Journal Club/Seminar Policy (updated 4-7-15)

1) Purpose
Graduate training in Pharmaceutical Sciences includes critical assessment of contemporary research literature and oral presentations skills. Programmatic graduation requirements mandate compliance with this Journal Club/Seminar Policy.

2) Requirement
- Research-intensive MS students must register for the pharmaceutical sciences seminar/journal club course series each academic year for two years or until graduation, whichever is earlier.
- Research-intensive PhD must register for the pharmaceutical sciences seminar/journal club course series each academic year for four years or until graduation, whichever is earlier.
- Each student is expected to make one presentation each year, including their first year. A student will be excused from making an annual presentation if he/she is scheduled to defend within 6 months of an annual seminar presentation.
- Attendance for journal club and seminar is mandatory. A maximum of three absences (e.g., illness, attendance at a scientific conference) will be allowed each semester to pass the course. Responsible course directors should be notified in advance of a planned absence. In all cases, remediation is required for all absences.
- Grading will be pass/fail

3) Remediation
- Journal Club: absences from journal club can be remediated by submitting a two-page written evaluation of the assigned journal article.
- Seminar: absences from seminar can be remediated by attending other scientific seminars. The choice of seminars for remediation should be approved in advance by the course director and supervisory faculty. A one-page summary of the seminar presentation by the student may be required to furnish evidence of having attended this seminar.