Capstone Poster Standards

Poster Creation Software
Microsoft PowerPoint is recommended for poster creation because it is freely available to students and a template is available to get you started. If you have access to, and are familiar with other software (e.g., Adobe Illustrator or InDesign), then you can use it as long as you adhere to the standards in this document.

Poster Dimensions & Background Color
The boards the posters will hang on measure 60" wide by 40" tall. We recommend a poster measuring 56" wide by 36" tall. You may change the background color of your poster.

Title Block
Text size of the poster title should be 80-point and in a sans-serif font (Arial) so it can stand out be easily read from a distance. Under the title the authors should be given with the MHA student listed first in bold type and the mentor(s) second in normal type. Below the author line, provide institutional affiliations. Consider a serif font (Times) to provide contrast with the title.

Section Headers
Text size of headers should be 70-point, in a sans-serif font (Arial) and include the sections described below (similar requirements in your Capstone Final Report). Text size of the information in each section should be no smaller than 14 point (easily readable from 5 feet away).

Background & Rationale
This section should include a logical hypothesis or statement of the problem. Connections to previous literature may be included here (cited properly). Clearly state the purpose or goal of the project in this section. Address this statement: why is this question worth exploring? Include you project specific aims in this section.
Project Approach
Summarize the methodology that you employed to answer your specific aims or produce your project deliverable. If your project includes an analysis, be sure to describe this as well. Figures and/or tables are encouraged.

Results
Present the data that address the hypothesis/problem in the introduction. Include figures (including screenshots) that summarize the main conclusions from the analyses. Each figure should have a legend describing what is presented. Include a web link if your project has an online component. You may provide a handout with supplementary data if needed.

Conclusions
Summarize the overall scientific/academic value and significance of your project. How does your work contribute to the field of anatomical sciences, and imaging and modeling if applicable? Discuss possible future directions building on your work

References & Acknowledgements
Include all peer-reviewed literature cited on your poster in this section. You can refer to these sources in your poster using numbers12 or (Author Name, 2012). Use the citation style used by articles in Anatomical Sciences Education:


Acknowledge the contributions of non-authors here. Usually these are individuals who have reviewed your materials and have given you feedback on your project (e.g., your MHA academic advisor). Also mention any funding that may have supported your project.

Poster Printing
The MSMHA Program will cover the cost of printing your poster. Posters will be printed by Savoy Color Imaging, Inc. of Denver, CO. We recommend that you email a PDF of your poster (56” wide by 36” tall) to jobs@savoycolor.com by April 13, 2015. Tell them in your email that you are part of the Modern Human Anatomy Program at CU. Call Jack or Sally at (303) 534-4433 if you have any questions. Posters will need to be pickup up at the print shop located at 785 Vallejo Street, Denver, CO 80204.

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