

Chem 509 course requirements

Graduate students must register for Chem 509 in both terms of every Winter Session during their degree program.

Enrolment in Chem 509 requires that students attend Chemistry Department Seminars as described in the syllabus each academic year (see below), **and** attend both Graduate Student Research Days (GSRDs) in November and February, **and** give a departmental seminar, normally in Term 4 or 5 of the M.Sc. program or Term 10 or 11 of the Ph.D. program.

A "COM" grade is assigned for Chem 509 when you submit your "Request for Oral Exam" upon completion of your thesis, as long as you have attended the requisite number of seminars for that term, and have given your departmental seminar. If you are submitting mid-term, consult with the instructor for the number of seminar attendances needed.

Guidelines for seminar attendance

Chemistry Department Seminars take place on Mondays and/or Thursdays, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm.

Bookmark the [seminar schedule](#) and check it regularly, in case of changes.

Graduate students must attend 9 seminars in each term that Chemistry Department Seminars are scheduled. You are welcome to attend more! If you do not attend the requisite number of seminars, you must complete some extra seminar-related assignment, to be determined by the 509 instructor.

Before leaving each seminar, initial the Chem 509 attendance sheet next to your name. **Note:** by signing the sheet, you are officially stating that you have attended the entire seminar. This statement falls under the Academic Integrity regulations outlined in the UVic Graduate Calendar.

As part of your Chem 509 attendance each term, you may attend up to three seminars from outside the Chemistry Department Seminar series (e.g. CAMTEC, Biochemistry, Physics, ad hoc Chemistry seminars), **with permission** from both the 509 instructor and your supervisor. To obtain permission, send an email request to the 509 instructor with a cc to your supervisor, **prior** to the date of the extra-departmental seminar you wish to attend.* The email should include full details of the seminar, including a URL or email notification for the event. Requests to substitute seminars will be considered on a one-by-one basis.

For all seminars, you are expected to show respect for the speakers and for other attendees. Arrive on time - late arrivals are disruptive for the speaker and the audience.

Graduate Student Research Days (GSRDs)

Graduate students give their departmental seminars during two GSRDs. These one-day mini-conferences happen during the November and February Reading Breaks.** The exact format will vary depending on the number of students presenting, and will be communicated early each term. **All graduate students are required to attend these events.** The GSRDs include poster sessions; every graduate student must give one poster or oral presentation at a GSRD during each academic year.

The 509 instructor will schedule all presentations for the two GSRDs, in consultation with supervisors. In July, student speakers will be told in which GSRD they are scheduled to present. In September, poster presenters will be told in which GSRD they are scheduled to present.

*Permission will not be granted for ad hoc seminars in the Chemistry Department that occur on the same days as official Department seminars. ** The November GSRD will take place either Tuesday, November 14 or Wednesday, November 15, 2017 (TBA by September 6). The February GSRD will take place Thursday, February 15, 2018.