

Wadsworth Center Seminars

EHT 790(5170)

Course Syllabus

Spring 2009

Location:

Wadsworth Center Sturman Conference Room Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00

Instructor

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Mondays and Wednesday 9:00-10:00 a.m.
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Course Description:

The course is required for all M.S. and Ph.D. students in Environmental Health Sciences. The main objectives of the course are to provide training and the opportunity for students to perfect their skills in public presentations of scientific material; to foster interactions among students, faculty members and invited speakers in an intellectual, scientific setting.

Learning Objectives:

Students will learn how to present a professional quality research seminar. The purpose of the course is severalfold: to serve as a practice ground for giving seminars to scientists; to learn how to prepare for seminars; to present a student's current research; to increase interactions between students, postdocs and faculty; to provide a sounding board for ideas and problems on a student's thesis research.

Prerequisites:

M.S. or Ph.D. student in DEHT

Grading:

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Course Requirements:

Students are required to give a seminar appropriate for a general scientific audience on either their research or a topic approved by the instructor. Seminars must be 30 to 45 minutes and include a written abstract and visual material prepared with PowerPoint software. Grading is based on attendance, written material, quality of seminar and participation in classroom discussions that follow seminars. Seminars are evaluated based on content, organization, quality of PowerPoint presentation, articulation of material and responses to questions.

Additional Requirements:

Text: None

A/V, software: LCD projector and PowerPoint software

Written material: Seminar abstract due Monday before presentation.

Internet requirements: Provide e-mail address to instructor

Attendance: Although students are expected to attend all seminars, we understand that scheduling conflicts can arise. Therefore students will be permitted a total of 2 absences. Students missing additional seminars will be asked to write a short paper on a topic assigned by one of the course instructors.