

Seminar Guidelines

General

New students should be encouraged, but not required, to present in their first semester in the program.

Whether there should be one or two presentations per day will be left to the discretion of the organizers.

Students are required to present every semester. Students may be excused from presenting if they have an oral proposal or final defense that same semester, but this requires support from their major advisor.

Non-Credit Seminars

Student seminars should be between 20-25 mins long.

Whether a student presents a literature or research seminar will be determined after a discussion with their major advisor.

Slides do not have to be made available for non-credit seminars.

A title and abstract should be provided to the whole department at least 5 days prior to the seminar. Links to relevant major publications should also be provided for the literature based seminars.

The number and age of the publications used for a literature non-credit seminar will be determined by discussions between the student and their major advisor.

Credit Seminars

Students in the PhD program are required to give two credit seminars. One should be literature based and the other can be either literature or research based. They can be done in any order. Students in the MS program are required to give one literature based credit seminar.

A written document is required for all literature based seminars. The document should be made available to the whole department at least one week before the seminar.

A title and abstract should be provided to the whole department at least 5 days prior to the seminar. Links to relevant major publications should also be provided for the literature based seminars.

Literature seminars should not be dominated by literature from current and/or previous members of the same group.

Seminars should not exceed 45 mins in total.

It is not necessary to email slides ahead of time, but the student is strongly encouraged to discuss the seminar content with their major advisor in advance.

Literature credit seminar written document rules:

The document should be between 10-12 pages long (excluding references) and at least 6 pages long after removing all tables, figures, references, and the title/abstract page.

The text should be Arial 12 pt font, 1.5 line spaced, with page margins of 1.0 inches on all sides.

All references should follow ACS style with DOI links where possible.

Appropriate citation practices should be followed at all times.