

Chemistry 643 - Seminar Summaries

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You are expected to attend all Monday and Wednesday Departmental seminars and summarize at least ten talks in one or two (single spaced) pages. Reports must be written in your own words, and demonstrate that you understand the background, goals and specific points that the speaker has covered. If necessary, you may want to consult some of the earlier work of the speaker.

You may take notes except as follows: I do not encourage trying to mirror the presenter's words. Use of computers in the front row and taking photographs of the slides is disruptive and distracting to the speaker. If you feel you must use electronics, sit near the back of the room and, certainly, do not "wave" your phone/camera in front of your neighbors.

Needless to say, the rules of plagiarism will be enforced. If you have any questions about the appropriate use of material, please talk to me.

Reports are due within one week of each talk. I will read them, and if you don't hear back from me within a week, you can assume that your work is acceptable and that it has been counted as one of your 10 submissions.

The principle reason why first- year students take CHM643 *before* 642 is to expose you to a wide range of topics – including some that you may not be familiar with – and help prepare you for your own presentation next year. So don't be afraid to include a critique of a speaker's presentation style and graphics in your reports. Even some Nobel Laureates have been boring.