



**CHE 400 - 001 : Chemistry Seminar  
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**Texts:** There are no texts required for this course:

**Class Times:** 12:15 am - 1:30 pm, Tuesday. SC 402  
12:15 am - 1:30 pm, Thursday (as needed) SC 402

**Office Hours:** By appointment. I have an open door policy.

**Objectives:** Students will be introduced to the following:

- (1) strategies in understanding primary literature scientific articles
- (2) how to find chemical information, using primarily electronic search methods
- (3) how to use Power Point and ChemDraw software
- (3) how to write a clear, succinct, abstract that adequately represents the talk to be given
- (5) how to present a clear, understandable chemistry seminar as an expert on a chosen paper.

**Grading Policy:** Your final letter grade will be assigned on the basis of the following curve:

| Grade Distribution:       |                   | Grade Scale          |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Homework:                 | 50 points         | 540 - 600 points = A |
| Attendance:               | 50 points         | 480 - 539 points = B |
| Topic choice:             | 25 points         | 420 - 479 points = C |
| Abstract:                 | 75 points         | 360 - 419 points = D |
| Power point presentation: | 25 points         | 0 - 359 points = F   |
| Introduction of Speaker   | 25 points         |                      |
| Dress Rehearsal Seminar:  | 50 points         |                      |
| <u>Seminar:</u>           | <u>300 points</u> |                      |
| Total                     | 600 points        |                      |

**Academic  
integrity**

The work in this course is subject to The *Northern Kentucky University Student Honor code*. The Honor Code is a commitment to the highest degree of ethical integrity in academic conduct, a commitment that, individually and collectively, the students of Northern Kentucky University will not lie, cheat, or plagiarize to gain and academic advantage over fellow students or avoid academic requirements.

Cheating is an extremely serious offense and will not be tolerated! In accordance with the *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, faculty members have the right to determine actions to be taken when a student is caught cheating. Penalties for cheating can range from but are not limited to scores of zero on individual assignments or exams to expulsion from the University and does include failure of the course.

Faculty members reserve the right to dismiss or to have removed a disruptive student from their classrooms.

Students are responsible for reading and understanding all items on the syllabus. Any items not understood must be brought to the attention of the instructor within the first two weeks of class.

Note: All items on this syllabus are subject to change