

STA 3431 (Monte Carlo Methods), Fall 2021

Oral Presentation Assignment: worth 4% of final course grade

On November 29 or December 6, during class time.

For your **oral presentation assignment**, you should present to the class (on Zoom) a brief five-minute summary of your chosen course project topic. Your presentation should be appropriate to your audience (of STA 3431 students), i.e. it should assume that the audience has taken STA 3431, but does not know anything specific about your project topic. You should **not** present any complicated technicalities. Rather, you should explain what your project is all about, and why it is interesting and important.

You should **not** use any documents or computer files or handouts or other visual aids, rather you should just explain orally, directly to the audience (on Zoom). Also, your project is not due until Dec. 17, so it is fine if you have not yet advanced too far in your project, you can just discuss your chosen topic and your ideas/plans for how you will proceed.

Your presentation should only last for **five minutes**. At six minutes you will be **cut off** and not allowed to continue. You may get some **questions** after your presentation.

The presentations will be given in **inverse alphabetical order** by student surname. The tentative schedule will be: surnames Z – Q on Nov. 29, and then M – A on Dec. 6.

When you are *not* presenting, you should **pay close respectful attention** to whoever is presenting (not doing so will lower your class participation mark). You are also encouraged to **ask questions** at the end of each presentation. (Indeed, if you ask good questions then they might give the presenter good ideas for how to proceed with their project!)

Note that your presentation will be quite short, and only worth a small amount of your grade, and I will not judge it too harshly. So, try to relax and enjoy it. DON'T PANIC!