

UNM Department of Biology

Scientific Presentation Form

Master Plan I students

Beginning Fall 2009, Master's students were required to participate in a Department Brown Bag Seminar during their tenure. Effective November 2013, the Biology faculty voted to change the policy to the following:

The ability to deliver an effective, yet rigorous public presentation to a general audience is essential for professional biologists. As a requirement of the MS Plan I degree, students must deliver at least one substantial oral scientific presentation in a public forum. This may include an oral presentation in the Departmental Brown Bag Seminar Series, a national or international scientific conference, a well-advertised departmental seminar outside of the Brown Bag Series, or a comparable venue. If presenting in the Brown Bag Seminar Series, students must register for Biology 502 in the semester they are presenting and contact the instructor to schedule a presentation time. It is recommended that students complete the oral presentation requirement before the end of their third semester, in preparation to their final oral exam. Students are encouraged to discuss their topic to present with their Major Advisor and Committee on Studies. Upon completion, students must fill out the "Scientific Presentations Form" for approval and signature.

Plan II students are not required to present an oral scientific presentation in a public forum.

I, _____, (student's name) have:

- registered for and presented at the appropriate 502 Ecology or Molecular seminar
- presented at a forum approved by my committee.

Forum Name: _____ Date of Forum: _____

Title of Talk: _____

Student Signature

Date

Seminar Instructor or Committee Chair

Date

Graduate Policy Committee Chair

Date