

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY
COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** Physics 691.12 Graduate Seminar MSc I , Physics 691.14 Graduate Seminar MSc II , Physics 691.22 Graduate Seminar PhD I , Physics 691.24 Graduate Seminar PhD II

Lecture Sections:

L01 W, 13:00-13:50, ST 130

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Course website or Blackboard/Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Physics 691.12, if applicable.]

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2. **Prerequisites:** phas.ucalgary.ca/courses/w14/PHYS691.12?destination=courses%2Fw14
Effective Scientific Speaking courses provide instruction on preparing and presenting quality scientific oral presentations, including discussions of the aspects of quality presentations and exercises aimed at improving student speaking skills, and will be taken by graduate students in their first fall terms in program. Effective Scientific Writing courses provide students with instruction on preparing quality scientific papers, as well as exercises aimed at improving students' writing skills, and will be taken during students' end fall term in program. The Graduate Seminar courses will be run each winter, and provide all students enrolled in each course the opportunity to present one or two scientific talks, as well as to provide peer feedback to other students in the course. At the end of each Graduate Seminar term, the course instructor(s) will identify those students who have reached an acceptable level of scientific speaking competency and exempt these students from any further Physics 691 Graduate Seminar courses for their current degrees.
3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following will be considered:
Participation: Pass/Fail.
Students may be asked to repeat the course if further practice in giving presentations is deemed necessary.
4. **Missed Components of Term Work:** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in Section 3.6. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also Section E.6 of the University Calendar.
More than two classes missed without extenuating circumstances during a term constitutes a fail.
5. **Scheduled out-of-class activities:** NA
6. **Course Materials:** NA
7. **Examination Policy:** NA
8. **Approved Mandatory and Optional Course Supplemental Fees:** NA
9. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** NA
10. **Human studies statement:** NA
11. **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:**
(a) Academic Misconduct: (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with

rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K, Student Misconduct](#) to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties

- (b) Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](#).
- (c) Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: [Calendar entry on students with disabilities](#) and [Student Accessibility Services](#).
- (d) Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) Student Union Information:** [VP Academic](#) Phone: 220-3911 Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca.
SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca
[Student Ombudsman](#)
- (i) Internet and Electronic Device Information:** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.

The following signature lines should be added to the course outline as appropriate

Department Approval _____ Date _____

Associate Dean's Approval for
out of regular class-time activity: _____ Date: _____

Associate Dean's Approval for
Alternate final examination arrangements: _____ Date: _____