

Graduate Student Seminar Schedule 2025/2026

Seminars are held on Thursdays 12:00-12:50 P.M. Student abstracts are due 24 hours in advance (Wednesday at noon) of presentation date (Please upload abstracts to [Grad Student Abstracts 25-2026](#). All seminars will be in-person (LS 111).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Duration of seminar Lab</u> (Followed by 5 min questions)	<u>Introduced by</u>	
August 28	Margaret Crespo Cruz	15-minute	Blumenthal	Claire Radtke
September 4				
September 11				
September 18	Sara Craig	15-minute	Abbott	Kristen Quaglia
September 25	Leesa Daffeh	15-minute	St. Maurice	Justine Nguyen
	Sydney Ward	15-minute	Gamble	Richard Melton
October 2				
October 9				
October 16	Midterm break (open for exchanges for first year students)			
October 23	Chimobi Chikwendu	15-minute	Schläppi	Athena Rivera
	Anika Jabin	15-minute	St. Martin	Ellie Marino
October 30	Orlando Escobar-Hadechinini	15-minute	Schnitzer	Nneamaka Uba
	Sarah Gobris	15-minute	Gamble	Rita Okeke
November 6	Sumaiya Chowdhury	15-minute	Petrella	Pablo Narvaez
November 13	Josephine Selvik	15-minute	Marshall	Chloe Langridge
	Autumn Stronach	15-minute	Petrella	Casey Lambert
November 20	Kerrigan Tobin	15-minute	Cook	Rachael Halby
	Ruric Bowman	15-minute	LaManna	Ryan Cook
November 27	Thanksgiving break			
December 4				
January 15	Marissa Allen	20-minute	Marshall	Ashmika Behere
	Ashmika Behere	20-minute	Gamble	Marissa Allen
January 22	Ryan Cook	20-minute	Gamble	Ruric Bowman
	Rachael Halby	20-minute	Cook	Kerrigan Tobin
January 29	Casey Lambert	20-minute	Cook	Autumn Stronach
	Chloe Langridge	20-minute	Sontag	Josephine Selvik
February 5	Pablo Narvaez	20-minute	Schnitzer	Sumaiya Chowdhury

	Rita Okeke	20-minute	Abbott	Sarah Gobris
February 12	Nneamaka Uba	20-minute	St. Maurice	Orlando Escobar-Hadechinini
February 19	Ellie Marino	20-minute	Arble	Anika Jabin
	Athena Rivera	20-minute	Arble	Chimobi Chikwendu
February 26	Richard Melton	20-minute	Hristova	Sydney Ward
March 5	Justine Nguyen	20-minute	Cook	Leesa Daffeh
March 12	Spring break			
March 19	Kristen Quaglia	20-minute	Petrella	Sara Craig
March 26	Claire Radtke	20-minute	Manogaran	Margaret Crespo Cruz

Last day of dissertation defense for May graduation 3/30/2026

Students in their 3-6th semester have a 15-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute question period. Students beyond their 6th semester will have a 20-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute question period (similar to conference proceedings). Graduate student seminars are part of BIOL6952 and are mandatory. If presenters have committee members who will be participating remotely, the graduate student will be responsible for hosting the online meeting. The Biological Sciences Department Graduate Handbook has more information regarding the requirements and format of the graduate student seminar program. It is recommended that graduate students schedule their annual advisory committee meeting immediately following the seminar.