

ENGR 196B
Survival and Success Skills for Freshmen Engineers
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Presentations: Tell Them³

Either attend a public lecture of a topic of interest to you or attend a class where you do not need to take notes or can get good notes from another student. Many departments have a seminar series where you could observe a student or professor give a talk about their research. Instead of focusing in depth on the information you might normally attempt to learn, pay attention to the structure and format of the talk. Take notes on:

The structure of the talk and whether it has a natural flow

The ability of the speaker to engage the audience through body posture, movement, and eye contact

The selection of presentation materials that complement their oral presentation

Their ability to orally communicate the information, including voice variation, loudness, and appropriateness of language

The ability to have a clear opening and closing statement

Summarize the above before listing the three major flaws of the talk. What would you personally have done to remove those flaws to give a strong and engaging presentation?