

Proposal Assignment #5: In-Class Presentations

2 & 9 Dec 2015

Each student will be giving a short oral presentation of their research proposal to the class during the last two class meetings. Outlined below are the format and grading guidelines. **Note you'll be graded on your presentation length, content, delivery and attendance.**

**I strongly suggest you use Powerpoint for your presentation. If you intend to use a format other than Powerpoint, please check with me at least one day beforehand.

ASSIGNMENT SPECIFICS (25 pts total):

1) Presentation Length (2 pts total)

- a. Each presenter should plan on covering their research proposal in 8 minutes.
- b. We will have 2 minutes for questions afterwards.

2) Presentation Content (14 pts total)

- a. **Introduction & Significance (5 pts)**- briefly summarize:
 - i. What the problem is and why it's important (why should anyone care?)
 - ii. What work has already been done on the problem (remember to include in-text citations)
 - iii. How you intend to address this problem through your proposal.
- b. **Objectives and Methods (5 pts)**
 - i. outline the research questions
 - ii. proposal objectives you intend to pursue, and
 - iii. Explain in detail how you intend to accomplish them (e.g. methods)
- c. **Expected Results (2 pts)**- briefly review what you expect to find after you have accomplished your objectives.
- d. **Summary and Conclusions (2 pts)**- give a final overview of your problem, proposed research plan and anticipated results.
- e. **Questions** – be prepared to answer any questions

3) Presentation Delivery (9 pts total)

- a. **Delivery (3 pts)**- making eye contact with the audience, speaking in a clear and loud voice, minimal use of verbal fillers (e.g. "um", "like")
- b. **Content/Organization (3 pts)**- using an appropriate mix of images and text, not reading from slides, presenting material in a logical way that the audience can follow
- c. **Enthusiasm (3 pts)**- holding audience's attention, talking about material with interest and energy

4) Attendance- As always, you will be graded on your attendance and participation during this class, and this includes others presentations. So please come to class even if you aren't presenting that day. Unexcused absences will be noted.