

CHEM 2700 - Graduate Research Seminar - Fall 2020

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Class begins on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and ends ~ by Friday, October 9, 2020.

Seminars given on: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00–12:25 p.m. and 12:30–12:55 p.m. Faculty presentations are 25 min, with 5 min remaining for questions.

Class Location: Chem 2700 has moved from 107 Barco Law Building to being completely presented online through Zoom. Zoom links and the class syllabus can be found within Canvas through my.pitt.edu. A Zoom invitation will be sent to faculty and students to begin the presentations. Please familiarize yourself with Zoom, if you aren't already.

The first talk will be presented by Professor Paul Floreancig who will explain the purpose of Chem 2700. He will also explain the process we follow in choosing a research group. There is an advantage in deciding on a group as soon as you have the information you need. Remember, you the graduate student, and the faculty member, are making one or more mutual choices.

Textbooks and Readings: There are no required texts or readings for this course. Additional information about the course can be found on Canvas through my.pitt.edu. Search for 2211 CHEM2700 SEC1070

Course Overview:

This course is designed to introduce you to the faculty and research in the University of Pittsburgh Chemistry Department. Faculty from all divisions participate in this seminar series. Whether you are unsure about which field of chemistry you want to pursue or already know the group you want to join, these seminars offer a small window into the types of questions chemists can contribute to solving. A guiding principle of instituting this series is that your success as independent scientists depend on many factors, one of which is creativity. The broader your knowledge of scientific principles and challenges, the better prepared you are to discover and innovate.

Grading:

This is a zero-credit course that is required for all incoming first-year graduate students. You are required to attend 75% of the planned seminars in order to receive credit for taking the course. There is only a credit/no credit evaluation.

Assignments:

Besides enjoying the tour of interesting research, there are no other assignments in this class.

Disability Resources: If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, please contact the Office of Disability Resources and Services, 216 William Pitt Union (412-624-7890) as early as possible in the term. Please take advantage of these opportunities – they are there to help you. If you need any accommodations, I want to work with you to make that happen.