

Chaminade University
COM320 Professional Presentations
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Course objectives:

- Increase your confidence in public speaking ability
- Learn principles of effective public speaking
- Reinforce existing speaking skills and identify areas for improvement
- Demonstrate effective aspects of speech preparation
- Demonstrate effective aspects of speech delivery
- Appropriately apply public speaking skills to a variety of speech contexts

Requirements:

- **Attendance.** Because this course emphasizes live performance as well as class discussion, attendance at all class sessions is imperative. You can't do public speaking without a public. If you miss class the day you are expected to present a speech or turn in an assignment you will NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE UP that activity or present the speech on a subsequent date. The grade is a zero. If you do miss class, it is your responsibility to get the information that was covered from your classmates.
- **Timeliness.** Students are expected to be on time, ready to participate in class.
- **Textbook.** No textbook required. (you're welcome)
- **Participation.** There will be ample opportunity for group discussions. Positive participation is expected. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and will result in loss of points and expulsion from class.
- **Carbon paper.** Each student must have at least 20 sheets of carbon paper for this class.
- **Exams.** There will be no written examinations. (you're welcome)
- **Cell phones.** Turn off cell phones before coming to class. Ringing cell phones will cost the owner 2 points. Should my cell phone go off during class, the entire class will receive 2 points.

Grading: There will be a maximum of 600 points possible for the semester, allocated as follows:

Informational Speech:	100
Impromptu Speech:	100
Demonstration Speech:	100
Persuasive Speech:	100
Special Events Speech:	200

540 - 600 points	A
480 - 539 points	B
420 - 479 points	C
360 - 419 points	D
<359 points	F

IMPORTANT DATES

No Class: January 16

Informational Speeches: February 11 & 13

Impromptu Speeches: February 25 & 27

Demonstration Speeches: March 18 & 20

Spring Break March 24 - 28

Persuasive Speeches: April 8 & 10

Special Events Speeches: April 24, 28 & May 1