Graduate Seminar
in
Nuclear and Particle Physics
Astronomy

• Web Page: http://nngroup.physics.sunysb.edu/~mcgrew/phy599/
  • Check this page often.
  • Pay particular attention to the calendar
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Course Requirements

• Give one 30 minute talk
  – Provide an abstract at least one week before the talk
  – If possible provide an electronic copy of the talk
  – Scheduled talks may not be postponed

• Attend all PHY599 talks
  – Attendance will be taken

• Ask questions!
  – You will be grade on your
  – Give constructive criticism to your peers
Grading

- 50% Physics content of your presentation
- 30% Quality of your presentation
- 10% Quality of your abstract
- 10% Class participation
Course Objectives

- Get experience giving talks
  - Talks are a performance art learned by experience
- Learn a little bit of physics
- Learn about research done at SB
  - If you are still looking for an advisor, here's a good chance to explore topics
- Learn how to listen to and evaluate talks
  - You should critically evaluate what a speaker says
How It's Going to Work

• Sign up for a topic before next Wednesday

• Basic schedule
  – Entire semester will be schedule next week
  – Speak to me if you wish to go early in the semester, otherwise schedule will be random

• What you will do:
  – Start your talk about 2-3 weeks before you speak
  – Give a practice talk and an abstract one week early
  – Give your talk on the scheduled date