

Final Presentations

Presentations will take place the week of April 24th. Each student will have 15 minutes to present their project. Plan on presenting for 10 minutes and soliciting feedback for 5 minutes. Plan to use some sort of visual aid such as a slide deck. Up to three people will present each day, you can sign up for your presentation day here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YaSp_4xbQqaSu2xB5zm7oJn7J3ZzIJbRPSiGQ_e5MCI/edit#gid=1709936188

Objectives

Your primary objective should be to get feedback to help you improve your project. Do **not** view this as a test of your professional presentation skills. It is okay if parts of your project are still incomplete or if you are uncertain about findings, directions, etc. I will be most impressed by presentations that demonstrate you have a good understanding of the challenges and limitations of your research question, data, and modeling approach.

Structure

Your presentation should roughly follow the format of your paper:

- Provide a bottom-line up-front summary.
- Briefly discuss existing research and how your project fits in to the literature.
- Introduce your data.
- Discuss your modeling approach.
- Conclude by discussing implications and next steps.

Adapt this basic structure to the needs of your project. If this is your second semester of SoDa 496, you may want to skip the literature review to spend more time discussing modeling. If this is your first semester, I do not expect you to have the modeling portion solved and thus you can spend more time summarizing your data.

Grading

50% of your grade will be based on attending the presentations of other students. Students that attend all presentations will be given full credit. The other 50% of your grade will be based on your own presentation. 0% of your grade will be based on:

- How your slides look
- Your presentation skills
- How you look/dress

The portion of your grade based on your own presentation will be based entirely on whether or not you're able to demonstrate that you understand your research question, data, and the challenges associated with both.