

**Instructors**

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**Seminars**

Fridays, Periods 5–6 (11:45 am – 1:00 pm)  
In-person Seminar Room: SFCB 221, Sheridan Auditorium\*

\*Seminars (co-)hosted by other divisions or departments may fall on different days or times with in-person format or virtual seminars using different Zoom links. Please be aware of these special seminars and attend as usual.

**Seminar Schedule**

The seminar schedule is available at the course e-Learning site and was emailed to the entire UF Chemistry Department prior to the semester.

**Course Objectives**

The dissemination of knowledge and the quest to seek out new knowledge are critical to the scientific process and important skills to develop for successful careers both in and outside of scientific research. In this course, students will have the opportunity to attend seminars in the area of Chemical Biology. These seminars will be given by visiting speakers and graduate students qualifying in the Chemical Biology Division. Seminars will cover a broad range of topics related to Chemical Biology. Even when the topic is not close to your research interests, there is always something new to learn, a way to connect with your own interests, and an opportunity to learn new things, both scientifically and professionally.

The goals of the course are to broaden students' awareness of cutting-edge research topics, to provide a professional and friendly environment that encourages students to fully participate and ask questions, and to learn and practice how to communicate your own scientific discoveries. Additionally, students have opportunities to interact directly with visiting speakers in smaller group settings.

**Flyer Info Submission**

Submit the following information to Ms. Jane Dare ([jane.dare@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:jane.dare@chem.ufl.edu)) and CC Dr. Rudolf ([jrudolf@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:jrudolf@chem.ufl.edu)) Dr. Eddy ([matthew.eddy@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:matthew.eddy@chem.ufl.edu)) by 9 am of the Monday prior to your seminar: your name, your lab, a concise seminar title, and a professional photo of yourself.

**Course Resources**

There are no required or recommended textbooks for this course. This syllabus, the seminar schedule, and any additional materials will be made available on the course e-Learning [site](#).

**Course Grading**

S/U grades will be assigned based on participation in the course as defined by attendance and satisfactory completion of the presentation (for students that are assigned to present). Once the seminar schedule is finalized, a presenting student may not switch presentation dates and failure to present on the assigned day will lead to a U grade.

**Class Attendance**

Attendance at seminars is required for every Chemical Biology student, starting in their 2nd year until they graduate. Attendance will be documented by the Chemical Biology division assistant. Leaving before the end of the seminar or signing into the seminar but not viewing the seminar are considered violations to the UF honor code.

**Unexcused absences:** You are allowed up to 2 unexcused absences. If you need to leave before seminars ends, you can delete your signature and consider it one of those unexcused absences.

**Excused absences:** These are planned absences resulting from extenuating circumstance including illness, family-related issues, or time-sensitive experiments (e.g., synchrotron time); NOT: regular experiments. Requests to skip a seminar with an excused absence will be reasonably granted provided they are communicated to either Dr. Rudolf or Dr. Eddy via email, with your advisor CCed, by midnight the day before the seminar.

For emergency situations, contact Dr. Rudolf or Dr. Eddy ASAP and we will consider each situation on a case-by-case basis.

**Zoom Demeanor**

If any virtual seminars are conducted, students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Opinions, questions, and answers given by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

**COVID-19 Policies**

In response to COVID-19, the following practices are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit this [link](#) for details on where to get your shot.

Wearing approved face coverings during class and within buildings is welcomed, even if you are vaccinated. Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing.

If you sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email [covid@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu)) to be evaluated.

## **Statement on Recorded Seminars and Privacy**

The Fall 2023 Chemical Biology Seminar Series meets in SFCB 221, Sheridan Auditorium. Any virtual seminars will utilize HyFlex technology and will be available synchronously online via Zoom to allow for student attendance and participation or when they are unable to attend class in person (e.g., illness, COVID exposure and/or quarantine, underlying medical conditions).

Our class sessions may be audio and visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared.

Although students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures, the Chemical Biology seminar are composed of all student presentations and thus they do not fall under the category of "class lectures". Any recording or publication without permission of the instructor (or any students/assistants on the recording) is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

### **Academic Honesty**

We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

### **Students with Disabilities**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

**Additional Information**

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The *U Matter, We Care* initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the *U Matter, We Care* Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352.392.1575. The *U Matter, We Care* Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.