**CSC 535/635 Project Guidelines**

**Important Notice:** Attendance is required of all students during all project presentations and will be part of your project grade. Every missed day of presentations will result in 10 points deduction of your project grade. Arriving late may also result in losing some points. Project presentations will start on Wednesday, November 20th and conclude on Wednesday, December 4th. In addition, the final exam may include easy and straight forward questions from one or more project presentations.

Each presenting group will e-mail the instructor a copy of their presentation slides by 11:59 PM the night before the presentation. Please e-mail the presentation earlier if possible. The presentation slides will be upload by the instructor to Blackboard.

Students who are doing a literature review need to read at least three recent (i.e., published within the last three years) and related (i.e., about the same topic) research papers related to an area in data mining and write a short paper summarizing their results.

Alternatively, students have the option to work on a problem/project of their choice that is related to data mining and write a report about that. All topics should have been approved by the instructor by now.

**Report Specifications:**

**The format** of your paper needs to follow that of a research paper, with abstract, introduction, body (rename body as appropriate and you can use several sections for this), and conclusion. You can use Google to search for examples of research papers if you need but a sample is at <http://ccr.sigcomm.org/online/files/p83-keshavA.pdf>. The length of the paper needs to be between 6 and 8 pages (you may add more pages if absolutely necessary.) Please use 12pt Calibri font, 1 inch margins, single column, 1.5 space between the lines.

You will need to turn-in a hard copy of your paper in my office by 9:00 am on Thursday, December 5th, and to upload an electronic copy to your SLATE folder.