

## FDSCTE 8991 Graduate Seminar, Spring 2018 (1 credit)

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**Course Description:** Seminar presentations by invited external speakers, OSU faculty members and graduate students. Students learn on how to make effective presentations by observing presentations given by invited experts, peers as well as through their own.

**Time:** Wednesday 4-5 pm at Parker Food Science and Tech building Room 118.

**Prerequisites:** Open to graduate students

### **Expected Learning Outcomes:**

- The students will gain insight on public speaking, organization of a scientific talk and transmitting complex ideas to a diverse audience through observing various speakers as well contributing to the presentations
- The student will learn about scientific presentation and how to effectively communicate with peers and the general public

### **Learning Objectives:**

- The students will learn to synthesize concepts, present the results of research in a logical and understandable manner to peers.
- Students gain appreciation for the importance of communicate scientific concepts to the general public in easy to follow manner.

### **Course Organization:**

We meet once a week. Instructor encourage active student discussion and questions during various presentations. Attendance will be taken via distributing a signup sheet.

- (a) Doctoral students conducting dissertation research will have opportunity to share their research during 30 min presentation. This includes about 22 min presentation and 8 min for question and answer from the audience.
- (b) Masters students pursuing their thesis research will have about 12 minutes for presenting their thesis research followed by 3 min question and answer from audience.
- (c) Learn how to constructively evaluate peer (student) presenters and provide feedback.
- (d) Student presenters will submit a brief (1-2 page) self-assessment that summarize their own learning experience, feedback received from peers and faculty, areas of improvement, and future plans on improving their presentations.

**Schedule:** See attached seminar schedule. Schedule will be posted in the department website. Weekly seminar announcements will be made

**Grading:** Based up on student attendance, active participation, and student self-assessment report.

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