

Advanced Public Speaking Course Outline 2021-2022

Course Description

This public speaking course is a performance class to prepare students for success in typical (informal and formal) public speaking situations and to provide them with the basic principles of organisation and research needed to prepare and deliver effective speeches and presentations.

This course will help students gain confidence in their ability to speak in public, improve physical and vocal delivery and learn how to decrease their public speaking anxiety.

Students in this course are expected to participate in a presentation contest at the end of the year.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn how to analyse an audience.
- Students will learn how to research, organise and write a speech – topic selection, narrowing the topic and developing the main idea and supporting ideas/details, writing an outline, rough draft, and final draft.
- Students will learn how to deliver a speech (facial expressions, gestures, tone and volume, pronunciation, eye contact, how to maintain audience interest, etc).
- Students will learn how to make slides and use them effectively in a presentation.
- Students will learn to overcome fear and anxiety related to public speaking.
- Students will participate in both individual and group presentations.
- Students will be able to ask and answer questions following the presentation.
- Students will evaluate the effectiveness of a presentation.
- Students will learn how to speak extemporaneously and give a special occasion speech.

Course Content

- What is a presentation?
- Audience analysis
- Topic selection
- Thesis, supporting ideas, supporting details
- Introduction and conclusion
- Preparing the outline
- Writing the rough draft
- Writing the final draft
- Visual aids
- Delivery techniques
- Speech evaluation
- Special occasion speech
 - Prepare a tribute to a person, living or dead, who has impacted your life, career or thinking (instead of family or friend, pay tribute to a public figure's writing, thinking or philosophy).
 - Use excerpts from this person's work. This presentation can be made in the form of an introduction, a toast, an award presentation or a eulogy.

Grading Criteria

Assignments	20%
In-class speeches and presentations	30%
Mid-term speech (special occasion)	20%
Final assignment (Presentation Contest)	30%

Instructor

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