

Physics 390: Seminar Presentation Rubric Fall 2025

Category	3	2	1	0	Totals
Preparedness	Student completely prepared and has clearly rehearsed	Student is mostly prepared but could have rehearsed more	Student is somewhat prepared but should have rehearsed	Student is unprepared	
Speaks Clearly	Speaks clearly and distinctly during entire presentation. Makes good contact with audience.	Speaks clearly and distinctly most of the time, a few words poorly said or misused. Makes good contact with audience.	Difficult to hear and understand most of the time and little contact with audience	Mumbles and / or can not be understood. Avoided contact with audience.	
Visuals	Pdf, board work, and other props appropriate and correct.	Pdf, board work, and other props mostly appropriate with a few shortcomings including incorrect physics.	Pdf, board work, and other props relatively few and some may not represent correct physics.	Pdf, board work, and other props poorly done, with incorrect physics presented.	
Time Limits	Presentation of appropriate length, including time for questions.	Presentation too short or too long. time for questions ok.	Presentation way too short or way too long. time for questions ok.	Presentation way too short or way too long. time for questions not ok	
Comprehension	Student accurately answers all reasonable questions. Student shows full understanding of topic.	Student accurately answers most reasonable questions. Student shows good understanding of topic.	Student accurately answers some reasonable questions. Student understanding is shaky on parts of topic.	Student can not accurately answer reasonable questions. Student does not really understand topic.	
Participation	Listens intently, asks good, relevant questions pertaining to the presentation.	Does not always listen and/or may ask irrelevant questions.	Listens but did not ask required questions.	Does not listen, shows interruptive behavior (including late arrival). Questions not asked or are irrelevant.	
Attendance		Student arrives on time and is present throughout all presentations.		Student misses any portion of seminar.	

Note that the maximum score per shorter presentation is 20 points. In the final grade calculation, the sum from all shorter presentations is scaled to give 10 points per shorter presentation in the final grade.