

Adapted from:
 Senior Project Design Rubric
 Department of Civil Engineering, University of Pittsburgh.

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Research & Design <i>Identifies project objectives based on general description and client requirements</i>	All important major and minor objectives are identified and appropriately prioritized.	All major objectives are identified but one or two minor ones are missing or priorities are not established.	Many major objectives are not identified.
<i>Identifies relevant & valid information to support decision-making.</i>	All relevant information is obtained and information sources are valid. Design recommendations are well supported by the information.	Sufficient information is obtained and most sources are valid. Design recommendations are mostly supported by the information.	Insufficient information is obtained and/or sources lack validity. Design recommendations are not supported by information collected.
<i>Generation and analysis of alternatives.</i>	Three or more alternatives are considered. Each alternative is appropriately and correctly analyzed for technical feasibility.	At least three alternatives are considered. Appropriate analyses are selected but analyses include some minor procedural errors	Only one or two alternatives are considered. Inappropriate analyses are selected and/or major procedural and conceptual errors are made.
<i>Identifies relevant constraints (economic, environmental/safety sustainability, etc)</i>	All relevant constraints are identified and accurately analyzed.	Most constraints are identified; some are not adequately addressed or accurately analyzed.	Few or no constraints are identified or some constraints are identified but not accurately analyzed.
<i>Generates valid conclusions/decisions</i>	Recommended solution is based on stated criteria, analysis and constraints.	Solution/decision is reasonable; further analysis of some of the alternatives or constraints may have led to different recommendation.	Only one solution is considered or other solutions were ignored or incompletely analyzed. Many constraints and criteria were ignored.

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Communication <i>Written Communication</i>	Report is well organized and clearly written. The underlying logic is clearly articulated and easy to follow. Words are chosen that precisely express the intended meaning and support reader comprehension. Diagrams or analyses enhance and clarify presentation of ideas. Sentences are grammatical and free from spelling errors.	Report is organized and clearly written for the most part. In some areas the logic or flow of ideas is difficult to follow. Words are well chosen with some minor exceptions. Diagrams are consistent with the text. Sentences are mostly grammatical and only a few spelling errors are present but they do not hinder the reader.	Report lacks an overall organization. Reader has to make considerable effort to understand the underlying logic and flow of ideas. Diagrams are absent or inconsistent with the text. Grammatical and spelling errors make it difficult for the reader to interpret the text in places.
<i>Presentation</i> Visual Aids Oral Presentation Body Language	Slides are error-free and logically present the main components of the process and recommendations. Material is readable and the graphics highlight and support the main ideas. Speakers are audible and fluent on their topic, and do not rely on notes to present or respond. Speakers respond accurately and appropriately to audience questions and comments. Body language, as indicated by appropriate and meaningful gestures (e.g., drawing hands inward to convey contraction, moving arms up to convey lift, etc.) eye contact with audience, and movement, demonstrates a high level of comfort and connection with the audience.	Slides are error-free and logically present the main components of the process and recommendations. Material is mostly readable and graphics reiterate the main ideas. Speakers are mostly audible and fluent on their topic, and require minimal referral to notes. Speakers respond to most questions accurately and appropriately. Body language, as indicated by a slight tendency to repetitive and distracting gestures (e.g., tapping a pen, wringing hands, waving arms, clenching fists, etc.) and breaking eye contact with audience, demonstrates a slight discomfort with the audience.	Slides contain errors and lack a logical progression. Major aspects of the analysis or recommendations are absent. Diagrams or graphics are absent or confuse the audience. Speakers are often inaudible or hesitant, often speaking in incomplete sentences. Speakers rely heavily on notes. Speakers have difficulty responding clearly and accurately to audience questions. Body language, as indicated by frequent, repetitive and distracting gestures, little or no audience eye-contact, and /or stiff posture and movement, indicate a high degree of discomfort interacting with audience.

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<p>Team Work (Based on peer evaluation, observations of group meetings and presentation)</p> <p><i>Delegation and fulfillment of Responsibilities</i></p> <p><i>Team morale and cohesiveness</i></p>	<p>Responsibilities delegated fairly. Each member contributes in a valuable way to the project. All members always attended meetings and met deadlines for deliverables.</p> <p>Team worked well together to achieve objectives. Members enjoyed interacting with each other and learned from each other. All data sources indicated a high level of mutual respect and collaboration.</p>	<p>Some minor inequities in the delegation of responsibilities. Some members contribute more heavily than others but all members meet their responsibilities. Members regularly attended meetings with only a few absences, and deadlines for deliverables were met.</p> <p>Team worked well together most of the time, with only a few occurrences of communication breakdown or failure to collaborate when appropriate. Members were mostly respectful of each other.</p>	<p>Major inequities in delegation of responsibilities. Group has obvious freeloaders who fail to meet their responsibilities or members who dominate and prevent others from contributing. Members would often miss meetings, and/or deadlines were often missed.</p> <p>Team did not collaborate or communicate well. Some members would work independently, without regard to objectives or priorities. A lack of respect and regard was frequently noted.</p>