**How to Prepare an Oral Research Presentation**

**Purpose**

* To showcase your research
* Evoke questions and get feedback

**Components**

* *Introduction*
* *Background/Literature Review*
* *Research Questions*
* *Research Methods*
* *Findings/Data*
* *Discussion/Conclusion*
* *Future Research*
* *References*
* *Acknowledgments*
* *Questions*

**Preparing the Presentation**

* Use simple and consistent backgrounds
* Use simple, contrasting colors for emphasis
* Fonts should be standard and easy to read
* Use bullet points
* Know your audience
* Use easy to understand examples
* State your results early
* Illustrate your idea with images and diagrams
* Have a running outline
* Be familiar with related work
* Do not get too technical
* Anticipate questions and make slide for those at the end of your presentation
* **PRACTICE!**

**Giving the Presentation**

* Introduce yourself
* Be enthusiastic
* Make eye contact
* Avoid fillers: um, like, uh
* Only use notecards for main point references
* Use hand gestures and appropriate body language
* Do not talk to quickly and speak loud enough
* Leave time for questions

**Sources**

*Discipline Specifics*

* How to Create an Oral Research Presentation (Humanities, Social Science, Physical Science), UCSB McNair Scholars (pdf)
* [Presenting Conference Papers and Posters in the Humanities](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/tlpdc/Resources/Teaching_resources/TLPDC_teaching_resources/PresentingConferencePapersAndPostersInTheHumanities.php), David Forrest, Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Center, Texas Tech University (Hyperlink)

*General*

* Tips for Your Oral Presentation, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Texas at Austin (pdf)
* Research Talk 101, Lucia Dettori, DePaul University (ppt)
* Stages of Giving an Oral Presentation, Jeff Radel, University of Kansas
* How to Present Research, University of Kentucky (pdf)