

Graduate Presentation

CMSC 691 — Reasoning with Generative AI

As part of this 691 course, you must lead a class discussion. This class discussion will center around a particular paper, though it will almost certainly involve you reading and selectively briefing *other* papers in order to provide the necessary background to facilitate a class discussion. In addition to a grade for the presentation, the grade will consist of a number of milestones:

- (1) An initial written summary of the paper’s methods and contributions. This must include a list of questions highlighting points of uncertainty. This *is allowed* to overlap with your journal entry for that week. This is due 14 calendar days before your presentation. The instructor(s) will provide feedback within two days.
- (2) The first draft of your slides. This is due 7 calendar days before your presentation. Instructors will provide feedback within two days, helping to hone both content and style.
- (3) A second draft of your slides. This is due 3 calendar days before your presentation. Instructors will provide feedback on critical issues affecting clarity, lack of grounding, etc.; however, not receiving this second feedback should not be taken as an indication that the presentation cannot be improved further.
- (4) The final version of the slides, along with a written self-reflection (roughly half-a-page) describing the changes made across the versions, and the broader “lessons learned,” both in the material and in giving presentations. This is due 2 calendar days after your presentation.

Submit each milestone via the submission site, <https://courses.cs.umbc.edu/graduate/691/fall25/reasoning/submit>. Select the appropriate “Graduate Presentation” milestone.