

Successful Public Speaking

MPA elective

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Class web site: <http://moodle.evergreen.edu/course/view.php?id=1267>

Weekend intensive schedule:

Friday February 25th, 5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday February 26th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday February 27th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Course Description:

Oral eloquence still counts when you need to explain, persuade, collaborate, and lead. This intensive weekend course will help you learn to use your voice, body, and personal presence with confidence when speaking to others. You will learn to channel stagefright into creative energy and to organize your thoughts into a structure your audience can grasp. Students will write, revise, rehearse and present a short speech; they will also have opportunities to practice speaking impromptu. Credit will be awarded in Public Speaking.

Required Reading/Watching Assignments:

All are available as links or downloads from our Moodle web site.

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Belasco, Jason. "How to Deliver Effective Speeches: Instructions: Know Your Audience".

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[BleedingEdge.net](http://www.speaking-tips.com), 2003-2009. Sept. 20, 2009. <http://www.speaking-tips.com/Articles/A-Short-Guide-to-Effective-Public-Speaking.aspx>

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<http://www.speaking-tips.com/Articles/Changing-Academic-Public-Speaking.aspx>

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www.ac.wvu.edu/~stevens5/.../Foss%20Beyond%20Persuasion.doc

Excerpt from Plato, *Gorgias*, Translator Jowett, Benjamin. Internet Classics Archive, Daniel C. Stevenson, Web Atomics, 1996. Sept. 20, 2009.
<http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/gorgias.html>.

Excerpt from Rodenburg, Patsy, *The Right To Speak*. New York: Routledge, 1992.

The Five Canons of Rhetoric. Syque, 2002-2007. September 20, 2009.
http://changingminds.org/disciplines/argument/five_canons

Student choice reading assignment:

There are many, many resources and information about public speaking. This additional reading assignment may help you find and use the ones that are best for you.

In addition to the above reading assignments, each student should find and include one essay, book chapter, or instructional video of his/her choice related to this topic that you think is particularly effective. Include detailed information about your choice in your personal essay (see below).

Writing Assignments:

Personal essay:

Each student will submit a personal reflective essay responding to the readings. The length for this essay should be about a thousand words. Your essay should include a description, critique, and citation for your "student choice research assignment" (see above.) This essay is due Friday, February 18th and should be posted on our Moodle site. Key questions for this personal essay *can* include:

- What do these readings evoke for you in light of your previous experiences with public speaking?
- What kinds of public speaking experiences do you anticipate in your future work and studies, and how do these readings affect your thinking about those future experiences?
- How do the readings connect to each other? Are there conflicts between the authors' points of view?
- If so, how can those conflicts be reconciled?

Short speech:

Each student will write a SHORT, simple speech (about three minutes long when spoken aloud). This speech will serve as practice material for work in the class. The topic of the speech should be something the student knows well and cares about: for instance, a hobby, a

favorite town or location, or a favorite food. The topic should NOT require extensive research. The intended audience is the other students in the Successful Public Speaking class. The purpose of the speech is to explain why the topic is special and important to you.

The parts of the speech should be arranged according to the classical canons of rhetoric (see http://changingminds.org/disciplines/argument/five_canons/arrangement.htm).

A written draft of your short speech should be posted in the Student Speeches forum on our Moodle site by Tuesday, February 22nd. Students should bring a paper copy of the speech with them to class on Friday Saturday February 26th. Expect to revise your speech during our intensive weekend. Following the last class, you will also post your final draft on our web site.

Class Schedule:

Friday Feb. 18

- Personal essay due on Moodle

Tuesday Feb. 22

- Draft speech due on Moodle

Friday evening, Feb. 25:

- First class meeting
- Introduction exercise
- Break
- Introductory work on voice, body, and presence
- Re-introduction exercise
- Receive Saturday morning impromptu assignment

Saturday Feb. 26:

- Warm up
- Impromptu speaking exercise
- Seminar on readings & personal essays
- Presence & logistics exercise
- Lunch
- Workshop on temporal phrasing
- Edit & rehearse speeches in small groups
- Receive Sunday assignment

Sunday February 27:

- Warm up
- Enunciation workshop
- Revise and rehearse speeches in small groups
- Lunch
- Present speeches to whole class
- Debrief and draft self-evaluations

Monday Feb. 28:

- Final draft of short speech due on Moodle