Grading/Notes for CELL 787-01:

35% Presentation 1 and 35% Presentation 2  A requirement of this class is each student will pair up with another student and give two 20 minute presentations, with 10 minutes given for questions and answers, for this semester and this will count for total of 70% of your grade for the seminar course. Please come by my office, 4011 Percival Stern, and sign up your group no later than Friday February 2nd. The dates for these presentations can be found on the Semester Schedule and will be filled in the 2-4pm hours of the Research/Service Learning class, which will be held Wednesday and Friday. For those students not doing service learning, you are only required to attend the class when presentations are being given; otherwise Dr. Burdsal will inform you about class time. It is the departments hope that each of you will be able to pick a topic for your presentation which can vary from a case presentation, a disease process, or other things that you might be interested in presenting. Those students doing research will present individually and begin with presentations on background information on their research, gotten from research papers they are using to familiarize themselves with the projects they will be working on this year. It is important that each research student get with the faculty member, overseeing their research, and get as much background information to read in order to understand the purpose of their research project. This will help the student to understand this information and be able to explain the reason for conducting their project. Also, it may be a good idea for the dental students to combine into 2 groups and pick a dental related topic. Your grade will be determined by Dr. Grisbaum and Dr. Burdsal on: 1. Quality of your presentation (Clearly audible, voice well modulated, well paced) 2. Visual Aids (Clear, well presented, appropriate, supportive of presentation) 3. Structure and Organization (Well prepared and organized; Case clearly and persuasively made) 4. Knowledge and Understanding (Relevant, clear; scientific principles clearly explained. Responds well to questions) 5. Professionalism 6. Turning in a completed presentation 2 days before your scheduled presentation, via email to Dr. Grisbaum. Remember that our Department is called Cell and Molecular Biology and we would like the presentations to emphasize your topic at the cell and molecular level, first and foremost. All students must know the information that they are presenting well enough not to have to look at the screen to present their talk. You should use the slides only to jog your memory, explain diagrams, figures, pathways, etc., and for your audience to be able to follow your talk. If you read directly from the screen you will not receive a grade higher than a B+. If you have any questions please see Dr. Grisbaum on an individual basis, and he will explain what is required of you in these presentations. The students that are making their presentations that day must wear appropriate attire (ladies-a dress, dress slacks, blouse men-slacks,
nice shirt and tie). Each individual should know their material well enough (i.e. recite talk without looking at the power point at the front of the class) that they could present the material while making good eye contact with the audience. This will help each student become more confident in public speaking, as well as, mastery of the information that they will present. The above mentioned presentations must be done on power-point and the presentation, including bibliography, must be saved on the department computer, in the master student study room on the 4th floor of Stern Hall, as soon as you finish your presentation that day.

15% attendance and sign-in at Departmental Seminars: The department will be hosting a number of speakers for this coming semester and each of you must attend these seminars. John Drwiega will be sending out emails telling you the specifics about the seminars, but usually they are given on Friday afternoons. All of you should get in the habit of checking your emails for these seminars. If for any reason you are late to the seminar, please see me after the seminar speaker is done with his or her presentation to sign in, if the sign in sheet is still not in circulation. This will be done to give our guest speaker the utmost respect and courtesy while he or she is giving their talk. (If any of you are late to the seminar or absent this will reflect in this portion of your grade). As of now there are 3 seminars scheduled for Fridays, so check out the seminar schedule online.

15% attendance and sign-in at all student presentations: At the start of each scheduled presentation day, Dr. Grisbaum will hand out a sign-in sheet and each student should make sure to sign it. The above mentioned presentations are the two required talks that you will be making this semester. Again, if any student is late, please see Dr. Grisbaum after the presentations are completed for the sign-in sheet if it’s not in circulation. This will be done to promote professionalism and common courtesy for your fellow graduate students.