

Public Speaking 2017-2018

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The ability to clearly articulate your thoughts is an invaluable life skill. Regardless of what school, program, or career you are pursuing, those in charge want candidates with strong communication skills.

As you may know, many people lack the ability to speak with ease, clarity, and fluidity, so this semester we will make certain you do not fall into that group. This class will study the principles of public speaking, examine our own and others' speeches, and **speak a lot**.

Class Policies

Be Courteous - Public speaking is considered the number one fear of many Americans. Therefore, when participating in classroom discussions or when observing a classmate's speech, be considerate. Remember that you are all here with the same goal in mind, and comments that are negative or derogatory are counterproductive and will not be tolerated. When a classmate is presenting, give him or her your full attention.

Lack of Preparation - If you are unprepared to present your speech on your assigned or expected day, you will lose 10 points for every day it is late. The same deduction will apply if you have an unexcused late or absence.

Pay close attention to the required time for each speech. Going over or under time by a significant margin results from lack of preparation and will adversely affect your grade.

What You Can Expect

Introductions and Conclusions
Daily World Happenings
Introduce a classmate speech
Persuasive Speech
Demonstration Speech
Debate
Improv and Impromptu speaking
Pet Peeve Speech
Who I'd invite to Dinner Speech
Study of Famous speeches
Memorization of famous speech/ work of literature
Career Speech
Commencement Speech
Propaganda Speech
....or others

