

**Chemistry 791, Section 1 (Biochemistry)  
Thesis Proposal  
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**Course time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m., Fri., GMCS 305

**Office hours:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday OR  
Call or e-mail to make an appointment

**The course:**

Open to graduate students in Biochemistry.

*Course description*-The purpose of this course is to give M.S. students an opportunity and an audience to present and describe their proposed thesis research. Students should enroll in Chem 791 after they have defined and begun their thesis research project and acquired some preliminary data that demonstrates its feasibility. As such, your Chem 791 seminar will be a "thesis proposal." At the time of your seminar, your research should neither be too preliminary, nor should it be too near to completion. **Your thesis advisor should be able to help you decide when you are ready to enroll in this course. (You should probably share this syllabus with your thesis advisor.)**

Prior to your presentation, you must prepare a 1.5 to 2 page (single-spaced) summary that describes your proposed research project. **This summary must be pre-approved by your thesis advisor**, so work with your thesis advisor well in advance. e-mail your approved research summary to the instructor at least two weeks prior to your scheduled Chem 791 presentation. The instructor will review it, distribute it to the remaining members of the class, and advertise your seminar to the rest of the members of the department.

You will then present your thesis proposal as a seminar to the Chem 790/791 class and whomever else wishes to attend. In your oral presentation, you should give some background and history of the overall question or problem you intend to investigate, state the specific aims of your research, and then describe the experimental plan and methods you have been and will be using to achieve your research goals. **You should work closely with your thesis advisor in preparing and practicing your 791 presentation. The expectation is that your thesis proposal will be done in a very professional manner.**

**SYLLABUS STATEMENT**  
for Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact Student Disability Services at [\(619\) 594-6473](tel:6195946473). To avoid any delay in the receipt of your accommodations, you should contact Student Disability Services as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, and that accommodations based upon disability cannot be provided until you have presented your instructor with an accommodation letter from Student Disability Services. Your cooperation is appreciated.