

# PHYS7170-001-1217



Graduate students are required to participate in the weekly Department Speaker Series events, which occur on Mondays at 4pm in FOSC 123. The only exceptions are when faculty meetings or holidays interrupt the schedule. Discussion of the seminar topic with the Department Chair or Lead Instructor for this Course will occur outside of the seminar itself, and together with the seminar will result in an enriching atmosphere.

## Seminar Schedule

This is posted at the link below and updated frequently. Announcements about the seminars are made using Physics Dept. mailing lists. Please follow those closely to avoid missing announcements.

<https://www.physics.smu.edu/web/seminars> (<https://www.physics.smu.edu/web/seminars>)

In addition to the in-person event in FOSC 123, these will be streamed on Zoom and on a live stream. The links to each are available in the event information itself. The Zoom passcode is SMU1911.

## Student Outcomes

Students will be expected to

- Engage in the seminar activity.
- Interact with the speaker (e.g. asking questions during or after the presentation).
- Summarize the subject material at a broad level.

Seminars are important to graduate student development because they bring the frontier to SMU. This is how all scientists engage in the latest findings, debate the conclusions of those findings, and develop relationships with new researchers that can enrich the scientist's own work.

## Participation

This is the primary means of assessing engagement in this material, since each seminar is unique. Participation is achieved either by:

- Attending in real time the seminar/colloquium.
- Reviewing a recording of the seminar/colloquium after-the-fact and reporting on this activity to the instructor.

Participation may be checked with an instrument in Canvas. Watch for announcements from the instructor for changes in how this is assessed to adapt to the semester as it evolves.

## Grading

- Students who participate in all but one of the speaker series events earn an A in the course.
- Students who participate in all but two of the speaker series events earn a B in the course.
- Students who participate in all but three of the speaker series events earn a C in the course.
- Lower levels of participation results in a D (four missed events) or F (five or more missed events).

## Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
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