

## **Effective Oral Communication Methods**

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**Course Description:** This course will provide basic instruction, practical experiences, and critical but supportive feedback in techniques for the oral presentation of scientific material.

**Learning Objectives:** Students will learn:

- How to organize material for a conference-style presentation;
- How to develop effective visual aids; and
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Students will evaluate each other's presentations and receive faculty feedback.

### **Schedule:**

- October 13: Class 1 (Organization; Making Effective Visual Aids)
- October 13-27: Students prepare visual aids as homework.
- October 27: Class 2 (Principles and Practice of Oral Communication)
- November 3: Class 3 (Students receive faculty feedback on their prepared visual aids)
- November 3-17: Students practice on their own, providing feedback to each other.
- November 17: Class 4 (Students give full presentations with faculty feedback)