

Undergraduate Research Presentation Rubric

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Undergraduate research is becoming more important in higher education as evidence is accumulating that clear, inquiry-based learning, scholarship, and creative accomplishments can and do foster effective, high levels of student learning. This curricular innovation includes identifying a concrete investigative problem, carrying out the project, and sharing findings with peers. The following standards describe effective presentations.

Standards	5 - 4 Exemplary	3 - 2 Satisfactory	1-0 Unacceptable	Score	Weight	Total Score
Organization	Has a clear opening statement that catches audience's interest; maintains focus throughout; summarizes main points	Has opening statement relevant to topic and gives outline of speech; is mostly organized; provides adequate "road map" for the listener	Has no opening statement or has an irrelevant statement; gives listener no focus or outline of the presentation		X 2	
Content	Demonstrates substance and depth; is comprehensive; shows mastery of material	Covers topic; uses appropriate sources; is objective	Does not give adequate coverage of topic; lacks sources		X 2	
Quality of conclusion	Delivers a conclusion that is well documented and persuasive	Summarizes presentation's main points; draws conclusions based upon these points	Has missing or poor conclusion; is not tied to analysis; does not summarize points that support the conclusion		X 2	
Delivery	Has natural delivery; modulates voice; is articulate; projects enthusiasm, interest, and confidence; uses body language effectively	Has appropriate pace; has no distracting mannerisms; is easily understood;	Is often hard to understand; has voice that is too soft or too loud; has a pace that is too quick or too slow; demonstrates one or more distracting mannerisms		X 1.5	
Use of media	Uses slides effortlessly to enhance presentation; has an effective presentation without media	Looks at slides to keep on track; uses an appropriate number of slides	Relies heavily on slides and notes; makes little eye contact; uses slides with too much text		X 1.5	
Response to Questions	Demonstrates full knowledge of topic; explains and elaborates on all questions	Shows ease in answering questions but does not elaborate	Demonstrates little grasp of information; has undeveloped or unclear answers to questions		X 1	

Reviewer _____

Grand Total _____