

**Senior Seminar  
FS 490  
Spring 2014**

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**Time:** 1430-1520  
**Days:** Friday  
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Senior Seminar is designed to provide students with an opportunity to research, prepare, and present forensic science topics of interest to them. Reading and discussion of recent forensic techniques and applications will be part of the preparation and presentation process. Two oral presentations by each student are required. Prerequisites: EN 102, COM 101.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Research a forensic science topic for presentation
2. Prepare an abstract of the presentation
3. Prepare a professional curriculum vitae and/or cover letter
4. Recognize the appropriate and efficient use of visual aids in presentations
5. Prepare and deliver concise and professional presentations

**ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance is mandatory. Students will be required to sign a sign-in sheet at the beginning of each class. When not presenting, students will be expected to actively participate in the presentations of their peers by asking questions and making constructive comments; participation will be graded. Repeated absences will be reported to counseling and will result in possible removal from the course, as per the CUH Student Handbook. Under emergency and/or extenuating circumstances, absences may be excused if documentation is provided or if approved prior to the class period.

**CELL PHONES AND MUSIC DEVICES:**

Unless specifically permitted by your instructor, use of cell phones and music devices is prohibited during all Natural Science and Mathematics classes at Chaminade, as it is discourteous and may lead to suspicion of academic misconduct. **Cell phones must be either turned off or put on silent mode during seminar.** If I see your phone out during a peer's presentation, you will receive a zero for the participation portion of your grade. If there is a legitimate reason to have your phone on, please see me prior to class.

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## **COMPUTERS:**

Please be respectful of the presenters and do not use your computer during seminar.

## **ADA ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Students with special needs who meet the criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from CUH Counseling Center (Dr. June Yasuhara, 735-4845) by the end of the third week of classes. Failure to provide written documentation will prevent your instructor from making necessary accommodations. Please refer any questions to the Dean of Students and review procedures at [www.chaminade.edu/student\\_life/sss/counseling\\_services.php](http://www.chaminade.edu/student_life/sss/counseling_services.php)

## **GRADING:**

Final grades for the course will be totaled using the following weighting:

Attendance: 5%  
Participation: 5%  
Presentation #1: 25%  
Preparation of Presentation #2: 25%  
Presentation #2: 40%

The preparation phase of your 2nd presentation will result in a prepared bibliography of research materials, an abstract, and a curriculum vitae or cover letter. The following items will be turned in on the day of your presentation:

Bibliography [5 points]  
Abstract [10 points]  
Curriculum vitae / cover letter [10 points]  
Presentation (PowerPoint or other visual aids)

## **GRADING SCALE:**

90 - 100% A  
80 - <90% B  
70 - <80% C  
60 - <70% D  
<60% F

Numerical grades containing decimal points **will not** be rounded up during the conversion to letter grades.

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**SCHEDULE:**

Jan 17:	Syllabus & Introduction to Presentations
Jan 24:	Effective Visual Aids / Bibliographies, Abstracts, and CVs
Jan 31:	Presentation #1 (3)
Feb 7:	Presentation #1 (3)
Feb 14:	Presentation #1 (3)
Feb 21:	Presentation #1 (3)
Feb 28:	Presentation #1 (4)
Mar 7:	Presentation #2 (2)
Mar 14:	Presentation #2 (2)
Mar 21:	Presentation #2 (2)
Mar 28:	<b>NO CLASS (Spring Recess)</b>
Apr 4:	Presentation #2 (2)
Apr 11:	Presentation #2 (2)
Apr 18:	<b>NO CLASS (Good Friday)</b>
Apr 25:	Presentation #2 (3)
May 2:	Presentation #2 (3)

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