

PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE OUTLINE: This might change! I will have to see what you want & need from this class.

Week 1: INTRODUCTION AND BEARINGS: We'll discuss the syllabus and check attendance. You will make a speech about yourself to the class, after I give an example to you by giving a speech about myself to the class, and answering questions. .

Week 2: BASICS & GESTURAL COMMUNICATION: First, we'll deal with posture and confidence, voice-projection, note-carding, and other basics. Nonverbal communication and how to use it when giving a speech. Roleplays, gestural inventories, types of gestures, etc.

Week 3: PRESENTATION 1: I'll give you an example speech, and then you will prepare a speech and tell us someone in your life. You will use hand gestures for emphasis. If possible, we will videotape this so you can see how you're doing.

Week 4: VOICE INFLECTION & EMPHASIS: We'll look at keywords as part of structure, and at voice inflection for emphasis; you'll use your voice inflection to give emphasis to keywords. You will make a presentation on the second course meeting of the week.

Week 5: DEMONSTRATION SPEECH: We're going to bring together some of the different forms of nonverbal communication and gestures, and combine them with an actual demonstration of some activity or other. You will give a speech with a partner demonstrating some process or procedure to the class.

Week 6: STRUCTURE & "STORYTELLING": Speeches are much easier to understand when there is a structure that makes sense. We'll especially focus on introduction and chronological sequences, and look at a couple of speeches so you can create the notecard outline for them.

Week 7: STRUCTURE 2 – THE BODY: We'll focus on the body of a speech, and transitions, and you will make a presentation

Week 8: STRUCTURE 3 – THE CONCLUSION: We'll focus on how to make a strong conclusion, and you will work with classmates on your plans and outline of a speech to be give for your midterm exam.

Week 9: MIDTERM EXAM

Week 10: PERSUASIVE SPEECH & DISCUSSIONS: We'll discuss the persuasive speech, and techniques of persuasion. Some students will give a speech to the class; question & answer and group discussions will follow each speech.

Week 11: PERSUASIVE SPEECH & DISCUSSIONS: More students will give a speech to the class; question & answer and group discussions will follow each speech.

Week 12: PERSUASIVE SPEECH & DISCUSSIONS: The last group of students will give a speech to the class; question & answer and group discussions will follow each speech.

Week 13: CREATING & USING VISUALS: We'll discuss creating and using visuals to help make your speeches better.

Week 14: GROUP BRAINSTORM & COLLABORATION: You're going to help each other (and I'll help too) to come up with the basic topic and structure of your final speeches. I'm going to give you an example of the kind of speech I expect from you, and we'll go into smaller groups for work.

Week 15: CONSULTATIONS: Here you can meet with me, run through your final speech, and get feedback.

Week 16: FINAL PRESENTATION: You'll make a speech using as much as you can from what we learned during the semester.