

CHEM 798D: Fourth Year Milestone

Meeting times: Not Applicable

Instructor of Record: Director of Graduate Studies (DGS)

Credit hours: 1

Course Description

CHEM 798D: Fourth Year Milestone is a required course that reflects learning and achievement regarding the development of an original research proposal and presenting and defending it in front of the research committee. The original research proposal may be in any area of chemistry but must be on a topic not closely related to research ongoing at Emory or research conducted at any institution the student attended prior to coming to Emory. Another way of stating this requirement is that the topic of the proposal must not be an area that the student plans on completing as part of the current thesis research – a topic that is at arm's reach from the ongoing thesis research.

This course is the culminating effort in chemistry's proposal-writing training for graduate students and allows students to demonstrate that they have achieved a solid foundation in creating and communicating original research.

CHEM 798B: Second Year Qualifying Exam and CHEM 798C: Third Year Milestone are pre-requisites for this course.

Grading

This course is graded on an S / U scale.

OVERALL GRADING CRITERIA

Satisfactory – Students who successfully complete the oral and written components of the Fourth Year Milestone will receive an “S” grade.

Unsatisfactory - Students who do not successfully complete any portion of the Fourth Year Milestone will receive a “U” grade.

Student should refer to the [proposal grading form](#) for specifics.

Timeline

CHEM 798D does not meet and students are expected to set their own timeline for completing required effort. Students must schedule an oral presentation of the proposal to their research committee prior to November 30. The written component is due to the committee at least one week before the oral presentation. The oral presentation must be advertised publicly to the chemistry community by [submitting an event to chemistry's online calendar](#).

Course Goals

By the end of this course, graduate students should have gained experience and insight into developing and communicating a compelling scientific proposal.

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Concerns and grievances: Any student may schedule a meeting with any member of the graduate team to discuss a concern or grievance they may experience. Students may also submit a formal grievance to the graduate committee. Please visit [Section VI, Article 2 of the Chemistry Graduate Program Handbook](#) for more information.

Accessibility: As the instructor of this course, I endeavor to provide an inclusive learning environment. I want every student to succeed. The Department of Accessibility Services (DAS) works with students who have disabilities to provide reasonable accommodations. It is your responsibility to request accommodations. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, you must register with the DAS at <https://accessibility.emory.edu/students/>. Accommodations cannot be retroactively applied so you need to contact DAS as early as possible and contact me as early as possible in the semester to discuss the plan for implementation of your accommodations. For additional information about accessibility and accommodations, please contact the DAS at (404) 727-9877 or accessibility@emory.edu.

Academic Integrity: You are expected to uphold and cooperate in maintaining academic integrity as a member of the Laney Graduate School. By taking this course, you affirm your commitment to the Laney Graduate School Honor Code, which you can find in the Laney Graduate School Handbook. You should ensure that you are familiar with the rights and responsibilities of members of our academic community and with policies that apply to students as members of our academic community. Any individual, when they suspect that an offense of academic misconduct has occurred, shall report this suspected breach to the appropriate Director of Graduate Studies, Program Director, or Dean of the Laney Graduate School. If an allegation is reported to a Director of Graduate Studies or a Program Director, they are in turn required to report the allegation to the Dean of Laney Graduate School.