

# CS 497 - Senior Design Project II

## Poster Guidelines

The senior project poster must be 24 inches x 36 inches, oriented in either direction (i.e., landscape or portrait), in a format suitable for poster printing (usually PDF). The easiest way to create a poster is by using Microsoft PowerPoint. Do this by changing the page size in PowerPoint and then design your poster on a single slide. Two examples (from Dr. Howe) have been posted to the course website. Examples of previous project posters are hanging in KC-267.

The posters will be professionally printed by the EECS department and mounted on backing board for display during the final presentations and during the senior project banquet. A draft of the poster will be submitted first and comments made by the course coordinator. You must submit your file poster file approximately two weeks before the final presentations. The exact due dates will be announced at a later time.

Your poster should include:

- Project title
- Name and major of the project engineer
- Names of project sponsor and project advisor
- UE logo
- Logos of entities that provided additional funding or sponsorship
- Abstract that states main project objectives
- Conclusion with screen shots and/or photos of the final product
- Other information, such as background, design methodology, etc., in clearly defined sections

Some other guidelines to keep in mind:

- Minimize words. Paragraphs should only be used for abstracts and conclusions. Bulleted lists can and should be used.
- Abstract and conclusion contain the most important information, so should be placed where the viewer notices them first.
- Font should be large enough that it can easily be read from 5 feet away. (Test this by setting viewer to 100% and stand back from the computer screen.)
- Color and/or borders are a good way to separate sections (see examples).
- There should be a margin of at least one-quarter inch all around the poster so that if the poster gets framed, the frame will not cover any information.

- Print a test copy on regular paper before submitting your poster for printing, often times colors will print much darker than you anticipated.
- Use high quality graphs and images. Use the provided UE logo.
- All logos should be no larger than 3 inches tall.