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Chemistry 650: Graduate Chemistry Seminar Spring Semester 2022

Professor: Mike DeGrandpre, Chemistry Building 318. Office hours: Drop in anytime or email (michael.degrandpre@umontana.edu) to make an appointment.

Learning goals and outcomes: To develop technical presentation skills and participate in scientific discussions. In the second year of taking the seminar you must present and defend the M.S. or Ph.D. thesis proposal.

Grading: This is a credit/no credit course.

Course overview: The first-time registered students will attend all class meetings and give informal presentations either on a previous research project or on their research project plans, e.g. a literature review.

Students enrolled for the second time will work with their research advisor to write and successfully defend their thesis proposal. The proposal will typically be 10 pages or less and will consist of a literature review, preliminary research results, description of proposed studies, and a timeline for completion of the research. See the information at these links:

<https://hs.umt.edu/chemistry/graduate/phd-requirements.php>

<https://hs.umt.edu/chemistry/graduate/ms-requirements.php>

The student will present their proposal in a ~40 minute public seminar during the regular meeting time for CHMY 650 and will defend the proposal to their research committee after the presentation. Students will not receive a passing grade in CHMY 650 until their research committee indicates that they have successfully presented and defended their thesis proposal. A student who fails to successfully defend the thesis proposal during the spring semester may make a second attempt during the following summer session. Failure to successfully defend the proposal by the end of that summer session will render the student ineligible for a degree from the graduate program.

All students must actively participate in question and answer sessions during and after the presentations to obtain credit for the course.

All students should provide me with an abstract two days prior to the presentation (i.e. Friday) and I will email it to the department.

COVID-related items

- Mask use is required within the classroom and laboratory
- Students should not congregate outside the classroom before and after class

- Drinking liquids and eating food is not permitted within the classroom or laboratory
- Stay home if you feel sick and/or if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
- Up-to-Date COVID-19 Information from the University of Montana Coronavirus Website: <https://www.umt.edu/coronavirus>