

SPRING RESEARCH GROUP EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

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Purpose of Presentations

The purpose of our group presentations once a semester is so that students grow familiar with presenting their work to those within their field and those outside of it. We believe students should develop the ability to make their research presentable and understandable to an audience that may not be familiar with their topic and also, naturally, develop better public speaking skills that are essential to their thesis defense.

Presentation Guidelines & Expectations

The students are expected to give a 10 – 15 minute informal presentation in which they will explain their thesis work-in-progress to their fellow peers and their 3rd Reader. UNIV401 students will be presenting their first semester work such as their proposal, what they hope to find, any work to date... UNIV402 will be presenting the second semester work or any new information/research they have developed/pursued since their fall group presentation. They may use whatever visual aid they like. A Q&A session is encouraged after each of the student's presentations so that anyone can ask questions. The students and 3rd Reader present will fill out a presentation evaluation form, offering constructive criticism and/or positive comments about the student's presentation. The forms should then go to the student in question.

Presentation Evaluation Form

I've attached a PDF copy of the presentation evaluation form that you can use to make copies for yourself AND/OR review to know how you will be evaluated. Please note also that additional students in the thesis class may attend your group's presentations. Thesis students have to complete an additional assignment, an option for which is to attend another group's presentation. They will not present, rather just listen and provide feedback.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions!

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Undergraduate Research Evaluation Form: *Work-In-Progress Presentations*

Return to the speaker when complete.

Title: _____

Speaker: _____

Enter five (5) comments, one for each of the five categories listed below.

Criteria:	Comments:
<p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sufficient background information and review of previous work was provided that justifies completion of the research- Basic terminology defined- Objectives and research hypothesis clearly stated <p>2. Methods and Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sufficient information provided for audience to understand research methods being implemented- Research methods and/or experimental design clearly explain, and linked to objectives <p>3. Progress-To-Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work accomplished was presented in an organized manner that was easy to understand- Status of the project is clear- Changes and/or modifications to project scope and objectives were explained and justified <p>4. Path Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remaining work and resource needs identified- Remaining project schedule accommodates completion of objectives- Potential risks recognized along with contingency plans <p>5. Overall Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presenter demonstrated enthusiasm and kept audience interest- Visual aids were effectively used to enhance key points throughout the presentation, and did not distract from the speaker- Powerpoint slides (if used) were well-laid out, easy to understand, and complemented but did not replace what the speaker was saying- Answers to questions were articulated clearly and in a professional manner	

Additional Comments and Suggestions:

Please write on back if more room is needed.