

CHM 6590

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY SEMINAR

Spring 2019

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PJ Brucat, 311e CLB (Chemistry Laboratory Building)

Seminar Course Website: <https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/359369>

SEMINARS WILL OCCUR Tuesdays 11:45 – 1:40 am JHH 221 (Sheridan Auditorium)
followed by Lunch in CLB 313 (SELECTED DATES; SEE BELOW)

NO Seminar 2/19 (Sanibel Symposium) and 3/5 (Spring Break)

“COURSE” DESCRIPTION

Presentations in the area of Physical Chemistry will be given by visiting speakers & graduate students qualifying in the Physical Chemistry Division. Seminars provide exposure to diverse and burgeoning areas of Physical Chemistry and are the fastest and most pleasant way of broadening one's knowledge and perspective in their chosen field. Ask questions. Examine how others communicate scientific ideas. Practice those skills.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Students in our Division (and enrolled in CHM6590) share seminar responsibilities in four areas.

Seminar Presentation: As per the Division requirements, PChem students will give yearly 20 minutes talk (with 5 minutes for questions), prepared to enlighten and entertain an audience with a Physical Chemistry background. These presentations will be evaluated by that audience based on a rubric available in the course website. Not all students will be presenting any given term --- If you are scheduled in the current series, congratulations.

Introduction of Speakers: Every speaker will be introduced. Outside speakers will be introduced by the invitee of that individual. Student presenters will be introduced by an enrollee of CHM6590 assigned at random. Such assignees must prepare the introduction *in advance* and usually includes (at least) the schools where the presenter studied, any relevant awards, the topic and the title of the presentation seminar, and any other tidbits that might serve to familiarize the audience with the presenter.

Student Presenter Evaluations: In order to best assist our peers in improving their seminar presentation skills, each student presenter will be evaluated by enrolled members of CHM6590 through a Canvas instrument. These evaluations are required. (The general public will evaluate student presenters through an anonymous Qualtrics poll. Members of CHM6590 need not respond to the Qualtrics poll as it would be redundant.

Refreshments: Vivian Thompson (CLB311, Division Program Assistant) will explain the refreshment duties in detail. Contact her one week prior to your scheduled assignment.

Lunch with the Speaker: When the presentation is from an *outside speaker*, PChem graduate students will *host a lunch* with the speaker immediately after the talk (about 1 PM), in room CLB 313. Attendance at these lunches is not required, but is certainly encouraged for ALL physical chemistry students. In addition to free food, this lunch will provide an opportunity to interact with faculty from other institutions, ask questions, and engage in informal discussion with like-minded academicians.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance to seminar is required for every Physical Chemistry student. Fraudulent abuse of attendance procedures or records is an honor code violation.

Unexcused absences: You are allowed up to 2 unexcused absences from seminar attendance. This should cover unexpected or optional conflicts or distractions. Your unexcused absences will be recorded via the Canvas evaluation instrument (last question of the evaluation form)

Excused absences: In addition to the allowance for two missed seminars, recognized and valid professional conflicts are also allowed. These are *planned* absences that include medical, work-related travel, *etc.* Requests for excused absences should be communicated to Brucat via Canvas messaging one week before the seminar date, or in the case of unplanned medical or other emergencies, contact Brucat via Canvas as soon as is practical.

See course website for full schedule details...

COURSE GRADING: S/U will be assigned based on successful completion of the three areas of responsibility *and* attendance.

UF'S GRADING POLICY: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/grades/gradepolicy.html>

HONESTY AND TRUTHFULLNESS: Students, faculty, and all participants in UF's Academic activities are bound by the [Honor Code](#). Moreover, ethical, moral, and professional behavior is expected and required of all participants in this course.

ACCOMODATIONS: Students with disabilities may request special accommodations through the Dean of Students. <https://drc.dso.ufl.edu/>

COUNCELLING: Useful non-academic services are available in many forms at UF. A good source of information is the Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>

All course policies and procedures are subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of Brucat

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