1. General:

As stated in the syllabus and course logistics, your paper for presentation requires prior approval from the instructors. In addition, you need to consult the instructors for scheduling your paper for presentation during normal class meeting times. For a paper presentation, please prepare a 30 minutes talk or a bit longer say 40 minutes. In a 30 - 40 minute talk, you can present around 15 -25 slides depending upon your speed of presentation. Feel free to make some back-up slides, if you so desire to help answer possible questions, if asked by the instructors or by fellow students. Since you are presenting an entire paper, you need to pay special attention in preparing your talk as you need to distill the key contributions of the paper and incorporate these in your presentation. Your presentation will be indicative of your own understanding of the paper. You may use any template or style for creating the power-point slides. Please follow the following rules of thumb while preparing your slides:

1. Please make one title slide which contains the title of the paper, author names, and when and where the paper appeared. Also include your name as you are presenting it.
2. Please make 3-5 slides on the background of the problem
3. Please make 10-15 slides on the approach and other important attributes of the paper
4. Please make 2-4 slides that summarizes the paper as well as your own remarks if any

Use of colored, neat diagrams and use of examples to illustrate concepts presented in the paper, if at all possible, is recommended so that audience can appreciate & understand contents of your presentation.

After each presentation we will have upto 5 minutes for questions. Every one is encouraged to ask questions during the presentation.

2. Grading of Presentation:

The grading of your presentation will depend primarily on your oral communication skills, and ability to answer questions that arise during the presentation. In general, we will use the following breakdown:

1. Quality of presentation material/formatting/Spellings/Grammer - 10%
2. Articulation of the problem statement – 10%
3. Presentation of background material – 10%
4. Accurate description of the main research contained in the paper – 40%
5. Discussion of the major results and findings – 10%
6. Answering the questions – 10%
7. Clarity of oral presentation – 10%

Please note that our evaluation of presentation will be slightly biased towards presentations which are longer than normal presentation time of 30 minutes, e.g. around 40 minutes.