

## Course Description

### ***PCL1003Y - Seminars in Pharmacology***

This is the Thursday afternoon (4:00 pm) Departmental Seminar Series. Seminars are given by invited external speakers, Department faculty members and doctoral students prior to the completion of their program. Students remain registered in this course until completion of the Ph.D. program, at which time they are assigned credit for the course. Attendance is monitored by a sign-up sheet. Although students are not expected to attend every seminar, a minimum attendance level of 50 seminars is required (or 50% of seminars offered, whichever is less), to receive course credit, and students will be penalized for a poor attendance record. The penalty will be an essay assignment(s) on seminar topics that the student has missed. No formal grade is assigned to PCL1003Y, as it is a Credit/Non-Credit course.

Additional requirements for this course are the presentation of two Departmental seminars during the course of the Ph.D. program:

- ***PhD Midpoint Seminar*** - One 30-min seminar (20 min talk, 10 min question period) giving a summary of work in progress or of particular projects or sets of experiments that have been completed. (Will be scheduled around the 3rd-year of enrolment).
- ***PhD Exit Seminar*** - One 35 minute seminar (10 min general introduction (so that all attendees can fully appreciate the research topic); 20 min core material (similar to what you will present at the senate oral examination); and 5 min future plan/perspective. The Exit Seminar is usually given between 2 and 6 months prior to the Senate Oral examination.

The Graduate Office will schedule the Midpoint Seminars during the year. The PhD student schedules the Exit Seminar within six months of completion of the program. It is also the student's responsibility to ensure that all Advisory Committee members are in attendance at each seminar. Participation in the oral presentation component of the annual Visions in Pharmacology (VIP) student research day will count as credit for the 30-min seminar.

Verified attendance at up to 10 seminars given by other Departments in the Faculties of Medicine or Pharmacy, may be used as credit towards the 50 seminar total attendance requirement for PCL1003Y. Use of attendance at an extradepartmental seminar towards fulfillment of PCL1003Y requires the written approval of the student's supervisor, verified by completion of an External Seminar Attendance Form (see below).

Students transferring directly from the M.Sc. to the Ph.D. program may use verified attendance at departmental seminars during the M.Sc. training period towards the minimum seminar attendance requirement for PCL 1003Y.

# Pharmacology Graduate Student External Seminar Attendance Form

When you attend academic seminars that are outside the Pharmacology Department, you are required to have this form signed by your program supervisor. Students are allowed to use a maximum of 10 seminars given by other Departments in the Faculties of Medicine or Pharmacy.

*The form should be submitted to the Graduate Office within a week of attending the seminar.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Seminar Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Seminar Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue of Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker's Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Program Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Date

*Student, please return the signed form to the Pharmacology Graduate Office within a week of attending the Seminar.*