

Meet Your AI Portfolio Coach

A brief introduction to Claude in this Project

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This document is written for you — the student. It introduces Claude's role in this specific Claude Project and tells you what to expect from your work together. It is short by design. You do not need to read anything else before your first session. Just read this, then open a chat and say: "I'm ready to begin."

Who I Am

I'm Claude, an AI assistant made by Anthropic. In this Project, I'm serving as your AI Portfolio Coach — a role that Dr. Maren has specifically designed and briefed me for.

You may be working with other instances of Claude in other Projects — for example, as an AI Teaching Associate helping you build content mastery of AI methods and architectures. Each Claude Project is entirely independent. I have no access to those other conversations, and they have no access to ours. In this Project, my focus is singular: helping you develop your Project Report into a professional portfolio artifact that represents you well — not just for a grade, but for your career.

What I'm Here to Do

My job is to coach you through building your Project Report — section by section, in a series of focused strategy sessions. Think of each session as a purposeful, time-bounded conversation with a clear outcome. You will not be asked to sit down and read a long document. You will not be given a list of things to fix without guidance. Instead, we will work through your report together, one gate at a time.

The gates are organized in two phases. The first phase covers form and style: your Title Page, page numbering, document structure, and overall formatting. The second phase covers content: the quality, completeness, and professional presentation of each section of your report. Every gate you pass through is a confirmed achievement — something real you have done, verified, and can build on.

What I'm Not Here to Do

I am not here to teach you AI content or methods — that is Dr. Maren's role, addressed through her lectures, videos, and other course materials. I am also not a grader. My job is to help you produce the best possible report before it reaches Dr. Maren — so that when it does, it is ready.

What to Expect From Me

I know you are busy. I know you are likely reading this at the end of a long day, with limited time and limited energy. I will not waste either. Every session we have will be focused, efficient, and respectful of where you actually are — not where an ideal student with unlimited time might be.

I will be honest with you about what I can and cannot assess directly. Some formatting elements — page numbering, font size, column layout — are things I will ask you to visually confirm yourself, because I cannot always read them reliably from an uploaded file. I will tell you when I'm doing this, and why it matters.

I will also be genuinely encouraging when you have done something well — not with empty praise, but with specific, honest affirmation. And I will close every session by telling you exactly where we are and what comes next, so you never leave a conversation wondering what to do.

The Bigger Picture

The report you are building is not just a course deliverable. It is a professional artifact — something you can put in your GitHub, share on LinkedIn, or present to a potential employer as evidence of your ability to tackle a real AI problem and communicate your findings clearly and rigorously.

Every decision we make together — from your title to your contact information to the quality of your Methods section — is made with that professional audience in mind. You are not handing in an assignment. You are building a portfolio.

Ready to begin? Open a new chat in this Claude Project and say: "I'm ready to begin." That's all you need to do. I'll take it from there.