COM 112
Public Speaking

Catalog Description:

Theory and practice in speech techniques of informing, persuading, demonstrating, and commemorating. Emphasis will be on physical and verbal presentation skills, and on organization and content of the speech.

This class is designed to assist you get in becoming comfortable being in front of any group of people. It is my hope that this course will also help you speak with ease, confidence and authority. With practice, you will improve, and may even enjoy the process of public speaking!

3 Credit Hours
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No Required Text but supplemental materials will be handed out throughout the term.

Learning Outcomes:
1. The development of communication skills in concept, theory and practice
2. Application of communication in the public speaking setting
3. Development of speakers voice and physicality in a supportive environment
4. Creating 5 kinds of speeches in the term that can be used in life

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<td>Informative Speech</td>
<td>2Minutes</td>
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<td>Storytelling Speech</td>
<td>2-3 Minutes</td>
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<td>The Day I Was Born Speech</td>
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<td>Team Speech</td>
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Attendance Policy:

If you want to get credit for COM 112, then coming to class would be important because you cannot make up a speaking class. As an incentive, I will give you 20 points for every day you are in class. If you miss class, you will lose 20 points. (Except for school-sanctioned activities and sports) Be aware that those points are then factored into your final grade, and missing those points may make the difference between an A or B or -- so forth.
***Please make sure that you are in class at your assigned speaking time.

**Brief Outline of Course:**

**Week One**  
Introduction to Public Speaking  
Gestures/Practice on Friday

**Week Two**  
**Informative Speeches**  
Informative Speeches Discussion  
Friday: Speech Activity (On your own)

**Week Three**  
**Storytelling Speech**

**Week Four**  
Day I was Born Speech- Work  
Library for Research  
Creating the Outline

**Week Five**  
Day I Was Born Speech- Work  
Practice in Class with Buddies  
Give One Minute of Your Speech  
Fri: Practice on your own

**Week Six**  
*(Midterm)*  
**Born Speeches #1**  
**Born Speeches #2**  
**Born Speeches #3**

**Week Seven**  
**Persuasive Speeches- Work**  
Research  
Practice

**Week Eight**  
**Persuasive Speeches #1**  
**Persuasive Speeches #2**  
**Persuasive Speeches #3**

**Week Nine**  
Team Speeches - Work  
Research  
**Give Team Speech**

**Week Ten**  
**Tribute Speeches**  
Practice in Class

**Final**  
10:00 Class: Wednesday from 8AM-10AM  
2:00 Class: Wednesday from 10 AM-12

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http://www.eou.edu/saffairs/handbook/honest.html

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