A Seminar Schedule for the semester will be sent and will also be posted under Contents in Blackboard. Please mark on these days on your calendar. There may be seminars added to the schedule later, and students are expected to be available every Tuesdays during the scheduled class time regardless of whether there is a seminar scheduled or not. If any added seminars are during the regular class time, then it is mandatory to attend them. The Department may also schedule seminars that are scheduled on a different day. These would be optional and can be used as a makeup session.

1. Attendance – students must attend **ALL** the seminars that are held on Tuesdays. Students will be signed in at the beginning of each seminar by a departmental staff member. Failure to check in/out might result in not receiving CREDIT FOR ATTENDING THE SEMINAR.

   **As there are 9 scheduled seminars this semester, you must attend all 9 seminars.** If you are absent once this semester, you will receive a zero on your attendance portion and automatically receive no credit for the course. Please check in with Prof. Rajiv Kalia (rkalia@usc.edu) for MASC 598 or Prof. Malancha Gupta (malanchg@usc.edu) for CHE 550 if there are special circumstances that lead you to miss a seminar.

2. One report will be due at the end of the semester. Please pick your favorite or most relevant seminar for the report. The report should be 2 pages (single-spaced) and contain the following information:
   Your name, Class you are registered in (CHE 550 or MASC 598)
   Title of Seminar, Name of speaker, Abstract (in your words, do not cut and paste from the speaker’s abstract): Introduction, Methodology, Key results, Conclusions (including your assessment)
   Please email your final report by December 3rd to Prof. Rajiv Kalia (rkalia@usc.edu) for MASC 598 or Prof. Malancha Gupta (malanchg@usc.edu) for CHE 550.
Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct.

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Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

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