Your final presentation must be < 9 min long (shoot for 8 min), plus 1 min for Q&A; email Shane a PDF or PPT version of your presentation the day before you present. This means 5 – 7 slides and approximately 1.5 min per slide; you will be cut off at exactly 9 min no matter what!

Discuss one seminal and/or review publication (~70% of the time); include background on the technique or technology, where and when it would be used, why it is useful, and the nitty gritty of how it works using terminology we’ve learned in this course or in electrochemistry in general. Your main goal should be to bridge information presented in the course to your topic and/or teach us something entirely new. This will be 3 – 5 slides.

One recent publication (2013 or later) (~30% of the time); email Shane a PDF version of this paper one week before you present; include what the paper did related to your topic, the major discovery, and how it works, including data. I want to see at least one graph or plot or image or something! This will be 1 – 3 slides.

Things to make sure to do:

- Take this seriously! This is like a “final exam.” Prepare like it is a final exam.
- Be concise; you only have 9 min! Be aware of the time, and focus on the important stuff; practice your talk so that it is polished and you maximize the usefulness of your time.
- Present to the audience, and know your audience. Make sure to give enough background so that we know what you are talking about, but remember to be concise and that everyone has taken electrochemistry.
- Have fun; seriously! The more excited you are about your topic the more others will be interested.
- Be prepared. It is very easy to tell the difference between those that practiced their talk and those that did not; hopefully you learned something about presenting from your Discussion section problem solving session. It’s okay to be nervous, but it is not okay to be unprepared. Know your material and be ready to go as soon as the person before you is done; this is also why it is imperative that you email Shane your presentation the day before you will give it so that he has all presentations loaded and ready to go when class starts.
- Make sure to hit all the points listed above to maximize your score! This sheet is an excellent guide for the grading rubric.

Things to make sure not to do:

- Don’t prepare 40 slides. 5 – 7 slides – even if you are taking us step-by-step through a process – will make for a 9 min presentation. Keep in mind that you only “need” to talk for ~8 minutes.
- Don’t read your presentation off the wall. Make sure you talk to the audience.
- Don’t go over time. It is very rude to the next person presenting and will result in the loss of points; please be courteous to your fellow classmates.