Capstone Oral Presentation – Guide

This is intended as a guide only and suggests an outline. Please work closely with your advisor to adapt this format to your needs. Numbers of slides are suggestions, not requirements.

- **Title/author/affiliation/acknowledgments** (1 slide)
- **Forecast** (1 slide)
  Give gist of problem attacked and insight found (What is the one idea you want people to leave with? This is the "abstract" of an oral presentation.)
- **Outline** (1 slide)
  Give talk structure. Some speakers prefer to put this at the bottom of their title slide. (Audiences like predictability.)
- **Background** (1 slide)
- **Research Question** (1 slide)
- **Motivation and Problem Statement** (1 slide)
  (Why should anyone care?)
- **Literature Review/Related Work** (2 slides)
  Be concise – What are the key studies? What does your study contribute?
- **Methods** (3 slides)
  - **Study Design**
    - Description of sample population/Sample Methodology (random, convenience, etc)
    - Overview of Study Procedures and Measures and Instruments
    - Response Rate Analysis
- **Results** (3 slides)
  Present key results and key insights. This is main body of the talk. Its internal structure varies greatly as a function of the researcher's contribution. (Do not superficially cover all results; cover key result well. Do not just present numbers; interpret them to give insights. Do not put up large tables of numbers.)
- **Summary/Discussion** (3 slides)
  Major findings
  Implications
  Study limitations
  Next Steps/Recommendations