

Graduate Seminar Activity Form

Directions/procedures:

Attendance at talks:

You need to complete attendance at 5 talks in a semester to receive a grade of “S” in Math 696.

If you attend fewer than 5 you will receive an incomplete ‘I’ and will need to make it up in the following semester.

You may attend more than 5 talks and the excess will be counted toward the next semester’s talks.

A “talk” means a standard 50 minute talk, which may be by a student, faculty member, or visitor. Student prospectus presentations, and thesis defense presentations, are generally **not** applicable, since these are usually abbreviated and highly specialized.

Keep a copy of the completed forms as a backup, especially if you are attending fewer or greater than 5 talks.

Presentations:

Each Ph.D. student is required to give three presentations, on a general schedule of 1 by the end of the second year, 2 by the end of the third year and the third anytime thereafter. These should be prepared with a faculty supervisor/advisor that may or may not be your thesis supervisor. This supervisor or some other designated faculty member must attend the talk and provide a brief assessment below. The talk must be approved in advance by the graduate director. Prospectus presentations and thesis defense presentations are generally not applicable, unless a full 50 minute talk is provided. An abstract of the talk must be attached to the form. One of the talks may be a presentation at a conference, or a poster session at a conference or at the College’s research presentation session. Your talks should generally fall into each of these three categories: A survey talk in your area of interest, suitable for a general audience of mathematics graduate students, a talk in an area outside your main interest, and a more specialized research-level talk. Some flexibility is possible, but giving three research presentations is not appropriate for the purposes of the graduate seminar.

