*Syllabus*

Chemistry 5010

**Graduate Seminar**

2 credit hour

F 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

**Instructor**: A. N. Vasiliev

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**Attendance**: required, except when prior permission is granted

**Course schedule**:

Fridays are departmental seminar days. Seminars are presented by invited speakers, ETSU faculty, and students on research topics of recent advances in chemistry. You will attend, listen to, and evaluate these seminars. Then you will give a formal presentation during the latter part of the semester. To prepare for their formal presentations the students will analyze and discuss the Friday afternoon seminars.

**Course grade**:

Grading for this course will necessarily be subjective. Chemistry faculty and registered students will evaluate the formal presentations

**Oral communication assignments**:

Successful completion of the formal presentation will clearly bolster self-confidence. All aspects of the course are designed to lead the success in this presentation. Attendance at the Friday afternoon seminars is open to all. They are advertised on wall posters in the Science building and invitations are sent to potentially interested parties. Students will be required to listen attentively to all seminars presentations throughout the semester. You are expected to field questions on their presentations, from both students and faculty, during the formal presentations.

**Oral communication instruction**:

Since the students enrolled in CHEM 5010 are graduate students, they will have taken at least one OCI course. Thus some instruction already will have been given. Throughout the semester students will receive “instructions” on the do’s and don’ts of seminar presentation by criticism of the Friday presentations. Most of outside speakers are faculty from sciences departments at ETSU or from the College of Medicine and from neighboring universities.

**Oral communication assessment**

Formal presentation evaluations will be accumulated from enrolled students and from chemistry faculty in attendance. These will be shared with the student presenters.