PHY1600

IN-CLASS 10-MINUTE PRESENTATIONS.

Use of Power Point

Remember that you are the one who gives the talk, the slides do not!

Here are ten suggestions for success:

0. Remember you have an audience! Gear your talk to them, and their level of background

- 1. Look at and speak to your audience, not the slides
- 2. Make your title short, snappy, attractive, and comprehensible
- 3. Identify sub-headings and emphasize them in your slides and verbally (e.g. by a pause)
- 4. If you have more than one piece of information on a slide, make them appear one by one.
- 5. In a complex picture, make labels appear as you introduce its parts
- 6. In a graph, introduce axes and ensure they are labeled with readable labels
- 7. Introduce ONLY enough material to allow you to make your points in 10 minutes; therefore ...
- 8. ... ruthlessly excise all extraneous information, no matter how smart it makes you appear!
- 9. Summarize strongly, with main points abbreviated, one at a time on your slides

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