

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY
Department of Psychology
Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
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Oral Presentation Checklist/Additional Information

BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6 BELOW

1. Brief outline / summary of presentation
 - a. enough copies for classmates & Dr. Leitzel (check with me for exact count)
 - b. includes listing of key references used in preparing the presentation
 - c. may include multiple choice questions on handouts (not required)
2. Three multiple-choice questions, with four response options e-mailed to Dr. Leitzel prior to date of presentation (1.5 pt. deduction from grade for failing to e-mail appropriate questions)
 - a. questions should be based on material included in presentation
 - b. “distracter options” should be plausible, minimally something that was mentioned in presentation
3. Rehearsed presentation and it is between 10 and 15 minutes (15-20 minutes if a group of three or 5-10 if a “solo” presentation. Probably best to shoot for closer to the upper limit, due to tendency to sometimes talk a bit faster when presenting in class.
4. At least one information source is from a psychology (or related field) professional journal (1.5 pt. deduction from grade for failing to discuss and cite journal source)
5. Appropriate visual aids obtained/constructed (may be PowerPoint, though not required)
6. If you discuss information from our textbook, this should be kept to a minimum, the point of the assignment is for you to report on what you find in your own research beyond what is presented in our text.

Ways to earn a high grade on this assignment

- clearly convey mastery of the topic
- present information beyond that included in our textbook
- primary sources of information are journal articles and scholarly books
- smooth presentation style (attained through rehearsing the presentation)
- give some thought to likely questions that might arise and how you might respond to them
- present clear connections with issues of practical importance – especially with issues related to dealing with individuals with the issue you are discussing
- time of presentation is between 10 and 15 minutes (or within the boundaries above for “solo” or “trio” presentations as appropriate).

Ways to earn a poor grade on this assignment

- convey the impression that it is your first time reading your material
- make clear that you have no idea what you are talking about
- use information exclusively or almost exclusively from websites
- present information that essentially rehashes information from the textbook related to your topic
- not reaching minimum time mark, every minute under = 10% deduction (e.g., a presentation that reaches only 8 minutes is starting off with 12/15 points before I evaluate the quality of the presentation)
- put together a lengthy PowerPoint presentation and have your presentation consist of reading word for word what is on the slides

Both (or all three) partners are responsible for understanding and being able to respond to questions on any of the substance of the presentation.

If you prepare a PowerPoint presentation, please either bring it on a flash drive or store it on your network space.

If your partner is not returning your calls, e-mails, etc. and/or is not carrying their share of the workload, and you have attempted to resolve the situation, you should talk with me about it.

I do reserve the right to give separate grades in the rare situation where it is obvious that one person did most or all of the work or there are obvious differences in level of preparation between the two students.