

MSc Research Methods – Presentation

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Topic Credit risk control modelling
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Final mark

65%

Project Presentation	Marks Available	Marks Awarded
<i>Background – what is the project and why does the student want to do it?</i> Good background. This is a good topic for a project.	10	7
<i>Literature review – is the project sufficiently rooted in a suitable research field?</i> Some discussion of this in the introduction, but it needs more links to the literature in the field.	20	10
<i>Aims and Objectives – are these SMART?</i> The aim is a bit long (ideally you should be able to describe your project in a single sentence. The objectives are good.	20	14
<i>Methodology and research process – is this a practical process and does the student understand how to carry out the research?</i> The elements of the research process are appropriate, and the technical route provided is a strong one (and well illustrated through the diagram). The data collection and evaluation is well thought through. The methodology needs to consider whether there are any ethical issues, and the validity, reliability and generalisability of the project.	20	13
<i>Resources and planning – are these appropriate to the project?</i> Good phased plan, clearly linked to the technical route, although more detail in phases III and IV would be useful – you’ve got three months to do those phases so you can split it up a bit more. The data is a good resource, but you should also say what sort of hardware and software you will be using. This is certainly a viable MSc project.	20	13
<i>Presentation</i> Very good slides and clear presentation. Remember to use the IEEE referencing method to include citation numbers in your text.	10	8