

Student Presentations

CS 395T: Foundations of Modern Generative AI
Fall 2026 Prof. Noah Golowich

Sign-up and format

Each presentation lecture will have four student presenters, split into two groups of two. The sign-up spreadsheet indicates the two groups, so each of you should only need to coordinate with one other student. Choose **one slot** and enter your **name and email address** in the spreadsheet.

For the presentation itself, plan for **15–16 minutes per person**. I and other members of the class will likely have questions and comments during the presentation.

Preparation timeline

- **Approximately two weeks before your lecture:** I will email all four presenters with details about the papers I would like you to cover and which parts of them to focus on. (You are free to suggest slightly different papers/topics, if you would like.)
- **One week before your lecture:** Each group of two should email me a draft of its slides or lecture notes.
- **Within roughly a day:** I will send feedback on your draft. You will then have the remainder of the week to revise and prepare.

Grading considerations

- **Most importantly, learn and understand the material well.** Feel free to ask questions on Ed as you prepare.
- **Choose a focused, instructive selection of material.** Many of the papers are quite long, so pick the topics you find most interesting and instructive. I will help with this through my initial suggestions for what to cover. Avoid turning the presentation into a laundry list of techniques or findings; give the selected ideas enough attention for the class to understand them.

AI Use

AI use is permitted when preparing presentations; however, you are responsible for all material covered and should be prepared to answer questions during your presentation. In my own experience, I find it most productive to decide on my own what to cover, exactly which things I want to say and how I want to say them, before any AI use.