

Philosophy of Attention: Guidelines for in-class presentations

NOTE: You are more than welcome to schedule a meeting with me before your presentation, to discuss these guidelines and/or how they apply to the specific paper you chose. Send me an email at Lopez.Azenet@lrz.uni-muenchen.de.

In your presentation, you will do three things:

1. Overview (2-3 min):

Explain briefly what the whole paper is about. This can be informal. Think about how you would tell a friend about this paper: "In this paper, the author defends claim X (and Y, and Z...)"

2. Contents (about 20 min):

You will then explain the central ideas and arguments of the paper. Suppose the author defends claims X and Y. How does she support claim X? How does she support claim Y? How do claims X and Y fit together?

Optional: You can do this section by section, explaining what the author does in each. Think: Why did the author write this section? Which ideas does she intend to convey in this section? How do these ideas fit with the main goal of the paper?

Optional: To support your presentation, you can bring a handout and/or share it with the class. You can also use slides (let me know in advance if you need the latter, as I must make sure that the technology is available)

3. Discussion (5-10 min):

Finally, you will tell us about your own impressions and takes on the paper. This could be any of the following (not necessarily all):

- Criticisms, objections and worries
- Points that are not very clear
- Points where the arguments seem weak or could be strengthened
- Suggestions on how to improve those arguments
- Possible consequences of the view
- Connections with other papers you have read
- Significance (why is it important to talk about the views in this paper?)
- ...

The grade for your presentation will be assigned as follows:

		<u>Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1. Overview	20% (20pts)	100-96	1,0 (very good)
2. Contents	50% (50pts)	95-93	1,3 (still very good)
3. Discussion	30% (30pts)	92-90	1,7 ("fully" good)
		89-85	2,0 (good)
TOTAL	100pts	84-81	2,3 (still good)
		83-80	2,7 ("fully" satisfactory)
		79-74	3,0 (satisfactory)
		73-70	3,3 (still satisfactory)
		69-65	3,7 ("fully" fair/pass)

64-60	4,0 (fair/pass)
0-59	5,0 (failed)

I will grade your presentation according to the following criteria:

- **Completeness:** Did the presentation cover all three points above?
- **Clarity:** Were the ideas and arguments presented clearly?
- **Timing:** Did the presentation abide by the allotted time?

Note: It is okay if your presentation slightly shorter or slightly longer; not okay if it is too short (15min) or too long (1 hour).

Final grading:

Your presentation is worth 50% of your final grade. The other 50% is the written version of your presentation. Final points will be assigned according to the scale above.

Example: If you earn 100pts for your presentation, and 80pts in the written version, your final grade will be $100 + 80 / 2 = 90\text{pts} = 1,7$.

Guidelines for the written version of your presentation

In this written version, you will also convey points 1-3 in approx.10 pages. Suggested distribution:

1. Overview 0.5-1 page
2. Content 5-6 pages
3. Discussion 2.5-3 pages

It is okay to write slightly less than 10 pages, if you manage to cover all the required points adequately. It is also okay to write slightly more, if the discussion requires it. (However: it is unlikely that you can adequately cover the paper requirements in 4 pages, so be careful).

I will grade the written version of your presentation according to the following criteria:

- **Completeness:** Does the writing cover all three points above?
- **Clarity:** Are the ideas and arguments presented clearly?
- **Response to feedback:** Does the writing take into account feedback from the instructor?