



**CHE 400 - 001 : Chemistry Seminar
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Texts: On Reserve:
(1) "Chemical Information Sources", Wiggins; gives information on kinds of references, searching data bases, etc.
(2) "ACS Style Guide" Dodd, Editor; gives information on how to format references and on scientific writing in general.

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 both hard copy and electronic search methods
(3) how to write a clear, succinct, abstract that adequately represents the talk to be given
(4) how to use power point presentation
(5) how to present a clear, understandable chemistry seminar on a chosen topic

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

Grade Distribution:		Grade Scale
Homework:	50 points	450 - 500 points = A
Attendance:	50 points	400 - 449 points = B
Topic choice:	25 points	350 - 399 points = C
Abstract:	75 points	300 - 349 points = D
Power point presentation:	25 points	0 - 299 points = F
Practice long Seminar:	25 points	
<u>Seminar:</u>	<u>250 points</u>	
Total	500 points	

Note: This syllabus is subject to change