

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS

Attending seminars on topics outside one's immediate interest is an excellent way to become broadly educated in Earth Sciences and to keep up with new developments. In recognition of the importance of these seminars to the education of graduate students and to the general intellectual environment of the department, graduate students in the Department of Geology and Geophysics will be required to attend departmental seminars on a regular basis, as defined below. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to attend, as well. At the beginning of the semester, students will be given an attendance sheet for the entire seminar schedule. It is the student's responsibility check-off seminars attended then return the form to Sharon at the end of the semester.

Ph.D. Students

- (1) Graduate students in the doctoral program are required to attend departmental seminars for their first six semesters.
- (2) Each student must attend at least nine seminars each semester.
- (3) Students may petition to delay this requirement for reasons of TA commitments or scheduling of courses outside our department. However, it is anticipated that this requirement will be completed within the first four years of residence.
- (4) The departmental seminars will be offered as a one-credit 'departmental seminar' course, which students are encouraged to take for credit but which they will be allowed to audit. (Geo 8098, check section number).
- (5) All six semesters of the departmental seminar course must be completed for a student to meet graduation requirements except under extenuating circumstances. It is the student responsibility to meet with the DGS to discuss and obtain the waiver.

M.S. Students

- (1) Graduate students in the masters program are required to attend departmental seminars each semester that they are in residence.
- (2) Each student must attend at least nine seminars each semester.
- (3) Students may petition to waive this requirement for reasons of TA scheduling or scheduling of courses outside the Geology and Geophysics Department.
- (4) The departmental seminars will be offered as a one-credit 'departmental seminar' course, which students are encouraged to take for credit but which they will be permitted to audit.
- (5) Attendance at departmental seminars is required for graduation. It is the student responsibility to meet with the DGS to discuss and obtain the waiver.
- (6) Masters students who started prior to Fall 2000, will be required to attend departmental seminars.