessions.