

# MER 498 SENIOR PROJECT 2 — STUDENT ASSESSMENT

## GRADING SCHEME

Your Senior Project Advisor will determine 88% of your MER 498 Senior Project 2 grade. Unless otherwise indicated, this grade will be comprised of the following components:

- Weekly Progress (40%)
- Final Paper (23%)
- Poster (25%)

These items will be evaluated within the context of the following hierarchy (i.e., item 1 > item 2):

- (1) Achievement: What results or accomplishments came out of the project?
- (2) Progress: Even if specific achievement goals were not met, did the project consistently move forward due to your efforts?
- (3) Communication: Did you effectively communicate the progress and results of your project to your project advisor, other students and the department?
- (4) Growth: Regarding mastering technical aspects, developing a work ethic, developing project management skills and independence, did you learn from the project?
- (5) Effort: Regardless of the effectiveness of the effort, did you devote a minimum of 10 hours per week to the project?

The MER 011 Senior Project Lab (Seminar) Instructor will determine 12% of your MER 498 grade from the following components:

- weekly attendance at MER 011 seminars during term of concurrent registration in MER 498 (4%),
- weekly maintenance of project web site (4%)
- printing poster by deadline (4%)

## GRADING SCALE

Unless otherwise indicated by your Project Advisor, grades will be determined using this scale:

Range	Grade	Range	Grade	Range	Grade	Range	Grade
93 - 100	A	87 - 89	B+	77 - 79	C+	60 -69	D
90 - 92	A-	83 - 86	B	73 - 76	C	0 - 59	F
		80 - 82	B-	70 - 72	C-		

## COMPONENT DESCRIPTIONS AND DUE DATES

### **Web Site Maintenance**

*weekly during MER 498 term*

Includes updating your project web site as new information becomes available (at least weekly).

### **Weekly Progress**

*weekly during MER 498 term*

Includes participating and presenting at weekly meetings with your Project Advisor and other group members; updating and maintaining your web site updates; maintaining your project notebook; managing your project budget; and establishing, meeting and updating your weekly objectives.

### **Final Paper**

*due 5 pm last day of MER 498 term*

Includes writing a final technical document in the format of a journal paper and turning it in to your Project Advisor by the deadline. A well written progress report from MER 497 should serve as an excellent draft on which to expand to create this final report.

### **Poster**

*due 5 pm last day of MER 498 term*

Includes preparing a technical poster presentation; submitting it for printing and to your Project Advisor; and mounting it to departmental bulletin boards.