

# Project Final Report

CS 490: Natural Language Processing · Spring 2026

Due on: 04/24/2026 @ 11:59 PM (AoE)

## Assignment Instructions

Your group (2–4 people) must submit a final project report of **6–8 pages**. Please include all member names in the document. You are permitted unlimited pages for references and appendix sections.

For consistency with the proposal, you should use the ACL template. Before submission, please make sure to change `\usepackage[review]{acl}` to `\usepackage[preprint]{acl}` in your source file. Please submit the report as a group via **Gradescope**, ensuring that all group members are added to the submission.

**Required Artifacts** In addition to the final report, you must also submit your code. Your submission must include a `setup.sh` file for setting up the environment, a `requirements.txt` file listing all dependencies, a `README` file with instructions for running the code, and all relevant source code along with any other necessary files.

### Your report must include:

- **Introduction:** Define the problem and clearly explain the motivation for tackling it. State the research question(s) or engineering goal(s) your project addresses.
- **Related Work:** Summarize the most relevant prior work, including the methods, architectures, or baselines most closely related to your project.
- **Method / Approach:** Describe your core modeling, engineering, or data creation approach. Clearly explain what you implemented, what is novel or adapted from prior work, and any important changes you made relative to your original proposal.
- **Results:** Present your experimental or system results clearly, using tables and/or figures where appropriate. **All figures and tables must be digitally created; screenshots of Excel sheets or tables are not allowed.**
- **Analysis / Discussion:** Discuss what the results mean, how they relate to the original research question(s) or engineering goal(s), what worked or did not work, and any limitations or lessons learned.

## Grading Rubric

- (10 pts) Is the problem well-defined and well-motivated? Are the research question(s) or engineering goal(s) clear?
- (2 pts) Is the project grounded in relevant prior work? Are related methods and baseline systems appropriately described and properly cited?
- (10 pts) Are the methods and experimental setup reasonable, clear, and reproducible? This includes datasets, baselines, metrics, implementation details, and compute/resource usage. If the final project differs from the proposal, are those changes justified?

- (12 pts) Are the results presented clearly, and are they analyzed thoughtfully? Does the discussion connect the findings back to the original research question(s) or engineering goal(s), including limitations or failure cases where relevant?
- (6 pts) Is the report well-written, well-organized, and properly formatted?

**Late day policy.** Since the final report is due at the end of the semester, **late days may not be used.**