

Speech Course Description - Fundamentals of Oral Communication

Students will learn the techniques of effective oral communication, and will present researched speeches on a variety of organizational patterns. Being educated means having something to say, this course will help you say it.

OBJECTIVES

COMPETENCIES

1.

Students will write and organize effective oral presentations.

1. Follow formal patterns of research information, demonstration, and argumentation.
2. Participate in speaking exercises and contribute to group discussions.

2.

Students will research speech topics to obtain valid, up-to-date-information.

1. Carry out traditional research in books, journals, and news reports.
2. Use the Internet to investigate topics.
3. Conduct interviews and survey.
4. Document sources properly.

3.

Students will improve their speaking abilities.

1. Practice voice control: rate, volume, articulation, and inflection.
2. Use nonverbal communication: Gestures, eye contact and posture.

4.

Students will use appropriate language.

1. Choose terminology that is understood by a particular audience.
2. Structure the speech to meet the demands of the setting and the occasion

5.

Students will display knowledge of local, national, and international events.

1. Be well informed about current issues.
2. Adopt a tone for speaking that reflects the emotional impact of current events

6.

Students will actively participate in the presentations of other speakers.

1. Actively listen by giving respectful attention to speakers
2. Offer thoughtful, constructive responses to presentations.