

Summer 2021

Final Assessment Project. Worth 25% of final grade

This is an individual assignment, NOT A GROUP ASSIGNMENT

Due : Tuesday August 10, 2021 (latest 11:59pm local Eastern Time)

It contains **two (2) parts**

1. Create a powerpoint slide deck (minimum 4 slides) of the topic assigned (saved as a **PDF doc and uploaded to Blackboard**)
The **title slide (first slide) must include** your name, student id#, Course+Section, Date. It also must have topic name.
2. **Record** a 4 to 5 minute **video** presentation **showing you** discussing the slides to me. Not powerpoint embedded audio or video. The video showing you presenting/talking is a separate file. **Upload the video file to Youtube or to your Seneca Microsoft One-Drive cloud**. Ensure that it is shareable and provide a link to the video.

A topic will be assigned to you the week before the due date.

The goal is to **dive deeper into some aspect of the assigned topic**. The topics relate to course material covered.

IMPORTANT: Do some research into the topic. You must include real science content in your slides and presentation. The idea (similar to a final exam), is to **demonstrate knowledge learned** through your topic which aligns with the course content. In simple terms, you've proven to me through this assignment that you gained new knowledge by taking this course.

NOTE: Shoot video in 720p (low resolution) and save video in .mp4 format to reduce file size when you upload.

You **must include** a minimum of **two (2) external references/sources**. The external sources should be **papers, articles, or documents that have actual authors**. Do not simply point to web pages and list URLs. Additional web resources (web sites) are fine to cite, but the **main two sources must have authors that you refer to. No Wikipedia references.**

Your discussion/commentary should use sources that help support your topic, and you can use sources that might have different views. Please note that **class notes and readings DO NOT count** as the two (2) external sources.

What I don't want: I don't want to see just a general overview of the topic. You can do that on the first slide. It's the remaining slides that must cover some aspect of the topic **in depth and show a deeper knowledge of the topic**. The more in-depth you discuss on the topic, the better the grade.

Use APA format to properly list references/sources. Create a **separate list** for referencing **images** that you use.

Part 1: The slides

Powerpoint is available to all Seneca students for free.

The **title slide (first slide) must include** your name, student id#, Course+Section, Date. It also must have topic name.

Minimum **four (4) slides** (not counting cover slide and references slide). Try and make the slides mostly graphical with images and graphics.

Try to **keep the text on each slide to a minimum**, since the focus is for you to talk about the key points for each slide and not read them from the slide. You need to be explaining this content in your own words.

Do NOT include videos or animations in your slides.

The slide deck **must be posted** to Blackboard as a **PDF file**.

The **reference list** slide must be in regular **APA format**. Do not simply list a set of URL links.

Part 2: The video presentation (saved in .mp4 format)

Use your laptop webcam, or your phone's camera video function to create the video.

Create a **4:00-5:00 minute** presentation of your slides. **The video shows you talking about the slides. I must be able to clearly see you speaking**, do not do this in a darkened room.

NOTE: your minimum speaking time is **4 minutes** and **maximum** is **5 minutes**.

Outside that time window loses marks (a few seconds overtime is ok). The focus is to convey your knowledge of the topic.

The video shows **YOU doing the presentation in your own words**, so the **camera is pointed at you**, not the slides. I'll see the slides separately. Think of it like being in front of the class and doing a short discussion about a topic you researched. You can sit or stand. **Note:** You are **NOT** being graded on your presentation style, but you do need to **speak clearly**.

No editing of the video is allowed, it must be a one-take video. **It's ok if you make an error** or fumble a sentence during the recording. Correct yourself and **just keep going**.

Don't forget to call out **"next slide"** during your presentation so I know to advance the slide while watching.

I must be able to clearly see you presenting. Do NOT do this in a darkened room or at a long distance from the camera.

Look at the camera when speaking. It's ok to have notes in your hand that you refer to but **do not read them word for word** or be looking at the notes the entire time.

***** DO NOT read word for word** from your notes or slides. ***

The goal of the video is for you to discuss your topic and slides **in your own words**.

The video must show YOU talking and presenting your topic

Don't forget to smile and have some fun when doing the video.

NOTE: Shoot video in 720p (low resolution) and save video in .mp4 format to reduce file size.

Submitting The Assignment

1. **Submit a PDF file of the powerpoint** slides to **blackboard**.
2. **Submit** your video to Youtube or your Seneca Microsoft One-Drive cloud space
3. **Ensure** that the **video is sharable** to allow me to access it, otherwise it will not be graded.
4. **Submit a link to the video** into Blackboard.

If you are having technical issues uploading the files to blackboard, then

1. Contact Seneca ITS (technical support) at 416-491-5050 ext. 22129 to get help to upload the files or links to Blackboard or One-Drive.
2. For uploading to Youtube, search on helpful Youtube videos.

Please **do not ask me to check that your work** has been submitted and readable. With 150+ students, this is not practical.

Please note that **no submissions will be accepted after the posted due date**. An ample amount of time has been given ahead of the due date. Assignments not

submitted by the due date/time will receive a grade of zero. **No excuses** for technical or other issues. Leave yourself enough time to allow for unexpected issues.

Helpful Presentation tips:

As you plan your presentation, think about the key message(s) you want to convey (in your own words) for each slide.

Each slide is your trigger to know what to say. I'd suggest you **have 1 or 2 key messages per slide**. More than three key messages per slide and your messages get lost, and you'll also start forgetting what points you wanted to make for that slide.

Be concise and focus on your key message(s) that you want to say for each slide. So, think and plan ahead about what you want to say for each slide **in your own words**.

Think about this assignment as having an easy conversation with me. You are welcome to use cue cards, or paper notes, but **DO NOT** read your notes word for word. It's a conversation.

Also, you can include **what you personally found interesting about the topic**.