

University of Maryland, Spring 2015
GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR

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The Foundations and Frontiers of Physics Seminar is a required non-credit seminar for the first year graduate students. However, all graduate students are invited to attend. The main purpose of this seminar is to attempt to convey the sort of “feel” for physics that is ordinarily not communicated in course work, seminars or even colloquia. This includes elementary arguments, analogies and “back of the envelope calculations”. The seminar will present various faculty and other researchers associated with the department. We hope that the seminar will promote collegiality among the students and faculty, enhance the human side of graduate training in physics, and help students to become familiar with the research going on in the department.

Course requirement: Attendance to 11 out of the 14 scheduled seminars. You will have to complete the course the following year if you do not fulfill this. (Attendance will be recorded.)

Time: Wednesday 4:30 – 6 PM.

Food and beverages may be served from 4:30 – 5:00pm on the second floor of the PSC (New Physics Building) outside the seminar room 2136.

The seminar will start at 5:00 pm in room 2136 of the New PSC Physics Building. There may be additional time for further discussion after the seminars.

Organizers:

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