

BE 699-301 Seminar and New Skills Course

The BE Seminar and New Skills Course has been established so that students get a first-year orientation and collective experience with the members of their cohort while attending seminars and acquiring useful skills for their predoctoral experience.

The course is offered Fall and Spring every year. The grading system is S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) 0.5 cu per semester. All BE graduate students are required to register for BE699 during two semesters before graduation, preferably in the first year. Students will register to 3.5 cu in semesters when they are taking BE699.

Fall Semester structure for BE699 (all submissions and grading handled through canvas)

- BE Seminars (Usually First Thursdays of the Month);
- Gabe student seminars; (these are now timed to meet during regular BE seminar slots, Thu 12 pm, when there are no BE seminars);
- Completion certificate for RCR training
- NSF PROPOSAL workshop (OPTIONAL and date set by SEAS)
- Goal setting in years 1-3; Individualized Development Plan (IDP)
- How to write a Paper
- How to give a Talk

Spring Semester structure for BE699 (all submissions and grading handled through canvas)

- Participation in BE Grad Group Symposium;
- BE Seminars (Usually First Thursdays of the Month)
- Gabe student seminars; (these are now timed to meet during regular BE seminar slots, Thu 12 pm, when there are no BE seminars);
- How to Read Literature Critically
- Proposal writing workshop for BE 1st year students
- Mock Grant Review Panel
- Goal setting in years 1-3; Individualized Development Plan (IDP)

Questions? Send email to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Kathleen Venit, kvenit@seas.upenn.edu.