**ABE 8911: Graduate Seminar**

***Spring 2018, Mississippi State University***

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**Meeting times:** Monday 8:00 am – 8:50 am

**Meeting places:** Lectures will be held in ABE #131.

**Office hours:** By appointment

**Prerequisites:** NA

**Course objectives:**

***Graduate Seminar.*** (i) Introduce key information to graduate students in ABE department and provide presentation examples, (ii) Give graduate students practice in developing and delivering quality oral presentations.

**Course web:** Course information will be provided via both myCourses and e-mail if needed.

**Recommended Text: NA**

**Method of Evaluation**

**Work with your Major Professor to plan your program of study. Every student has to finish the program of study in order to get a score in this class.**

Attendance (30%)

*- note that 1 un-excused absence equals one letter grade reduction*

Student’s Mock Presentation (15 min) (30%)

Student’s Oral presentation (30 min) (40%)

**Total 100%**

A 90 —100

B 80 — 89

C 70 — 79

D 60 — 69

F below 60

*\* numbers will be rounded to the nearest whole number: i.e., 89.4 = 89%, 89.6=90%*

**Disabilities:** If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and Student Support Services (SSS) as early as possible in the term. The Office of Student Support Services and Disability Support Services are located in 01 Montgomery Hall. The phone number is (662) 325-3335. The SSS will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course. A comprehensive description of the services of

DRS can be obtained at http://www.msstate.edu/dept/sss/

**Honor Code:**

Mississippi State University has an approved Honor Code that applies to all students. The code is as follows:

"As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do."

Upon  accepting  admission  to  Mississippi  State  University,  a  student  immediately  assumes  a  commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the  philosophy and rules of the Honor Code. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the MSU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor Code.

For additional information please visit:  http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/1207A.html

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**Proposed schedule**

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| 1/08/2018 | Introduction |
| 1/15/2018 | Holiday |
| 1/22/2018 | Graduate study information |
| 1/29/2018 | Mock Presentation practice by your own (No class) |
| 2/05/2018 | Mock Presentation practice by your own (No class) |
| 2/12/2018 | Mock Presentation practice by your own (No class) |
| 2/19/2018 | Mock Presentation practice by your own (No class) |
| 2/26/2018 | Mock Presentation (15 min) Chen, Weitong Shabbir, Moniba |
| 3/05/2018 | Mock Presentation (15 min) Li, Guoming Parajuli, Pratik |
| 3/12/2018 | Spring break |
| 3/19/2018 | Mock Presentation (15 min) Thornton, Alan Keith |
| 3/26/2018 | Oral presentation (30 min) Chen, Weitong |
| 4/02/2018 | Oral presentation (30 min) Shabbir, Moniba |
| 4/09/2018 | Oral presentation (30 min) Li, Guoming |
| 4/16/2018 | Oral presentation (30 min) Parajuli, Pratik |
| 4/23/2018 | Oral presentation (30 min) Thornton, Alan Keith |