

PHYS 1310 and 1311: UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR

Class Meets: Wednesday: 12:00 – 12:50 pm, 106 Allen Hall

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Course Materials: Posted on courseweb.

Seminar Format:

The format for UG Seminar is as follows. The first four meetings in January will be devoted to presentations on opportunities for majors in the Department (January 6), what Pitt's "Career Services" (200 William Pitt Union) provides for students (January 13), careers in physics and astronomy (January 20), plus a session where you are asked to provide feedback about the Department's program for UG majors (January 27). The presentation slides shown for the first and third meetings are posted on courseweb under "Course Documents." Dr. Ryan Sweeny ("Career Services") provided some handouts during his presentation at the second meeting. The remaining 11 meetings will be devoted to student presentations, including the poster session in the O'Hara Student Center on March 30. Students should schedule a meeting with the instructor at least one week prior to the date of their scheduled talk and at least two weeks (March 16) prior to finalizing their poster in order to receive feedback and provide time for iteration. Students who are in need of a topic for their talk and poster should meet with the instructor as soon as possible. Check for courseweb announcements.

Final Grade:

The final grade will be based on participation. Students are expected to: (1) attend the seminar, (2) give a 20 min slide presentation on their assigned date (15 min for talk, 5 min for questions), (3) do a poster presentation on March 30 at the O'Hara Student Center, (4) meet with the instructor as needed about their scheduled talk and poster, and (5) fill out a questionnaire (to be provided) before leaving seminar which the instructor can use to provide feedback to students on their talks. The instructor hopes that each student fully participates so that they can be awarded an A for their final grade.