

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
FALL 20171. **Course: NANS 599, Special problems in nanoscience & nanotechnology**

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2. **Course Description:** Presentation skills in the context of advanced topics in nanoscience and nanotechnology. This is primarily a practical course with relatively few traditional lectures. The focus is on both the theory and practice of effective scientific communication. Students will gain hands on experience through a series of in-class presentations, which constitute the bulk of their grade for the course.

3. **Recommended Textbook:** None

4. **Topics Covered:** Understanding of theory and practice for scientific communication.

4. **Learning Outcomes:**

- Develop an appreciation for effective scientific communication and be able to articulate the importance of effective communication both for science at society at large.
- Learn the mechanics of software tools, such as Power Point, and use them effectively to refine existing presentations and to create new ones.
- Understand best practices for scientific communication as demonstrated through the effective critique of the work of others.
- Understand the curse of knowledge and demonstrate the ability to recognize and mitigate its effects.
- Create informative, engaging, and effective presentations.
- Understand the importance having a clear purpose behind a presentation and knowing who your audience is. Demonstrate by making appropriate choices during in-class presentations.

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