Information for students

Letters of recommendation It is a pleasure for me to recommend my best students.  If you envisage asking me for a letter of recommendation, would you please observe the following points:

Indicate precisely the institution and the post involved; Remind me in writing and with precision the courses and seminars that you have taken with me, and possibly also, the work that you have presented and the grades obtained (if relevant, attach the minutes); Fill out the relevant parts of the form (your details, my name and professional address) as well as the envelopes; Give me a reasonable period of time to write the letter (three weeks at minimum).

Supervision of masters mémoires and doctoral theses I receive a considerable number of requests for supervision and unfortunately am not able to accept all of them.  If you envisage asking me to be the director of your mémoire or thesis, be aware that from now on, I am giving priority to candidates who intend to work on subjects relevant to, or at least have some connection with, my areas of specialization.  I would appreciate it if, before our first conversation, you are able to send me a written outline of the problem that you wish to address and the thesis that you intend to defend.

Seminar work It is imperative that students who follow my seminars meet personally with me, during my consultation hours, in order to discuss their research topic and the preparation of their written work.  It is important that they have a general outline and bibliography for this meeting.

Seminar participants who send me their seminar paper three weeks before the distribution date will receive my comments and corrections one week later.  They are also able to revise their paper before the seminar class in which it will be discussed.  Other participants will receive their corrected manuscript immediately after the class in which it is discussed.