

IMPORTANT: This syllabus form should be submitted to OAA (gsbs_academic_affairs@uth.tmc.edu) a week before the start of each semester.

NOTE to STUDENTS: If you need any accommodations related to attending/enrolling in this course, please contact one of the Graduate School's 504 Coordinators, Cheryl Spitzenberger or Natalie Sirisaengtaksin. We ask that you notify GSBS in advance (preferably at least 3 days before the start of the semester) so we can make appropriate arrangements.

<p>Term and Year: Spring 2023</p> <p>Course Number and Course Title: GS21 1221: Seminar Presentation Skills Training</p> <p>Credit Hours: 1 Credit</p> <p>Meeting Location: Basic Science Research Bldg.</p> <p>Building/Room#: GSBS Large Classroom (BSRB S3.8371)</p>	<p>Program Required Course: Yes</p> <p>Approval Code: Yes (If yes, the Course Director or the Course Designee will provide the approval code.)</p> <p>Audit Permitted: No</p> <p>Classes Begin: January 13, 2023</p> <p>Classes End: May 5, 2023</p> <p>Final Exam Week: N/A</p>
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Class Meeting Schedule

Day	Time
First Friday of each month except in January	3:00 pm
In January it will be on the second Friday	3:00 pm

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Course Description:

This course is only for MS students in the Biomedical Sciences program. Students who register for this course are required to attend official seminars and submit a brief report for each of the talks they attend (10 seminars must be attended during the Fall/Spring and 6 seminars must be attended during Summer). Seminars are considered to be official if they are hosted by any biomedical science department at the Texas Medical Center or Rice University and presented by 1) a faculty member from any university/college or 2) a scientist holding a doctoral degree who is applying for an open faculty position. This course will also meet on the first Friday of each month (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm) except in January where the meeting will be on the second Friday (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm). There are 4 meetings in the Fall, 5 meetings in the Spring and 3 meetings in the Summer. During each of these meetings, two second- and third-year MS students will present their research work to their peers.

Textbook/Supplemental Reading Materials (if any)

- N/A

Course Objective/s:

The goal of this course is to help MS students in the Biomedical Sciences program improve their communication skills, gain knowledge, get motivated, network with fellow students and experts in different scientific fields, and gain confidence.

Specific Learning Objectives:

1. Expose MS students to a broad range of current research topics in biomedical sciences and related fields.
2. Give MS students a chance to learn how to present their research and results to their peers.
3. Give students a place to practice presentations, provide feedback, and exchange ideas among their peer MS students.
4. Strengthen the MS community by creating a space where all MS students can come together to hear a research presentation from senior MS trainees and be able to network with other students in the program.

Student Responsibilities and Expectations:

Students enrolled in this course will be expected to perform the following activities:

1. Attend a regular monthly meeting usually on the first Friday of each month (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm), where second- and third-year MS students will present their research work.
2. Second- and third-year MS students are required to sign up and present their research work once in an academic year during the above-mentioned monthly meetings.
3. Second- and third-year MS students are required to host their presenting peers once in an academic year during the above-mentioned monthly meetings.
4. First year MS students are only required to attend and participate in the discussion but are not required to present nor host.

5. After each of these meetings, all MS students are expected to submit a peer feedback form to give an insight of what they thought about the talks.
6. Attend 10 official seminars and submit a brief summary (limited to 300 words) for each of the talks they attend.
7. Seminars are considered to be official if they are hosted by any biomedical science department at the Texas Medical Center or Rice University and presented by 1) a faculty member from any university/college or 2) a scientist holding a doctoral degree who is applying for an open faculty position.
8. To get a "P" in the course during the Spring semester, students must achieve all the following:
 - a. Accumulate 45 points (attendance to the monthly session is 1 point each, and submission of an official seminar report is 4 points each).
 - b. Second- and third-year MS students will be required to present their research work, and to host their presenting peers during the semester they sign up to do so.
9. A student who is scheduled to present but is unable to due to unforeseen circumstances will first attempt to switch the presentation date with a colleague. If that is not possible, then the student will either submit a recording of his/her presentation to share with his peers or attend and submit reports for 3 additional official seminars.
10. Students who are unable to attend a monthly meeting session and are approved by the Course Director for an excused absence will have to attend and submit a summary report for 1 official seminar as a makeup assignment.

While students may work and discuss all course materials in groups, all writing assignments must be their own. Plagiarism and failure to properly cite scientific literature and other sources will not be tolerated and are grounds for dismissal from the course without credit and further GSBS disciplinary action.

Grading System: Pass/Fail

Student Assessment and Grading Criteria:

Points	Description
Seminar Written Reports (40 Points total)	Students will get 4 points for the submission of each official seminar report
Attendance and participation (5 Points total)	Students attending and participating in the monthly sessions will get 1 point for each session

CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Duration (Hour(s) taught by lecturer)	Presenters/Hosts
January 13, 2022	1 hour	Presenters: Dexin Yang & Luis Segarra Hosts: Lanxin Bei & Anna Vang
February 3, 2023	1.5 hours	Presenters: Alexandra Flegle & Maison Grefe & Sergey Egranov Hosts: Yi June Kim & Luis Segarra
March 3	1 hour	Presenters: Maxsam Donta & Erin Simpson Hosts: Patrick Mooz & Maria T. Grimaldo
April 7, 2023	1 hour	Presenters: Patrick Mooz & Maria T. Grimaldo Hosts: Johnathan Jia & Alexandra Flegle
May 5, 2023	1 hour	Presenters: Drew Boagni & Avantika Krishna Hosts: Erin Simpson & Maison Grefe