

**Graduate Literature Seminar Abstract Approval Form**  
**Department of Chemistry**

Due to Graduate Committee on May 1<sup>st</sup> (Fall Seminars) or November 15<sup>th</sup> (Spring Seminars)

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Approvals: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstract \_\_\_\_\_ Abstract needs revision

**I. Student Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Research Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Thesis Research Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. Seminar Information**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested Seminar Dates (seminar date will be assigned by the seminar coordinator)

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Signatures**

I understand that by signing this form I am committed to presenting my literature seminar on my assigned date/semester. I am required to enroll in Chem 294 during the semester where I give my literature seminar. If for any **unexcused** reason the seminar is cancelled, I will be required to wait one semester before requesting a new seminar date. I will also be required to re-enroll in Chem 294 in the semester where the new seminar date is assigned. If the seminar is cancelled for an **excused** reason (illness, etc.), I will be required to present documentation to this effect to the graduate committee. I will be allowed to reschedule my seminar in the next semester. I will be required to re-enroll in Chem 294 during the new semester.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I approve the seminar topic, abstract and preferred seminar dates. I will serve as a resource to my student in preparing for their literature seminar.

Faculty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Abstract**

Provide a title and abstract (maximum of 500 words, single spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins) of your proposed literature seminar. Your abstract must introduce your topic, provide background information on the general subject, outline the research results you will present/analyze and cite appropriate peer-reviewed literature sources where appropriate. Please provide a **minimum** of 5 recent peer-reviewed primary literature reference citations (no review articles) with your abstract; include titles for all articles in the citations. Three of the five references must be from the past four years.