

CSCI 410, Senior Seminar: Presentation Rubric

Criterion	4	3	2	1
Topic	The presentation clearly addresses a central question or problem.	The presentation addresses several related questions or problems.	The presentation has a unifying theme, but otherwise simply presents a collection of information.	The presentation merely presents information without any unifying theme or topic.
Introduction	The introduction is succinct, gets the attention of the audience, and clearly sets up the main question or problem.	Introduction clearly presents the main focus, but may include too much detail or could be made more engaging.	Introduction presents the main focus, but is too long, too detailed, or not engaging.	No introduction is used.
Content	Content has depth and interest.	Presentation is interesting, but either somewhat shallow or includes somewhat superfluous content.	Content is somewhat uninteresting or includes much that is superfluous.	Content is completely uninteresting or inappropriate.
Audience awareness	Presentation is at an appropriate level for the audience, and provides all necessary background for the audience to follow	Presentation is generally at an appropriate level, but there may be one or two jumps with insufficient background, or a section with extraneous explanation.	The presentation has large gaps or much extraneous explanation that sometimes leaves the audience lost or bored.	The presentation is totally inappropriate for the audience (either much too simple or much too complex).
Visual aids	Makes appropriate and helpful use of visual aids such as slides or blackboard. Uses pictures or illustrations appropriately. Words are used sparsely and can be read in the back of the room.	Visual aids are appropriate and helpful.	Visual aids are used, but largely unhelpful/ineffective. There are no pictures or illustrations, too many words, or the words are too small to read.	Little to no visual aids, or completely inappropriate/ineffective.
Time	Presentation is within time limits.	Presentation is up to 30 seconds over time limit.	Presentation is up to 1 minute over time limit.	Presentation is more than 1 minute over time limit.

Clarity	Speaks clearly and distinctly; vocalized pauses (um, uh, er) are minimal and not distracting.	Mostly clear and distinct; vocalized pauses are not too distracting.	Sometimes hard to hear/understand, or very distracting vocalized pauses.	Often mumbles or cannot be heard/understood.
Eye contact	Eye contact with whole audience the whole time, except for brief glances at notes/slides.	Usually makes eye contact, or eye contact only with some of the audience.	Makes some eye contact but mostly looks at screen/paper/blackboard.	Looks at computer screen/paper/blackboard for entire presentation.

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Presenter: _____

Notes: