PAP 701 - Graduate Seminar Module

Aims and Objectives

a. To help graduate students improve their communication skills
b. To engage graduate students in scientific discussion and debate in a professional manner
c. To enhance the student’s ability to interact with other people and address questions/challenges with confidence
d. To teach students the essential skills in scientific research, such as background literature search and critical thinking
e. To keep graduate students informed and knowledgeable about frontier research findings

Syllabus

Students will be trained in keeping updated with recent frontier research findings published in leading research journals, and in the ability to interact and communicate one-to-one or with a large group of people. In addition they are expected to participate actively in discussions and address challenges/questions with confidence.

This module involves attending seminars organized by the Division and presented by experts in different fields. Students will also attend presentations by their peers. Students are required to give presentations as well as participate in discussions. They will also write critiques on the seminars they have attended.

Assessment

Presentations: 40%
Class participation: 20%
Seminar participation: 20%
Others: Critique writing: 20%

Prerequisites

Approval by Division