

Chemical Biology and Biochemistry Seminar Syllabus

CHM 6037-0851, Fall 2017: Fridays (11:45am-1pm) in Sheridan Auditorium
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Course Description. Weekly seminars given by students, UF faculty, and outside faculty in the areas of chemical biology and biochemistry.

Seminar Schedule: See next page.

Student seminars. All third-year biochemistry graduate students must give a 25-minute seminar, and all fifth-year biochemistry graduate students must give a 50-minute seminar. Third-year seminars are primarily scheduled in the fall, and fifth-year seminars are primarily scheduled in the spring.

It is recommended that you (1) avoid too much text on any given slide, (2) use fonts with high legibility (e.g., Arial, no smaller than 18 point), (3) use color to highlight important points, (4) minimize use of powerpoint features (e.g., minimize animations), (5) use all space available on a slide – make figures large, (6) make slides uniform, (7) make slides complete enough that the audience can grasp the general ideas even if they cannot hear you, (8) make sure that your figures are not pixelated or fuzzy, (9) practice, practice, practice in front of your advisor and peers in advance of your seminar in order to get feedback and in order to improve your delivery.

Grading. There are two grading schemes depending on whether you are giving a seminar during a particular semester or not.

Grading based on seminar and attendance: Grading of your seminar will be based on the quality of your slides and your delivery. You will be graded by me with advisement from the other faculty who are present in the audience. Feedback on your seminar can be obtained from me by emailing your slides to me and asking for an appointment (via e-mail) within 2 days of giving your seminar. Failing to attend two seminars or more over the course of the semester will result in a one letter grade deduction in your seminar/course grade.

Grading based on only attendance: Your course grade is based on the number of seminars you failed to attend. 0-1 absences = A, 2-3 absences = B, 4-5 absences = C, 6-7 absences = D, >7 absences = E.

For student-given seminars, attendance sheets will be available for students to sign in order to document their attendance. For faculty-given seminars, I will take attendance with the help of a photo sheet. Do not ask about or look for an attendance sheet during faculty-given seminars since there will not be one.

Excused absences. If you cannot attend seminar, you must notify me as soon as possible. Acceptable reasons for absence from seminar include teaching obligations, illness (with appropriate documentation), serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, and professional conferences), military obligations, severe weather conditions, religious holidays, and court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena).

Biochemistry Division Seminar Series: Fall 2017

Where: SHERIDAN AUDITORIUM (in Hernandez Hall), unless noted otherwise
When: FRIDAYS, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm, unless noted otherwise

Speakers

Sept. 15	Hyunjun Choe, Stewart Group Katie Dunleavy, Fanucci Group
Sept. 22	Long Li, Tan Group Qiang Li, Bruner Group
Sept. 29	Prof. Seth Herzon, Yale University Joint seminar with Organic Division (Hosts: Steve Bruner and Alex Grenning)
Oct. 6	Homecoming (no classes)
Oct. 13	Xiaoshu Pan, Tan Group
Oct. 20	Anthony Pastore, Angerhofer Group Amanda Pritzlaff, Savin Group
Oct. 27	Prof. Emily Derbyshire, Duke University (Host: Rebecca Butcher)
Nov. 3	Dominic Rucco, Savin Group Blair Weaver, Roitberg Group
Nov. 10	Veterans Day (no classes)
Nov. 17	Hamad Yadikar, Yost Group Xiaowei Li, Tan Group
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving (no classes)
Dec. 1	Prof. Marcello Forconi, College of Charleston (Host: Mike Harris)