

Scoring Rubric for Oral Presentations

Adapted from: http://hplengr.engr.wisc.edu/Rubric_Presentation.doc

Content and Scientific Merit (60 points)

Introduction:

- Defines background and importance of topic
- Gains the attention of the audience (some approaches that work: ask a question, identify a paradox, highlight a societal or ecological impacts)

Body:

- Presenter uses scientifically valid arguments.
- Addresses audience at an appropriate level (rigorous, but generally understandable to a scientifically minded group).
- Describes methodology (if relevant).
- The talk is logically presented.

Conclusion:

- Summarizes major points of talk.
- Summarizes potential weaknesses (if any).
- Provides you a “take-home” message.

Speaking Style/Delivery (20 points)

- Speaks clearly and at an understandable pace.
- Maintains eye contact with audience.
- Limited use of filler words (“umm,” “like,” etc.).
- Speaker uses body language appropriately.
- Speaker is within time limits.
- Speaker is able to answer questions professionally.
- Speaker is dressed appropriately

Slides, graphs, and illustrations (20 points)

- Clear and understandable.
- Text is readable, clear, and not excessive.
- Slides designed and ordered to support the main points of the talk.
- Appropriate referencing of sources that is/was not generated by presenter.