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Course Description and Objectives

The core element of this course is to make a class presentation based on multiple research papers taken from the current scientific literature. In addition, you are required to attend and evaluate the presentations made by all the other students in the class. The major class outcomes are as follows:

- Learn to critically read and evaluate the scientific literature.
- Learn to organize hypotheses, methods, data, and conclusions for seminar.
- Learn to present hypotheses, methods, data, and conclusions as a seminar.
- Prepare the groundwork for your Senior Thesis.

Class hours:	Thursdays 12:00 – 12:50 PM in MRB 123
Office hours:	By appointment with Dr. Di Pietro

Assignments:

- 1. Presentation topic (10%). Due 2 weeks before your presentation (to instructor by email). The topic for your presentation should be on papers related to your thesis topic. You will need to have the reference to at least one paper to hand-in with your topic.
- 2. Abstract of presentation (25%). Due 1 week before your presentation (by e-mail to instructor). One page, with title, 1 1/2 spacing, 12 pt, Times New Roman font, plus a list of literature cited on separate page.
- **3.** Presentation (50%). Should be based on at least one research paper from the primary literature (not review articles), with supporting papers to introduce and give perspective to the topic. Each presentation will be 15 minutes followed by questions and discussion (10 minutes). There will be two presentations per week.
- 4. Presentation evaluations (15%). Each student will evaluate each presentation using the evaluation forms. Your name and the speaker's name must be at the top of each form (the top will be cut off for anonymity).

Grading:

Traditional letter grades (A to F) will be assigned. The individual class assignments will constitute the percentage of your grade as indicated above. Written assignments will be graded for *spelling and grammar*, as well as content, organization, and proper references. Attendance for all lectures is mandatory. After the first unexcused absence, a student's final grade will be reduced by one grade for every additional unexcused absence.

CSU Student Honor Code:

This course will adhere to the Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code of Colorado State University as described in the <u>General Catalog</u>.

COVID-19:

Important information for students: All students are expected and required to report any COVID-19 symptoms to the university immediately, as well as exposures or positive tests from a non-CSU testing location.

If you suspect you have symptoms, or if you know you have been exposed to a positive person or have tested positive for COVID, you are required to fill out the COVID Reporter (<u>https://covid.colostate.edu/reporter/</u>). If you know or believe you have been exposed, including living with someone known to be COVID positive, or are symptomatic, it is important for the health of yourself and others that you complete the online COVID Reporter. Do not ask your instructor to report for you. If you do not have internet access to fill out the online COVID-19 Reporter, please call (970) 491-4600. You may also report concerns in your academic or living spaces regarding COVID exposures through the COVID Reporter. You will not be penalized in any way for reporting. When you complete the COVID Reporter for any reason, the CSU Public Health office is notified. Once notified, that office will contact you and, depending upon each situation, will conduct contact tracing, initiate any necessary public health requirements and notify you if you need to take any steps.

For the latest information about the University's COVID resources and information, please visit the **CSU COVID-19 site**: <u>https://covid.colostate.edu/</u>.

L	ates	Speakers	
Week 1	Aug. 26	Introduction to the course, "Giving a Good Seminar" presentation	
Week 2	Sep. 2	Sample seminars given by Dr. Di Pietro	
Week 3	Sep. 9	Student #1	Student #2
Week 4	Sep. 16		
Week 5	Sep. 23		
Week 6	Sep. 30		
Week 7	Oct. 7		
Week 8	Oct. 14		
Week 9	Oct. 21		

BC493-002 (Thursdays) Syllabus and Speaker Signups – Fall 2021

Week 10 Oct. 28	
Week 11 Nov. 4	
Week 12 Nov. 11	
Week 13 Nov. 18	
	FALL BREAK WEEK
Week 14 Dec. 2	
Week 15 Dec. 9	
Week 16 - Finals Wed Dec. 15 9:40-11:30am	