

Natural Resource Science Seminar
Progress Report Seminars – NRSC 644/753

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2016

Prerequisite: NRSC 643/752
Time: Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:30
Room: R3-037
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Instructor: TBD

Course description:

This course offers students the opportunity to further develop skills related to oral presentation and get feedback on their research projects. In this perspective, **students are encouraged to present preliminary data and even confusing results.**

For Master's student, this seminar should be taken during the second or third semester; PhD students take this seminar during their fourth or fifth semester, after passing NRSC 752.

Learning Objectives

Develop presentation skills through presentation and experiencing the peer evaluation of the presentation of others.

Evaluation

1. Abstract: 20%
2. Oral Presentation: 40%
3. Poster: 40%
4. Attendance to seminars: points deduced (see below)

1. Abstract

Abstract must be submitted on My Course no later than a week before your scheduled presentation. The abstract must be divided in four sections: Introduction, Hypotheses and Objectives, Methodologies and Results, and Conclusion. Late submission will received the mark of 0.

2. Oral Presentation

The oral presentation should consist on an introduction to your research topics, your hypothesis and objectives, the results you have obtained so far, and a discussion of the results. Be careful to explain the methodologies use, so others can understand the results. Finish with a discussion of the results and suggest additional experiments needed to complete the objectives. Presentation should be 20 minutes long, followed by a question period of 5 minutes. Oral presentation grades will be calculated from the average grades provided by the professors in attendance.

3. Poster

You will also present your progress as a poster at the end of the semester. The active learning classroom will be used to project your poster on the wall. Examples of poster can be found on My Course.

4. Attendance to seminars:

You must attend the seminars of your colleagues. The seminar evaluation form is to be completed for each presentation and **submitted on My Course within 24 hours**. This form confirms your attendance to the seminar. **Special seminars will also be scheduled during the semester. Attendance to special seminars is also mandatory.** Your attendance will be used to adjust your final grade as shown in the following table. For example, if you received a mark of 20/20 for the abstract, 35/40 for the oral presentation and 35/40 for the poster, but you only attend 81% of all seminars, your final grade will be 80% (A-).

Attendance	Points deducted from final grade
91-100%	No point deducted
81-90%	10% deducted
71-80%	20% deducted
61-70%	40% deducted
60% and below	55% deducted (fail)

Note: Non-resident students will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the coordinator as soon as possible.

Schedule (tentative):

Sept. 8	Welcome session MS2-022
Sept. 15	Attend FAES seminar "Ethics and Safety", 10:00, in R2-045
Sept. 22	Attend FAES seminar "Ethics and Safety", 10:00, in R2-045
Sept. 29	Instruction on oral and poster presentation
Oct. 6	Oral presentation
Oct. 13	Oral presentation
Oct. 20	Oral presentation
Oct. 27	Oral presentation
Nov. 3	Oral presentation
Nov. 10	Attend Proposal Seminars (R3-038)
Nov. 17	Attend Proposal Seminars (R3-038)
Nov. 24	Attend Proposal Seminars (R3-038)
Dec. 1	Attend Proposal Seminars (R3-038)
Dec. 8	Attend Proposal Seminars (R3-038)
TBD (in Dec.)	Posters

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