Updated 2016/2017 Guidelines will be posted on the Avenue in February, 2016. Prior to registration in CHEM 4G09, all interested students should obtain access to the CHEM 4G09 course on Avenue. For this, interested students should e-mail Dr. Mozharivskyj, the course coordinator (mozhar@mcmaster.ca) and provide their Mac IDs (not their password) as soon as possible.

Thesis projects offered in 2016/2017 by faculty members will be posted on Avenue in February, 2016. More projects may be added as they are received. Some project descriptions may reflect long-term research programs and therefore may not change significantly from those offered last year. The specific details of the projects might be modified before or after a student joins a supervisor’s research group.

Students are encouraged to look through the projects offered for 2016/2017 and identify at least 2 potential supervisors with projects of interest to them. Students should feel free to contact professors to get more information about the thesis project and to ask to visit their labs in order to get a sense of what working in their groups would be like. While some faculty members may not post projects, students can still inquire from those professors about the possibility of doing a thesis in their research group.

You are encouraged to attend the talks presented by the current class of Chemistry 4G09 students; these talks will be presented on Friday, March 18th. Pizza and pop will be provided in the second floor lounge (ABB 273) beginning at 4:00pm; thesis presentations will occur in ABB 162-165 starting at 4:30 pm. All Level III students are strongly encouraged to attend and learn about the research faculty members are doing before making their choice.

Prospective Chemistry 4G09 students are expected to meet with at least two professors. Students will need to provide a written record of the meeting with each prospective supervisor on a special form. Students should use a separate form for each faculty member interviewed. Students are strongly encouraged to book their interviews as early as possible and certainly before the end of March.

Following these interviews, students should reach an agreement on a project with a faculty member and have their future supervisor fill in the bottom portion of the form indicating the title for the 4G09 project and sign and date the form to confirm their willingness to supervise this project. Students should then submit the signed form to Linda Spruce in ABB156. This sign-off cannot occur earlier than March 1, 2016 and should be concluded no later than March 31, 2015.

All students approved to take CHEM 4G09 should attend an information session/pre-organization meeting (30 min) on Tuesday, March 21st, at 4:45 pm in ABB 431 (time, date and location will be confirmed later).

CHEM 4G09 cannot be taken concurrently with Chem 3LA3 or Chem 3LB3 given the time commitment required for the Senior Undergraduate Thesis.

The following applies to the Chemistry Coop students only:

Although Chem 4G09 is not required for graduation, Honours Chemistry-Coop students can register for this course in Level IV. In such a case, Chem 3LB3 must be taken in Level V.

If a coop student is out of town (for employment) during the project selection process, a phone interview with a faculty member will be accepted instead.

Note that as per the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Calendar the prerequisites for CHEM 4G09 are: Registration in Level IV of any Honours Chemistry program and a C.A. of at least 6.0; or permission of the Department.

Best regards,
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