

# CHEM 481 – Chemistry Professional Development Seminar II

(Section 001, 0 Credit Hrs)

Fall, 2016

*Meeting Time: Thursday 11:00 noon – 12:15 pm*

*Meeting Room: Sims 105*

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To contact us outside of these hours, please feel free to e-mail or call to make an appointment. We check our email and phone messages periodically throughout the day.

**Course Resources:** Materials for the course will be available on the departmental website ([chem.winthrop.edu](http://chem.winthrop.edu)).

**Overview:** Each semester, invited speakers from academia, industry, or government will present seminars on a (bio)chemistry-related topic relevant to industry or graduate school. In addition, presentations on various career-relevant topics (interview techniques, resume writing, opportunities for science majors, etc.), and visits to local industries and/or graduate programs may be arranged.

**Course Goals and Learning Objectives:** This course develops **ULC #3** (*Winthrop graduates understand the interconnect nature of the world and time in which they live*). The goal/learning objective of this course is to help prepare students for careers in industry or graduate school in chemistry or biochemistry by presenting information and opportunities relevant to the student's chosen career path. The speakers are experts in their field, and these seminars are a valuable opportunity for any science major to 1) learn about current areas of research around the country and the world, 2) be exposed to the myriad of opportunities available for science majors, and 3) learn practical techniques to improve his/her chances of a) getting into post-graduate school (e. g. medical school, graduate school, pharmacy school), or b) moving directly into the work force.

**Course Schedule:** The current seminar schedule is posted on the course website, available from [chem.winthrop.edu](http://chem.winthrop.edu). The course will meet only when a seminar is scheduled (except for the initial meeting, usually held during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the semester). ***However, the schedule is subject to change and seminars may be added or cancelled at any time.*** Changes to the schedule will be announced on the course website, through email notifications, and using the announcement board in the Sims lobby. Students should check these venues regularly and **refrain from scheduling other activities during the course meeting time.**

**Course Requirements and Grading:** The student is required to **attend all scheduled seminars, and complete any assigned projects during the course of the semester.** The course is graded S/U. Completion of the requirements listed above is necessary for satisfactory completion of the course.

**Class Attendance and Conduct:** It is to your benefit to attend all class meetings for the full scheduled time without any disruptions. Therefore, cell phones, computers, cameras, and other devices not required for the class discussion cannot be used during class time. Food and drink are not allowed in the classroom. Students are expected to adhere to the Winthrop Student Conduct Code as outlined in the Student Handbook: (<http://www2.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/handbook/StudentHandbook.pdf>)

**Students with Disabilities/Need of Accommodations for Access:** Winthrop University is committed to providing access to education. If you have a condition which may adversely impact your ability to access academics and/or campus life, and you require specific accommodations to complete this course, contact the Office of Accessibility (OA) at 803-323-3290, or [accessibility@winthrop.edu](mailto:accessibility@winthrop.edu). Please inform me as early as possible, once you have your official notice of accommodations from the Office of Accessibility.

**Changes to Syllabus:** Any changes to the syllabus or course schedule will be announced in class or communicated to the student by e-mail.