

Final project discussion

LING-581-Natural Language Processing 1

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Assignments

1. Background research brief (Due: 10/10, Friday)
2. Final project proposal (Due: 11/07, Friday)
3. Assignment (Due: 11/21, Friday)
4. Final paper (Due: 12/11, Thursday)

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2. Final project proposal

- Each group should submit a **developed version** of the background research brief.
- This proposal extends what you wrote—same/similar project, more concrete plans for the final project.
- Reflect previous feedback on the background research brief (RQs, keywords)
- This is a graded assignment: 50 points total (10% of final grade).

2. Final project proposal

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- Please NO more than 2 pages (submit in PDF format)
- Particularly related to annotated bibliography (3-5 papers):

3. Expanded annotated bibliography

- Build what you've submitted for the *background research brief*; for each source:
 - citation
 - main contribution
 - method/data
 - how it informs your research design

- DO NOT copy and paste their abstracts.
- Summarize them in your own words (2-3 sentences are fine)
- Use your full summary in the final paper.

3. Assignment

11/6	Background research presentation (1, 2)
11/11	Background research presentation (3, 4)
11/13	Background research presentation (5, 6)
11/18	Background research presentation (7, 8)
11/20	Background research presentation (9)

- Each group should listen to and learn other students' research interests by actively listening to 8 presentations (not your own group) and write summaries.
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3. Assignment

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- No page limits, but be clear (submit in PDF format)
- Expected format:
 - Presentation 1
 - date, title, presenter
 - topic, area
 - key insights
 - questions? feedback?
 - Presentation 2
 - ...
 - Overall takeaways

4. Final paper

- Paper format: ACL-short paper format (4 pages)
- Using LaTeX is preferred, or docx (download from the course website).

4. Final paper

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- 4-pages limit (without references), (submit in PDF format)
- No extensions will be granted for the final paper, as grades must be submitted promptly at the end of the semester.

Presentation

Presentation schedule

11	11/4	Final project discussion, Q&A	
	11/6	Background research presentation (1, 2)	Final project proposal
12	11/11	Background research presentation (3, 4)	
	11/13	Background research presentation (5, 6)	
13	11/18	Background research presentation (7, 8)	
	11/20	Background research presentation (9)	Assignment
14	11/25	Final presentation (1, 2, 3)	
	11/27	Thanksgiving break (No class)	
15	12/2	Final presentation (4, 5, 6)	
	12/4	Final presentation (7, 8, 9)	

CHECK: Presentation guidelines

- After each presentation, submit your presentation slides via *MyCourses* under the appropriate assignment (due presentation day):
 - (1) *Background Research Presentation*
 - (2) *Final Presentation*

- **Duration:** Maximum 20 minutes (applies to both background research and final presentations)
- **Structure:**
 - 15 minutes for presentation
 - 5 minutes for Q&A

Any questions?