

COMM 205 - Public Speaking

Study of the basic principles of public address; emphasis is on developing a theoretical and practical understanding of oral communication through practice in preparing, delivering, and criticizing speeches in class.

Learning Outcomes

Students will understand how to plan, organize and support ideas and arguments through oral communication.

Students will be familiar with and utilize a variety of research techniques, including web-based information retrieval sources for supporting their speeches.

Students will develop an understanding of the appropriateness of and practice with various modes of orally delivering speeches, including: reading, extemporaneous, and impromptu.

Students will research, prepare, refine and deliver speeches, including at least an introductory speech, an informative speech and a persuasive speech.

Students will understand how to prepare and deliver appropriate visual messages using both traditional and new media technologies.

Students will understand techniques and models for crafting a variety of messages (verbal, nonverbal, and visual) for particular audiences and purposes.

Students will practice critiquing and evaluating a variety of messages (verbal, nonverbal, and visual).