

PH793 – Physics Student Seminar – Fall 2004

Course meeting time: Wed, 11:15am-12:05pm in room CH 396

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- **Purpose of the course:** PH 793 is intended to provide graduate students in physics with **experience in a seminar or conference-type environment**.
- **What is expected from course participants:** Each student is required to give *at least one professional-style 30-minute oral presentation* and to **participate in the discussion sessions** of others. [The number of presentations will depend upon the number of registered students.]
- **How students will be graded:** Grades for the course will be determined by the instructor, based on the quality of each student's presentation (75% of grade), on their level of participation in the weekly discussions (15% of grade), and their attendance (10% of grade).
- **Seminar topics** should be timely and reflect a current problem in the area of physics selected for this semester, which will be chosen at random on the first day of the course. Topics must be chosen at least two weeks before the scheduled talk date, subject to the approval of the instructor.
- **Feedback** on the style and quality of each student's presentation (not grades) will be given in the form of both **instructor and anonymous peer evaluations**. [See the sample evaluation form on the back of this sheet.] When evaluating your peers, please try to include only constructive criticisms with suggestions for improvement. Your comments will be re-typed and relayed anonymously to the speaker by the instructor.
- **For graduate students taking the physics comprehensive exams,** taking this course at least twice and earning a grade of B or higher in two of those semesters will fulfill the oral part of these exams.

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PEER EVALUATION FORM**

Date:

Name of Speaker:

Topic:

	Score (1 – 5)
Oral/Aural Presentation	_____
Visual Presentation	_____
Content	_____
Interest	_____
Overall Impression	_____

[5 = “Excellent” 4 = “Good” 3 = “Average” 2 = “Below Average” 1 = “Poor”]

Other Comments or Suggestions: