MICRO 703 SEMINAR IN MICROBIOLOGY

Course Description: Graduate students will prepare, present and attend weekly seminars.

Credit Hours: 1 semester hour

Course Prerequisites: MICRO 701, BIOCH 710, or approval of the course director.

Course Dates: Spring Semester, Summer Semester 2009

Course Times: Monday 4.00 PM or when announced

Course Location: 5A

Instructor: The student's mentor and Greg Chinchar (vchinchar@microbio.umsmed.edu)

Required Text and Other Learning Resources: Publications pertaining to the topic to be presented.

Course Overview: The student will select a topic from the current literature, which is of general interest in the field of microbiology/immunology.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

Students will be able to effectively present scientific information to a professional audience.

Grading Policy and Rubric. The seminar presentations and abstract will be graded by a standing committee of three faculty members using an agreed upon rubric, see attached.

Course Policies:
Students should submit a written abstract at the latest by noon the Friday before the seminar. Naturally students are expected to actively participate in the seminars presented by others by attending and asking questions.

University Policies:

- Students with disabilities (ADA) statement   Refer to UMC policy
- Academic honesty statement   Refer to UMC policy

Criteria for Evaluating Student Seminar Performance

Student: ___________________________________. Date: ____________________

CATEGORY	
Was the abstract clearly written, did it provide an accurate summary of the rationale, experimental approach, and conclusions?	
Were the slides clearly and professionally prepared?	
Was the oral presentation delivered clearly?	
Was the student's demeanor, body language, eye contact, etc. appropriate?	
Were questions answered appropriately?	
Were the key findings accurately presented?	
Was the rationale for the study presented?	
Were the experimental methods and results clearly described?	
Did the conclusions support the data?	
Were directions for future research identified?	
Average Score	

Scoring: 0 (low) - 5 (high)
5 = Outstanding
4 = Very Good
3 = Good, meets expectations
2 = Fair, acceptable, but room for improvement
1 = Poor, minimally acceptable, needs marked improvement
0 = Unacceptable