MSCI 505; Senior Seminar
Spring 2017

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Meeting time: During Marine Science seminar, Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm, PSC 002
During the Geosciences seminar, Thursday 3:00-4:00pm, PSC 006

Course requirements:
- Attendance at Marine Science seminars
- Answer questions about the seminar regarding the scientific content and presentation style using the questionnaire available on blackboard. These are to be submitted via the assignment links on the course blackboard site.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course you will gain understanding of:

- The mechanics of oral and poster presentations
- Presentation pitfalls and how to avoid them
- Ways to give effective presentations
- How to evaluate the science presented in a scientific presentation

Grading:

- This is a 1-credit course. Attendance at the required number of Marine Science seminars and participation in the evaluation of the talks will earn you an A/pass in this course. Each of the required assignments is therefore pass/fail. If it is clear from your answers that you attended the seminar and gave it some thought, then you will receive credit. Anything less than 10 seminars attended will earn a failing grade.

Spring 2016 schedule

1. January 13 – No speaker yet
2. January 20 – Yosuke igeta
3. January 27 – Eben Broadbent
4. February 2 – Susan Wang
5. February 17,19 – Grad Day talks
6. February 23 – James Syvitski
7. March 3 – No speaker yet
8. March 10 – Spring Break
9. March 17 – No speaker yet
There are currently 7 seminars scheduled for the semester, with several open slots that may eventually be filled. In the past, students have had many more seminars to choose from, and so they have not been required to attend all seminars in order to get credit for the course. However, with this few seminars, you will need to attend all 7 in order to get credit. So to be clear, in order to get credit, you must turn in 7 completed seminar forms. If the number of seminars during the semester changes because of cancellations, then you will still be required to attend all that are available (so if we get one cancellation, then you will need to attend 6 seminars, etc.).

You have 1 week following each seminar to turn in the assignment. It will be due on 11:59PM on the following Friday. Please download the questionnaire from the blackboard website, fill it out, and turn it in via the blackboard link. *Do not email it to me directly.*

**Making up missed seminars:**

If you must miss a seminar for the week due to a *university-excused absence* (athletics, course fieldtrip, etc.), then you may instead attend another related seminar for that same week from BIOL, EOS, CHEM, ESP, or Public Health. It is up to you to identify an alternative seminar. However, you must email me in advance to let me know that you will be doing this.