

STAT 550 In-class oral presentations

Please choose a paper from the list on Canvas for your talk (first come, first serve). You should choose a paper different from others. Once you have decided the paper, please sign up on Canvas by **Friday, Feb 2, 2024**. Please also upload your talk slides on Piazza at least two days before your scheduled talk (see Canvas for schedules).

After you have chosen your paper, read the paper, and then prepare about **15 minutes** oral presentations on what are the key ideas/messages in the paper, targeting a non-statisticians audience. In your presentation, please focus on the key ideas in the paper and skip the technical details. Please design your slides carefully so that the main message will be conveyed clearly, and the non-statistician audience can easily understand your talk. *There is no need to prepare a written report.*

Each student should ask at least two questions to the speakers in any of the talks or in the client visits. This will be counted as part of “Participation”.

Evaluation criteria:

- Is the key message in the paper clearly presented?
- Is the talk easy to understand by a non-statistician while showing reasonable depth?
- Are the slides well designed?
- Does the speaker interact with the audience well (e.g., eye-contact)?
- Is the speaker enthusiastic?
- Does the speaker answer questions well?
- Does the speaker finish on time?
- Are figures/tables informative and selective?

Rubric (roughly): Content: 45%, presentation skills: 20%, slide clarity: 25%, time management: 10%.