

## Honours Deliverables 2016

There are two major deliverables at the end of the semester:

1. Your **thesis** on **Tue (1st October)**, Week 14, **4pm** (No extension will be granted.)
2. A **presentation** of your work on **Monday or Tuesday in Week 15 (7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> Nov2016)**

A submission is only valid after handing in:

- your thesis in **PDF format**, \*
- your presentation in **electronic format**, \*
- a signed declaration form (page 5), \*

### Thesis

Your thesis carries **80%** of the project mark. Your final mark for INFO4991/4992 is the thesis mark. No extension will be granted. Please note the following

- An electronic version in PDF format must be **submitted via Turn-it-in in the eLearning site** no later than the end of the due date above.
  - If a thesis is submitted late, 5 marks/calendar day will be deducted from the thesis mark.
  - Thesis will not be accepted one week after the due date.

When you prepare your thesis, make sure that you:

- Include the cover page (from the eLearning site) as the cover page of your thesis.
- Pay a lot of attention to the abstract and the conclusion (the reader should know what you did)
- Clearly state your research contribution in the introduction
- Arrange for someone to proofread your document
- Include and sign the "University of Sydney Student Plagiarism: Coursework Policy and Procedure Statement of Compliance" form (see below).  
Plagiarism policy website:  
<http://sydney.edu.au/policies/default.aspx?mode=glossary&word=Academic+honesty>
- Pay attention to the quality, and not quantity, of your thesis. There is no minimum or maximum pages of a thesis. You can discuss the appropriate size of your thesis with your supervisor.

### Presentation

The presentation contributes 20% of the total mark of the project. It will be attended by the markers of your report, your supervisor, and other academic staff and students. It is also an opportunity for the School to become aware of your research work; for the reviewers and staff to ask clarifying questions, and for you to further develop your generic skills (e.g. presentation and communication). *Please find the Presentation Marking Criteria in the last page of this document*

The date and time slot of your presentation will be announced later in the semester (depending on the availability of supervisors and markers). You will have 15 minutes to present your work and there will be 5 minutes for questions. If you take longer than 15 minutes, your talk will be interrupted at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> minute. Prepare well and practice your talk as you want to impress the markers!

You need to prepare:

1. **Presentation slides** in electronic format (preferably PowerPoint or PDF).

**Immediately after the presentation please submit the PDF of your presentation slides (one slide per page) and poster to the eLearning site.** Please complete the declaration (see page 4 of this document) that you agree/disagree with this. The presentation will be marked according to the guidelines in page 5.

## **Honours Overall Mark**

The overall mark comes from the coursework mark (5/8) and the project mark (3/8).

## **APA/UPA**

Applications for Australian Postgraduate Awards and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards open in August. The *expected* deadline for completed applications (to the Research Office) is end of October; please check the Scholarships Office website from late August for confirmation:

[http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/postgraduate\\_awards.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/postgraduate_awards.shtml)

Best wishes for a successful semester!

Josiah

## STUDENT PLAGIARISM: COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

I certify that:

- (1) I have read and understood the University of Sydney Student Plagiarism: Coursework Policy and Procedure;
- (2) I understand that failure to comply with the Student Plagiarism: Coursework Policy and Procedure can lead to the University commencing proceedings against me for potential student misconduct under Chapter 8 of the University of Sydney By-Law 1999 (as amended);
- (3) This Work is substantially my own, and to the extent that any part of this Work is not my own I have indicated that it is not my own by Acknowledging the Source of that part or those parts of the Work.

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## Declaration

I, *(your name)*.....,

☐ agree

☐ disagree

*(please tick one of the boxes)*

that my presentation slides and poster are made available on the School of IT's intranet.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Presentation Marking Criteria

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic	Mark	Max Mark
Covers all relevant parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motivation/Objective of own work</li><li>• Background literature</li><li>• Outlining of own approach/method/algorithm</li><li>• Main results of own project</li><li>• Discussion/Evaluation/Contribution of own work</li><li>• Conclusion and Future Work</li></ul>		<b>30</b>
Shows good understanding (e.g. clear, logical and persuasive presentation, questions answered well).		<b>20</b>
Time used well during the presentation: good pace, right level of detail given the time limit and audience. Presentation finishes on time.		<b>20</b>
The presentation engages the audience's interest. The presenter does not simply read from the slides. Good eye contact with the audience.		<b>20</b>
Appropriate fonts and colors used on slides. Slides are readable and not overcrowded. No excessive use of color and animation.		<b>10</b>
TOTAL		<b>100</b>

## Comments

Marker: \_\_\_\_\_