

CHM 595 Graduate Seminar

This course is intended to give you an opportunity to hear and discuss a variety of research topics in chemistry with leaders in their fields. Many of the speakers are also recruiting for graduate (Ph.D.) students, so it also provides a chance for you to learn about graduate programs at Ph.D.-granting institutions.

The requirements for the course are as follows:

Introduce one speaker and serve as backup the following week		10 points
<u>Attend at least 11 seminars</u>	11 (+) x 5 points =	55 (+) points
Write 1-page <u>reports on at least 10 seminars</u>	10 (+) x 3 points =	<u>30 (+) points</u>
		95 (+) points

To earn an "A" you must get more than 90 points. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, but you must write at least 10 reports and attend at least 11 seminars. Fourteen seminars are scheduled during the 3:00 pm Friday time slot this semester. It is expected that most of you will accumulate well over 100 points. Even after you have completed the minimum requirement for an "A" in the course, I expect you to attend as many seminars as possible. This is an excellent way for you to learn new and exciting things that are happening in the world of chemistry, and to interact with some of the leaders in the field.

To get the most out of the seminar experience, you must be engaged in the seminar. One way to foster this is to concentrate enough on the topic that you can ask a question of the speaker. I very much encourage you to ask questions of the speakers.

If you attend a seminar but do not write a report on it, please email me to be sure I give you credit for attending. This must be done within a week of the talk.

Reports should be a combination of a summary of the talk and your reflections or response to the talk. You may include an evaluation of the presentation style and content, how the topic related to what you have learned in your classes, what you learned in the talk, what impressed you the most, etc. (very open-ended). Reports should be composed in MSWord and attached to email to me; martinn@uncw.edu before Thursday 10 am of the week following the talk. After I have read your report I will send you a brief email. If your report is acceptable, you will get 3 points for the report and 5 points for attending the seminar. If the report is not acceptable, you may get fewer than 3 points, but you still get 5 points for attending. I will let you know in my email if you get other than full credit for your report.