

# Course Syllabus

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## GLY4930-Seminar 1 credit Course

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**Description:** This one credit course is based on weekly seminars. They take place "live" at 3:30 pm on Thursdays. If you cannot attend the live lecture, no problem. A recorded version of the lecture will be posted under announcements *sometime Thursday evening*. The Zoom Link is listed under announcements for the live seminar (this is the semester-long link). You are expected to attend the seminar each week and complete the following **1.5-2 page summary**.

**Assignment-** Repeated for each seminar. The following items should be on your report for each seminar (*due date is midnight on Thursdays one week after each seminar*). Please use **10-12 pt font** and **single spacing**. Please do not use huge spaces between questions or headlines.

- (1) Title of Talk and Name of Speaker, Date
- (2) Your name

**(Points 1 and 2 should be on a single line)**

- (3) One paragraph summary of the talk (What you got out of it).

(4) 1-2 paragraphs description about what data were used in support of the speaker's argument and a discussion about how convinced you were by the argument. For example, did the speaker just use jargon that made it difficult to understand, or were they logical and methodical in their approach?

(5) 1-paragraph opinion of the speaker. Was she/he convincing? Was the talk lively and enjoyable? Was the visual presentation useful and easy to follow?

- (6) Give definitions for 3 terms that you did not know before the talk.

You should upload your papers on canvas by the due date

### Grading Scale:

93-100- A

90-92.99- A-

87-89.99- B+

83-86.99- B  
80-82.99- B-  
77-79.99- C+  
73-76.99- C  
70-72.99- C-  
67-69.99- D+  
63-66.99- D  
60-62.99- D-  
<60- E

**Excused Absences: You can miss one seminar during the semester without any penalty to your grade. If you have extenuating circumstances and cannot submit your paper by the deadline, send me a quick note with a new deadline (you set this deadline but should not be more than 7 additional days).**

### **A Note on the Speakers/Topics for the Seminar Course**

In the past, I have received negative reviews for this course because the speakers were hard to understand and/or because the topics were too complex. Please understand that I facilitate this course for people needing 1 credit and I grade the papers you submit. **I have NO SAY in determining who the speakers are NOR their topics.** These talks are meant to be technical and are aimed at senior undergraduates/graduates and faculty and are part of our yearly academic seminar series. These seminar series are quite common in academic circles. It is my opinion that speakers should strive to make the material easy to grasp for all students, but that is my opinion. If you look at the questions that I ask, you will see that I ask your opinion of how successful the speaker is in delivering their message. At the end of the semester, when you review this course, please don't blame me for any faults you may find in the speakers. Trust me, I often share your opinion on the quality.