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 can register for Biology 531 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.