**BE 699 - Seminar course**

The seminar course has been established so that students get recognition for their seminar attendance as well as to encourage students to attend. The course is offered Fall and Spring every year. The grading system is S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, these grades do not affect the GPA) 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 4.5 cu in semesters when they are taking BE699.

- Each student must attend eight seminars per semester. At least four seminars must be officially designated "Bioengineering Department Seminars". All BE seminars fall into that category, but dissertation defense seminars are excluded.

- The four “other” seminars may be any combination of department, research group, or other technical seminars on campus. Formal dissertation defense seminars qualify in this category.

- Students may get credit for up to 2 “other” seminars if they attend a full session at a conference in their field subject to their academic advisor’s endorsement. Only conferences during the semester when BE699 is taken qualify for credit. Students should provide the course coordinator with the session program. Please take notes at each seminar. All students will be required to submit a summary of each seminar attended. The summaries will be submitted at the end of the semester via email to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Kathleen Venit, kvenit@seas.upenn.edu.