

IE 460 – Comments on Project Progress Meeting

Grade (out of 10)	10	9	8
# of groups	7	3	2

General Comments:

I believe all the groups did more than the minimum requirements. I have to admit that the grading was very hard for me because each of you has unique topics and it was obvious that all of you spent time to create the outline. Therefore, no one receives less than 8. What is the difference between 10, 9 or 8? It solely depends on how well you did the research so far, because the more you do the research the more you can improve the following points below.

- 1- How detailed the reason to choose a sub-topic is: For instance, the most common theme was “benefit” in the outlines. It is obvious that an idea/methodology is not beneficial for everyone in the world. Similarly, it is obvious that an idea/methodology is beneficial for someone. Example of an example: cross-docking is beneficial for the manufacturer. Thus, stating that you will analyze the benefit for the manufacturer is fine. However, if you started doing research just a little bit, you can find that cross-docking is beneficial for the manufacturer in a finite number of dimensions (for instance, the number of trucks used and inventory held).
If your reasons to select a sub-topic were too obvious and not detailed enough, you lost points.
- 2- How much you promise to do in the final report: If your sub-topics (or sub-sub-topics) include an idea that requires too much time to wrap up, it means that you wrote it without looking at its feasibility. In the final report, it is likely that you will end up with writing too general arguments which do not make sense at all.
- 3- Being comfortable with interruption: During the presentations, I sometimes asked more specific questions regarding a specific term or a bullet point, requiring you to switch between the details and the main flow of the presentation. I guess you can achieve this only if you were presenting what you know, not what you prepared just to receive 2 points. This was too much to expect for now, so none of you loses point if you struggled in this part. However, if you could succeed, I gave 10 points without any hesitation.