

The UCCS Mountain Lion Grad Slam 3-Minute Thesis Competition PowerPoint Requirements

All presentations will be filmed. Your 3MT® slide will be embedded into this video and posted online.

To facilitate incorporation of your slide into the video, participants must follow the guidelines outlined below:

- Only one single static (no animation or text builds) PowerPoint slide is permitted.
- Contestants must have a NAME slide (not counted toward slide allowance); contestants must have 1 content slide (use exact font and colors as on the template provided)
- No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed.
- The slide is to be presented at the beginning of the oration.
- Prepare slide in 16:9 aspect ratio.
- **Headings must be in the same gold as your name in the name slide;** other slide text must be black.
- Any images, photos, graphics, graphs, or illustrations included on your slide must include a credit for the original source of the image, photo, etc.
- Keep all images and text within the black border as images or text outside of this area will be cut off.
- Do not place any images or text within the UCCS branding at the bottom of the slide or move the 3MT logo on your name slide.
- Presentations may not include any additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files).
- You cannot modify your PowerPoint slide between rounds of the competition.

Tips for Success

- ✓ Use limited text on the PowerPoint slide.
- ✓ Use visuals on the PowerPoint slide. Optional visuals include: original charts, graphs, illustrations, & photos.
- ✓ Practice, practice, and practice!
- ✓ Time yourself; keep it under 3 minutes (but not less than 2:40). The time is strict. No presentations will go over 3 minutes, or they will be disqualified from the competition.
- ✓ Speak to your audience, make eye-contact, speak clearly and confidently.
- ✓ Avoid jargon: present your ideas in an accessible way.
- ✓ Be engaging: make the audience feel something.
- ✓ Show up 15 minutes early to the event in which you are competing.
- ✓ Watch other 3MT presentation videos for guidance & inspiration. Please see the website for specific links to great resources.
- ✓ Be aware of the scoring rubric to help you prepare your presentation and earn the points you need to win your round.
- ✓ Schedule an appointment at the Excel Communication Center (Columbine 312) to meet with a tutor to provide feedback about your 3MT presentation.