

CS 224N Poster Session Guidelines

These guidelines were adapted from CS236's poster session guidelines.

Poster Guidelines

The point of a poster is to give the viewer a quick summary of the work, which not only draws their interest but motivates them to learn more about the project. For an intro to creating academic posters, see <https://guides.nyu.edu/posters>. Here's a sample structure that might be helpful:

- **Problem:** what are you trying to solve? Reference current challenges and why your work is meaningful.
- **Background:** problem setup + notation; maybe previous work
- **Methods:** explain your technical contributions; figures can really help understanding especially for a neural model!
- **Experiments:** what is the task? What are the inputs and outputs to the model? What are the results? Compare against baselines; for results, a graph can say a lot more than a table of the same size!
- **Analysis:** provide some in-depth analysis of certain cases of interest, or contextualize your results within existing literature! Add some plots/examples/visualizations.
- **Conclusions:** briefly draw some conclusions from the work
- **References:** if space permits, consider adding 1-3 very important references (don't do more than this!)

Formatting suggestions:

- Be **visual**, not **textual**. The visual impact is almost more important than the textual content.
- Prefer **bullet points** over long paragraphs (save those for the paper).
- Try using **color** to emphasize interesting findings and key words.
- A larger font size than you think can really help.

How to print your poster

We recommend landscape orientation, size 24" x 36" (other sizes are acceptable, but please ensure that they're not too big/small). You are expected to print out the posters yourself, so **please plan ahead!**

Here are some options available for poster printing. For each option, make sure to verify turnaround and services yourself—the info below is just gathered from the corresponding websites!

- [Lathrop Library's Tech Desk](#): order online for a 3-day turnaround.

- [FedEx](#): approximately 2-day turnaround. Offers customizability (e.g. laminate the poster for greater durability; add grommets).
- [Walgreens](#): claims to have same-day pickup for 24" x 36".
- [Biotech Productions](#): specialized for research posters and offers same-day free delivery to Stanford campus.