

TIGP-CBMB

Colloquium Report Regulations

1122 Semester

Preamble

Developing the habit of reading the literature and attending seminars/scientific conferences is an important part of your training as a scientist. Doing these things will help you learn about advances in your research area (broadly defined) and also make you aware of key researchers in the field. As a Ph.D. scientist it is expected that you are not only an expert in your research project/subfield but that you also have an understanding of the broader research area in which you work. Questions you may be asked at a job interview/oral exam include:

- “What recent paper did you read that you found interesting/inspiring?”
- “Who are the major researchers in your field?”
- “Who are your competitors in the field?”
- “What do you consider to be the most important achievement in your field in the past five years and why?”

Being unable to answer questions of this sort with ease and confidence makes you look ill-prepared and disinterested. Importantly, reading the literature and attending seminars should not be viewed as a ‘waste of time’ that takes you away from research. Two other key points: 1) listening to seminars allows you to learn what to do (and what not to do) when giving presentations of your own; 2) reading scientific papers is an effective way to learn how to write them.

1. You are expected to attend at least five seminars each semester and submit reports to the coordinator using a designated form. The questions will focus both on the mechanics of the talk and if you thought it was effective, as well as the content. All reports are worth a maximum of 15 points, but you may not get full marks for each. In addition to submitting at least five reports, you must secure at least 70 points to pass (a grade of B-). In principle, it is possible to pass by submitting only five reports; however, if you fail to secure maximum points on them you risk failing. The maximum number of reports you can submit is nine; you may not submit 10+ reports for extra credit.

| Points | Letter Grade |
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| 70-73 | B- |
| 73-76 | B |
| 77-79 | B+ |
| 80-84 | A- |
| 85-89 | A |
| 90-100 | A+ |

2. The following are all eligible for a CBMB colloquium:

- a. Distinguished Lectures
- b. Seminars
- c. International Conference
- d. Symposium

All colloquia should be held by Academia Sinica, National Taiwan University or National Tsing Hua University.

3. The online colloquium is acceptable but must be held by Academia Sinica, National Taiwan University or National Tsing Hua University. Attending lectures in person is preferable

4. Colloquia during winter and summer vacation are available for students to attend. The reports can be counted for the coming semester.

5. Students will be required to verify their seminar attendance by getting a stamp from the institutes that host the colloquium and writing a summary of the seminar. Students are responsible for printing the form "Colloquium: Proof of Attendance" and getting the proof. The report will only count toward your final grade if you submit the correct information and proof (stamp from the host institution). No excuses.

6. Students have to get the stamp or signature as proof on the same day after the colloquium ends. Before students take the report to the institutes that host the colloquium and ask for a stamp, students should fill in all the information of the colloquium. Please use the form "Colloquium: Proof of Attendance (physical only)."

7. If you attend a webinar, please upload the poster and the screenshot of the online software with your attendance to the Google survey. The screenshot should include your face (camera opened) and the main scene of the online software. All information for the webinar should be in one PDF file.

8. Each report should be uploaded to Turnitin to generate a similarity report. All the reports should be submitted as one single PDF file and title the file as "Last Name_First Name_No. of your report" to the CBMB office by the deadline. Ex: Watson_Jonh_01

9. The sequence of the submission (all documents should be in one PDF):

- i. Colloquium: Proof of Attendance
- ii. Report + Turnitin

10. Your first report will be due by **12:00 pm (noon) on 22 March 2024**. You will be provided with feedback by 1 April 2024 that will allow you to improve the quality of subsequent reports. You must submit your reports within **48 hours** of attending a seminar. Late submissions are only accepted at the discretion of the coordinators and may result in grade deductions or failure of the course.

What you write in your reports must be in your own words and in English. You must not cut-and-paste from papers/websites. You should make an effort to write as well as you can and correct all typographical and grammatical errors. However, you are (not yet) Ph.D. scientists and no one expects you to write like a person with this training. Thus, plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate failure of the course (score=0).

11. The final report is due at **12:00 pm (noon) on 31 May 2024**. Late submission is not acceptable.