### Rubric for the Oral Presentation

**Honors 450**

**Student:** ____________________________  
**Evaluator name:** ____________________________

**For each criterion below, please circle**
- key phrases that describe the work
- a whole number or increment of 0.5

#### 1. Introduction

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- Introduction inadequate
- Audience poorly prepared for thesis topic
- Introduction interesting and engaging
- Introduction prepared audience for thesis topic

#### 2. Organization

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- Speaker disorganized/poorly organized
- Jumped between topics, and/or lacked periodic summaries
- Well-organized, easy to follow
- Smooth transitions and periodic summaries

#### 3. Delivery

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- Delivery uncomfortable, unsure, unprepared or memorized
- Speech too slow / too fast / too soft
- Eye contact with audience lacking or absent
- Speech smooth, clear, and articulate
- Delivery comfortable, poised, prepared,
- Eye contact appropriate, connection to audience

#### 4. Content

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- Terms undefined or minimally defined; background information and/or assumptions lacking
- Research deficient in evaluation or synthesis
- Assumptions not addressed
- Key terms defined and necessary background information provided
- Research information evaluated and well synthesized
- Assumptions identified and discussed

#### 5. Media and Resources

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- Media and format poor choice for content
- Materials sometimes confusing, distracting, or erroneous
- Appropriate media and format for content
- All materials lucid, with pertinent information

#### 6. Response to Questions

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- Misunderstands questions or cannot answer some questions
- Answers questions well and with reference to own work
- Shows knowledge of subject

**Overall evaluation (written and oral combined):**

- Nominate for Pass with Distinction
- Excellent
- Satisfactory
- Thesis needs revisions to pass
- Fail

**Note:** 3.0 = competency (satisfactory)

**Comments:** ____________________________