



# SLU CALM Resources

## General Study Skills

### Oral Presentations

#### Presentations and written text: main differences

One difference between an oral presentation and a written text is the immediacy of the feedback. When you give an oral presentation you have a chance to adjust the content and presentation style to suit the audience. You can change the sequencing of the overheads. You can use the question time to determine the level of understanding and interest. A written assignment is a fixed document prepared for an audience (eg. your lecturer). Once you have submitted it there is no changing the appearance or content.

#### Aims of individual or group class presentations

- provide an opportunity to research a topic.
- present information to a live audience .
- practice public speaking skills .
- provide an opportunity for discussion based on the topic.

#### Hints

You will be a more enthusiastic speaker if you choose a topic you know something about, or are interested in. Similar to a written assignment, you will have an introduction, body and conclusion and you will also need to connect your ideas.

- Maintain eye contact with the people you are speaking with.
- Emphasis your main points with your voice and your body.
- Practise, practise, practise.