THE HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

All Honors students are required to present their culminating research project or thesis.

The 5-minute Honors thesis presentation is inspired by the 3MT competition begun in New Zealand. For examples of the 3-minute thesis, students are encouraged to see the link: http://threeminutethesis.org/3mt-showcase

Guidelines:
• Only three PowerPoint slides are permitted.
• Presentations are limited to 5 minutes.
• Presentations are to commence from the stage.
• Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.

Assessment:
Each student will be assessed on the three criteria listed below. Please note that each criterion is equally weighted and has an emphasis on audience.

Comprehension:
• Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
• Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
• Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?

Engagement:
• Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
• Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or generalize their research?
• Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
• Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience’s attention?

Communication:
• Was the thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
• Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?
• Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
• Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation - or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?
• Did the PowerPoint slides enhance the presentation – were they clear, legible, and concise?