

## CHEM495 Chemical Topic Oral Presentation Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to give you an opportunity to communicate scientific information about a topic in chemistry that you are interested in. Oral presentation skills are a vital part of a scientist's toolbox and must be practiced to reach their full potential.

Your talk must adhere to the following guidelines in order to satisfactorily complete the assignment. Failure to include any of the elements listed below will be considered "not satisfactory" and may result in an "F" for this course.

- 1) Your talk must be between 8 and 12 minutes in length.
- 2) ***Your talk must be recorded in Zoom (or equivalent), then uploaded to Blackboard***
- 3) **You may not use any papers, notes written on your hands, or other presentation aids in your talk.** You must have the talk memorized and be prepared to deliver it without external aid.
- 4) You must use PowerPoint slides for your presentation.
  - **You must be certain that any images you include will show up on the school's computer when you present it.** "The computer isn't showing my image, but it did at home!" is not a valid excuse
- 5) References are required for this assignment. In fact, they will probably be the same references you will use for your review article.
  - Any information/tables/figures/images that you have taken from articles or websites **MUST BE CITED ON THE SLIDE ON WHICH THEY ARE USED.** You should use a small font and place the citation in the bottom left corner of the slide.
- 6) Plagiarism of any form will result in no credit for the assignment, and therefore a grade of "F" for the course.

The point of this presentation is to show what you have learned during your tenure as a chemistry major by selecting, researching, interpreting and creating a presentation about a topic in chemistry. This rubric is only intended to provide a minimum set of guidelines for you to work from. Your score on this assignment will be included in University and external assessments of our Chemistry Department effectiveness. The more your work reflects the spirit of the assignment, the better you look, and the better the department looks. Think about this as you complete the assignment.