

AnSc 8510 Graduate Seminar
Fall and Spring Semesters
Monday 3:00 to 4:00 pm
365 Haecker Hall

Credits: 1 credit
Grading: A-F for semester presenting; S/N for semester not presenting
Prerequisites: Enrollment in Graduate Program
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Moodle site: <https://ay16.moodle.umn.edu/course/view.php?id=4746>
Seminars will be video recorded and uploaded to Moodle.

Course Description:

This is a seminar course in which students will give an oral presentation of scientific data. Students attend seminars as well as prepare and present a seminar. The seminar is expected to enhance the student's public speaking skills and to provide experience in the preparation of visuals for scientific presentations. Critique of research objectives and approaches will be gained from audience questions.

Statement of Objectives:

The purpose of the seminar program is to:

- 1) enable graduate students to present research progress and plans;
- 2) develop public speaking skills of graduate students;
- 3) provide a public forum for dissemination of thesis proposals and submissions prior to oral examinations of graduate students; and
- 4) provide an opportunity for AnSc Faculty to describe their research programs.

Course Requirements:

Graduate students are required to:

- 1) attend at least 75% of seminars unless there are extenuating circumstances that need to be discussed beforehand with the course coordinator. Graduate students are required to complete *Peer Evaluation Forms* for ALL of their peers. All seminars are video recorded and available on the course Moodle site weekly. If a student is not present at the seminar, then an electronic version of the peer evaluation form must be sent to Allison Berth at: berth034@umn.edu
- 2) present one seminar per academic year.

The presentation should be a minimum of 12 minutes but not exceed 30 minutes including questions. Advanced doctoral students may request a longer time

period if needed. A *Seminar Preparedness* form must be signed by the advisor and turned in by noon on the Monday of your presentation. Failure to submit a signed preparedness form will result in a deduction of 10 points from the graded evaluation.

M.S. students and Ph. D. students are required to take 4 and 6 semesters, respectively, of graduate seminar. Exceptions can be granted for class conflicts by the Director of Graduate Studies.

Evaluation Procedures:

Students will be evaluated based on the effectiveness and efficiency by which they have presented their scientific concepts and data as well as their ability to answer questions pertaining to their work or the research area in general. Use of visual aids is evaluated, as is clarity and organization of the presentation. Two faculty and two graduate students from the seminar committee will be responsible for grading the presentation.

Scholastic Dishonesty and Plagiarism:

Students are responsible for knowing the University of Minnesota, Board of Regents' policy on student conduct and scholastic dishonesty:

<http://www1.umn.edu/oscai/conduct/student/index.html>.

Scholastic dishonesty as defined in the policy and will be reported to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs: http://www1.umn.edu/oscai/integrity/scho_dishonest.html and will result in a grade of "F" or "N" for the entire course. Plagiarism is an important element of this policy. It is defined as the presentation of another's writing or ideas as your own. Serious, intentional plagiarism will result in a grade of "F" or "N" for the entire course. For more information on this policy and for a helpful discussion of preventing plagiarism, please consult University policies and procedures regarding academic integrity: http://writing.umn.edu/tww/plagiarism/plagiarism_index.html. Students are urged to be careful that they properly attribute and cite others' work in their own writing. For guidelines for correctly citing sources, go to <http://tutorial.lib.umn.edu/> and click on "Citing Sources". In addition, original work is expected in this course. It is unacceptable to hand in assignments for this course for which you receive credit in another course unless by prior agreement with the instructor. Building on a line of work begun in another course or leading to a thesis, dissertation, or final project is acceptable. If you have any questions, consult the instructor.