Chemistry Seminar (CH 407/507) Syllabus

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CH407/507 (Seminar) Course Description

The seminar course is intended to broaden student knowledge of current chemical research directions and techniques by exposing them to the work of nationally and internationally recognized chemical researchers. Each week of the quarter, an invited scientific speaker will present a one hour lecture on their research. These speakers are invited by PSU Chemistry Faculty, and in general the topic of a seminar will relate in some way to research being conducted by the PSU Chemistry Faculty. Over the course of the year seminars will encompass all five traditional pillars of the chemical discipline: physical, analytical, biochemistry, inorganic, and organic.

Course Credit: 1 credit hour

Schedule and Location: Friday 3:15 pm (light refreshments starting at 3:05) in SB1 107

Student Assessment: This course is offered on a pass/no pass (P/NP) basis for a passing grade a student must attend all seminars in the term and abide by the seminar etiquette below. To record your attendance you must check in with the instructor before leaving the seminar and ensure that he/she marks your attendance. It is your responsibility to ensure that you contact the instructor before leaving each seminar.

Absences: It is recognized that on occasion absences may be unavoidable, justifiable reasons for an absence may include conference presentations, business travel, family or individual medical problems, religious holidays or bereavement. If you must be absent, you must contact me in advance of your planned absence and your absence must be legitimately justifiable. Please contact me via my @pdx.edu email (above) and NOT via D2L course site.

Seminar Etiquette: Students must be aware that during seminar they are representing our department. They must behave in a respectful and courteous manner to the speaker. Be quiet, ensure that you phone is silenced and not being used, and pay attention. To
receive credit for attendance you must arrive on time and must remain until the end of the question and answer session. If you are late to seminar you must minimize your disruption to the seminar and enter through the back of the hall. Early departure is grounds for an NP grade at the discretion of the instructor. Students are encouraged to ask question of the speaker, these should be loud enough to be audible to the entire hall and as succinct as possible.

**Ethics and Integrity:** It is anticipated that the student is enrolled in this course to expand his/her knowledge of the physical sciences by learning the nature and importance of current topics in chemical research. Students are expected to stay the length of the seminar.

**Disability statement:** Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact an instructor privately to discuss your specific needs. Please contact the PSU Disability Resource Center, located in Room 435 of the Smith Memorial Student Union (voice phone: 503-725-4150; TTY: 503-725-6504; e-mail: drc@pdx.edu), to coordinate reasonable accommodations if you are a student with verifiable documentation.