

CS457/MS451/PS457
Chemistry/Maths/Physics Education Project
Project Submission and Presentation Guidelines 2013-14
28th April 2014

Report Submission

You must submit your Project Report before 5pm on Tuesday 6th May. You must submit two soft-bound copies of your report to your supervisor, and also provide an electronic copy (deadline for the electronic submission is 6pm on Tuesday 6th May).

The electronic copy must be submitted through Moodle. Submission is via Turnitin, a plagiarism checking tool. This will be open for submissions from 9am on Friday 2nd May. To submit the electronic copy of your report, please follow these instructions:

1. Log on to the MS451 Moodle site. (Everyone should be able to access this; let me know if you can't.)
2. Click on the link 'Final Year Project Submissions'.
3. Click on the tab 'My Submissions'.
4. Please use the format 'Your Name FYP' (e.g. 'Ruairi Quinn FYP') for the Submission Title field.
5. Add your project file by using the Browse button. NB The electronic version of your project, including appendices etc, must comprise one single file.
6. Click the 'Add Submission' button.

Note: The Turnitin tool generates an 'originality report' along with a percentage corresponding to the amount of text in a given submission which is identified as being present in other sources. It also identifies those sources. Some degree of repetition is of course inevitable: it is typical to see an 'unoriginality' index of up to 20%. This can arise through the unavoidable repetition of certain phrases and through the legitimate, referenced use of quotations (which of course are not penalised). The real purpose of using the tool is to identify significant *unacknowledged* use of text from other sources. See http://turnitin.com/en_us/home

Late submission

Late submissions will be penalised by the application of a weighting factor to your Project Report mark.

Note on page limits

As flagged in the guidelines, the main body of your project report should be not more than 25 pages in length. Minor breaches of this limit will not be penalised (e.g. an additional half page of text, or an additional page that arises due to sensible decisions about spacing of sections, headings, diagrams earlier in the report). Please discuss any queries you have about this with your supervisor prior to submission. Remember that you must use the font size/line-spacing/margin settings of the 'Guidelines' document.

Presentations

The purpose of the presentation is for you to describe the key details of your project. What were you trying to find out? How did you do this? What were the results? What are your conclusions? As well as the assessment criteria headings given in the Project Guidelines document, your presentation will be assessed on your success in giving a clear and comprehensive account of the work you carried out in your project. Tell us what you did!

Your presentation should run to 14 minutes, and will be followed by 5 minutes of questions.

Presentations will take place in rooms XG16 and CG02. A laptop and data projector will be available: please bring your presentation on a memory stick or similar. Please arrive 10 minutes before the beginning of the session in which your presentation is scheduled to give time to upload your presentation (e.g. arrive at 12.30 if your presentation is scheduled for 13.20).

We ask students to attend all of the presentations in their own session. You are also welcome to attend the presentations of other students.

Assessors

Each project will be assessed by two academic staff members, one of whom will be your supervisor. These will both be present for your presentation. Other staff may also attend your presentation. They may participate in the questioning and discussion of your project, but will not have a say in the marks awarded. The double-marking will allow us to ensure consistency of marking across the projects.

Supervisors and assessors are Teri Donaghy, Odilla Finlayson, Paul van Kampen, Eilish McLoughlin, Brien Nolan and Pat O'Malley, indicated by first names in the presentation schedule.