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**Prerequisites:** enrolled graduate student or instructor consent  
**Text:** None required.  
**Course Website / Learning Management System:** Canvas at [https://sjsu.instructure.com/](https://sjsu.instructure.com/)

**Attendance:** A sign-up sheet will be distributed at the beginning of each class period. You must print and sign your name on this sheet. It is your responsibility to insure that you have signed this. You are required to attend all classes unless you have an excused absence that must be agreed to by the instructor.

**Written Reports:** A 300-word or more written report of 12 of the seminars attended should be turned in via Canvas no later than one week after the presentation. Grades will be adjusted accordingly, but point penalties will remain unchanged. The report must be a summary in your own words (you may not use any of the sentences, phrases, or style of the abstract) and contain the following information:
1. title,  
2. objective or goal of work,  
3. major points or conclusions made during the presentation,  
4. one question you did ask or might ask of the seminar speaker.

**Speakers:** The presenters for this course will be a mix of SJSU and outside speakers from industry and academia as well as any M.S. and M.A. students who are giving their final seminars. You will be notified of the seminar topics as soon as possible.

**Objectives:** Demonstrate proficiency in graduate level chemistry concepts. The above objectives fall within objectives 1-5, 8 and 10 the [Chemistry Department Program Learning Objectives](https://sjsu.instructure.com/) for the MS and MA in Chemistry.

**Tentative Grading Structure:** A single letter grade will be assigned for Chem 285. There is no final exam.  
12 Documented Attendance: 120 points  
12 Seminar Summaries: 120 points

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