Syllabus for Chem 291 (Nizkorodov’s section)

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Quarters offered: This course is offered every Fall, Winter, Spring each year.

Location: RH 390

Website: https://aerosol.chem.uci.edu/seminars/index.htm

Pre-requisites: this course is open to chemistry graduate students, who are formally advised in research by Prof. Sergey Nizkorodov

Units: This course has a formal value of 4 units. However, the actual time commitment is less than 3 hours per week, so 1 unit would have been more accurate.¹ A request has been sent to change this course to variable 1-4 unit value.

Grading option: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U)

Minimal requirements: To achieve a satisfactory (S) grade in this course, the students are expected to:

1. Attend 90% of weekly group meetings. In the event of an unexpected conflict, work with the instructor and other group members to reschedule the meeting(s).
2. Deliver a one-hour presentation of their research results or review of research papers relevant to their topic at least once per quarter.
3. Read research papers scheduled by presenting group members ahead of time.

Professional expectations:

- Promptly provide the instructor with your weekly schedule before the start of the quarter and confirm the draft schedule setup by the instructor.
- For all presentations, set up the room at least 5 minutes ahead of time so that your group members are not waiting for you. Lock the room after the presentation.
- For paper presentations, send links to the articles to be discussed at least 24 hours ahead of time.

¹ UCI’s unit value is modeled on the Carnegie unit, which allows one unit of credit for three hours of work by the student per week (Senate Regulation 760).