## Rubric for final project evaluation - CSE4350 n/a - not applicable

Criteria	Max points per criterion	0-5 points	6-10 points	11-15 points
Project Idea	15	Not novel.  It has been heavily discussed from a graph machine learning perspective;  Idea is not well motivated and put in context of existing literature.	Novel.  The idea has been discussed but not thoroughly especially in the context of the project.  Motivation and context are provided and positioned w.r.t. what has been done.	Novel and original.  Slightly discussed from a graph machine learning or discussed in a different context.  Idea is well motivated and put in context of the graph ML literature; gaps are well pointed out; research questions and/or hypothesis are well elaborated.
Implementation and results	15	Implementation is lacking and results are largely missing -Either baseline or more advanced algorithms are nor implemented - Results are wrong, partial, or incomplete	Method runs and some results are available     Most of the results are available but not all parts of the project are implemented (e.g., baseline, advanced methods, challenges)     Results are correct and only minor things that do not alter the conclusions are missing	Method runs and all results are available  All methods are run and results are provided
Analysis / thoroughness / evaluation / Ablation study	15	Major flaws  Wrong analysis of the results  Results do not to address conclusively the research question or hypothesis  Evaluation lacks major parts  (if applicable) Ablation study or sensitivity analysis is missing  (if applicable) Theoretical analysis is missing or has major flaws (e.g., derivations / proofs)	Complete Analysis is complete to address the research question / hypothesis. Some minor aspects could have reached to a more conclusive answer. Results corroborate the methodology and lead to insightful findings. (if applicable) Ablation study or sensitivity analysis is provided but some aspects are missing. (if applicable) Theoretical analysis is provided but has minor issues or lacks some aspects.	Excellent and in depth  Analysis addresses the research question in detail and leads to at least one follow-up direction to evaluate  Project has been evaluated in all aspects and conclusions are drawn w.r.t. the method part.  (if applicable) Ablation study or sensitivity analysis are provided and to identify key components in the methodology.  (if applicable) Theoretical analysis is rigorous and correct and complements the numerical ones.
Challenges	15	Challenges unaddressed  None of graph ML challenges is addressed. Not implemented and not discussed	Challenges addressed  At least one challenge related to the project is addressed and implemented.	Challenges well addressed  One challenge related to the project is addressed and implemented.  Another challenge is either implemented or discussed.

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Presentation	10	Unclear presentation  Presentation lacks detail and does not support conclusions. Irrelevant information presented.  Presentation is unstructured and chaotic.  Poorly expressed and formulated. Unclearly presented.	Clear presentation Presentation has sufficient detail to support conclusions. Presentation has good logical structure, but needs some improvement. Sufficient use of visual aids. Expressed and formulated adequately. Most of the time clearly presented	Excellent presentation     Presentation has a good level of detail to support the conclusions and to understand the recommendations.     Presentation has very good logical structure, the essentials are clearly separated from the ancillary. Good use of visual aids.     Very well expressed, formulated and clearly presented.
Q&A	30	(0-10 points) Overall unsatisfactory answers  Weak argumentation. Some answers were incorrect or incomplete  Links with the course concepts is weak.  Student lacks substantial knowledge about the project's fundamental concepts.	<ul> <li>(11-20 points) Overall satisfactory answers</li> <li>Satisfying argumentation. A few questions could benefit from more thoughtful or complete answers.</li> <li>Answers linked well with the course concepts overall.</li> <li>Some gaps about fundamental concepts of the project are present.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(20-30 points) Satisfactory answers</li> <li>Sound argumentation. Well answered questions.</li> <li>Answers supported by course and/or literature concepts in all aspects.</li> <li>No fundamental gaps about the project are present.</li> </ul>
Clarity of the proposal.	0	O points: proposal is clear with all elements present. Tables and figures are clear. All parts are in order and details are provided.	- 5 points: proposal could be understood overall but requires some parts to be read more than once. Some minor details are missing.	- 10 points: proposal requires a major effort to understand. Important details are present