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1 credit unit
Day and time: Wed. 4:00-5:00 PM
Office hours: By Appointment

Course Requirements:

Attend every Wednesday lecture, except 2. If you are out of town for a lecture, you will need to do a make-up lecture on campus. Check with me first to obtain approval for the lecture.

Write a 1-page synopsis of 8 lectures (your choice). The first paragraph (section) should summarize the scientific content of the presentation (include research motivation, methods, results, and conclusions). The second paragraph (section) should identify what you found particularly effective about the presentation style and what you thought could be improved about the presentation style. Summaries are due by Friday at 5:00 pm following the lecture. No late assignments will be accepted.

Give a 15 minute (AGU-style) presentation of your research to the class at a date and time to be determined (towards the end of the semester). The objectives are (1) for you to include what you’ve learned during the semester about effective presentations and (2) for us to provide you with constructive criticism in a supportive environment!

Write a ~2-page guidebook for incoming graduate students on how to give an effective presentation, incorporating what you have learned/observed throughout the semester-long colloquium. Guidebook should be organized into topics and text should be bulleted for easier reading. The instructor will compile the individual guidebooks into a complete packet, which you will be required to edit. The ultimate goal is to have a helpful instruction manual to pass on to new students in the department. Guidebooks are due April 20 by 5:00 PM. Edits on the compiled manual are due on May 4 by 5:00 PM.

Evaluation and Grading for Graduate Students:
Regular grades will be awarded for this course: A B C D E.