

**Sacramento State University Department of Chemistry
Graduate Seminar Synopsis Approval Form**

Submission deadline to the Graduate Committee (Email to graduate coordinator):

For Fall Seminars: May 1st

For Spring Seminars: November 1st

Date Received:

Approved? Y/N

Needs Revision? Y/N

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Research Advisor: _____

Proposed Title:

Provide a title and a synopsis (maximum of 500 words, single-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) of your proposed literature seminar. Your synopsis must introduce your topic, provide background information on the general subject, provide specific details regarding the chemistry that will be discussed in the seminar with literature references and be aimed at a scientifically literate, non-specialist audience. You may include a figure of your choosing to help illustrate your synopsis.

Your seminar is aimed to provide context related to your thesis research project, and you must provide a minimum of 5 peer-reviewed literature reference citations (primary research articles) with your synopsis; include titles for all articles in the citations. This list must be approved by your advisor. The references should represent the current state-of-the-art in the field, and only one article may be from your research advisors' group.

The synopsis and references will be reviewed by the graduate committee to evaluate if the topic and presentation will meet the literature seminar requirements. If revisions are required, the graduate committee will provide a timeline for the revisions.

A second, separate abstract prepared by the student will be published to the department one week before the literature seminar presentation date.