

San José State University
Department of Chemistry
Seminar, Chem 285, Fall 2019

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Class0TB12:30 pm –

You must print your name on this sheet at both the start and the end of class. It is your responsibility to make certain that you have signed in and out. Once the seminar has begun, you will no longer be able to sign the sign-in sheet. You will not be able to sign the sign-out sheet until after the question and answer portion of the seminar.

Attendance

You are required to attend all seminars unless you have an excused absence that must be agreed to *in advance* by one of the instructors. As a courtesy to the speaker, please plan to arrive on time for the start of the seminar. If you are late for the seminar, please enter from the back of the room, and try to be as unobtrusive as possible upon entering. Please note that the course runs until 5:45 pm, which means that even with an hour seminar, this leaves 15 minutes for questions, which is an important part of the seminar. You are required to attend the entire seminar, including questions. It is inconsiderate to the seminar speaker to leave before the seminar is completed, even during the question and answer period.

Questions for Speakers

You are required to compile a list of 3 questions for each seminar speaker. These questions should be original questions that you devise on your own. You will need to submit each set of questions to Canvas within 48 hours of the seminar (generally by Thursday at 6 pm). Questions that are submitted late will lose 25% per day (weekend days are included!) so that questions submitted more than 3 days late (after 6 pm on Sunday) will receive no credit. To best construct questions that receive full credit, attendance at the entire seminar is required.

You are also required to ask a *minimum* of **5** questions during the question and answer periods following the talks over the course of the semester. You are encouraged to ask more than the minimum over the course of the semester. At least **3** of these questions should be asked during non-Master's student talks.

SJSU's Credit Hour Requirement

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Final Examination or Evaluation: Seminar reflection

The culminating experience for the course will be a concise reflection (2 pages, double spaced) based on your observations from the seminars you have attended over the semester.

Safe and Respectful Community

We hope that the classroom and laboratory will serve as an environment that will promote learning and the development of new ideas, as well as be a safe and respectful community. Behavior that interferes with the normal academic function in a classroom or lab is unacceptable. Students exhibiting this behavior will be asked to leave the class.

Examples of such behavior include

1. Persistent interruptions or using disrespectful adjectives in response to the comments of others.
2. The use of obscene or profane language.
3. Yelling at classmates and/or faculty.
4. Persistent and disruptive late arrival to or early departure from class without permission.
5. Physical threats, harassing/bullying behavior, or personal insults (even when stated in a joking manner).
6. Use of personal electronic devices such as pagers, cell phones, PDAs in class, unless it is part of the

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Tentative Seminar Schedule

See Canvas or the Chemistry website for the current schedule.

Week	Date	Speaker
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