

Grading criteria for oral and written presentations

BIOL 492 /692 Arctic Vegetation Ecology

I. Oral presentations:

A. Presentation at literature discussion sessions (100 points):

Content (75 points)

Accurate representation of the topic? (30 points)

Was the review thorough, covered main points of the paper? (30 points)

Was the relevance of the paper discussed? (15 points)

Presentation (25 points)

Overheads and graphics (15 points)

Clear, easy to read.

Well explained.

Graphics properly cited

Organization (5 points)

Introduction shows where the talk is going.

Body of presentation well organized

Summary at end

Kept to 30 minute time limit

Clarity of presentation (5 points)

Demeanor of speaker

Speaking to the audience yes

Clear voice

Lack of disrupting gestures or phrases

B. Oral research presentations (200 points):

Talk should be 15-20 minutes

Sections for the talk:

Title slide: Title, author, affiliation, course, date

Preview of Contents

Introduction

Several headings that help organize the talk in a logical flow

Conclusions

Acknowledgments

Literature cited

Grading criteria

Content (150 points)

Accurate representation of the topic? (60 points)

Was the review thorough, covered main points of the paper? (60 points)

Was the relevance of the paper discussed? (30 points)

Presentation (50 points)

Overheads and graphics (30 points)

Clear, easy to read.

Well explained.

Graphics properly cited!!

Organization (10 points)

Introduction shows where the talk is going.

Body of presentation well organized

Summary at end

Kept to 20 minute time limit

Clarity of presentation (10 points)

Demeanor of speaker

Speaking to the audience yes

Clear voice

Lack of disrupting gestures or phrases

II. Written presentations (graduate students):

Body of paper should be about 3000-4000 words

Sections for the paper:

Title page: Title, author, affiliation, course, date

Table of Contents

Introduction

Several headings that help organize the paper in a logical flow

Conclusions

Acknowledgments

Literature cited

Figures

Tables

Grading criteria (300 points total)

Content (225 points)

Title page (5 points)

Is the title appropriate?

Authors, affiliation and date included?

Introduction (60 points)

Introduces the main topic of the paper, clearly defines the focus

Presents key background information

Presents the major topics and outlines the contents of the paper

Main body of paper? (90 points)

Scientifically accurate?

Up to date?

Interesting?

Thorough treatment of subject?

Follows the general order and outline of the introduction

Conclusions or summary (20)

Are the conclusions logically derived from the discussion?

Does not present new information that was not discussed in the body of the paper

Presents the major take-home points

Presents the major points in same order as in the abstract and introduction

Literature cited (10 points)

At least 10 references

Are references up to date?

Correctly cited?

Appropriate for the paper?

Relevant?

From appropriate journals or books?

Presentation (75 points)

Organization (30 points)

Use of headings and subheadings is adequate and appropriate

Information flows in a logical sequence

Graphics and tables (15 points)

Appropriate

Easy to read, with clear legends that fully explain the figure

Format (15 points)

Follows Ecology

Format for literature in bibliography and in text correct?

Figure and table format correct

Grammar and spelling (15 points)

Spelling

Grammar