VIPER (VIPR)

VIPR 120 Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research (VIPER)
Seminar, Part I
This is the first part of the two-semester seminar designed to introduce students to the VIPER program and help them prepare for energy-related research. Research articles on various energy-related topics will be discussed, and students will be guided toward their research topic selection. Library research, presentation of data, basic research methods, research ethics, data analysis, advisor identification, and funding options will also be discussed. Sample energy topics discussed will include: Applications of nanostructured materials in solar cells; Solid oxide fuel cells; Global climate modeling: radiant heat transfer; Nanocrystal-based technologies for energy storage; Photo-bioreactor systems for mass production of micro-algae; Advanced rare earths separations chemistry; Modeling of oxides for solar energy applications; and Electronic transport in carbon nanomaterials.
Taught by: John M. Vohs, Andrew M. Rappe and Kristen L. Hughes
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Admission to VIPER program.
Activity: Seminar
0.5 Course Units

VIPR 121 Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research (VIPER)
Seminar, Part II
This is the second part of the two-semester seminar designed to introduce students to the VIPER program and help them prepare for energy-related research. In this semester we will continue to discuss research articles on various energy-related topics, best practices for library research, presentation of data, basic research methods, research ethics, data analysis, and funding options. A large focus of the course will also be on presenting (in both written and oral form) the work from the students’ summer research internships.
Taught by: Andrew M. Rappe, John M. Vohs, and Kristen L. Hughes
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: VIPR 120
Activity: Seminar
0.5 Course Units