

Public Speaking

At a glance

- Accepted for credit transfer by Strayer University
- 4.5 quarter credits at Strayer University
- Strayer University equivalency: The Power of Effective Speaking (COM 201) * Do not take if ENG221 has been completed.)

Course description

Sophia's Public Speaking course will take you through all of the stages of developing a speech, from preparation to rehearsal to presentation. Along the way, you will learn how to become a better listener, manage your anxiety, and incorporate feedback effectively. You will apply your knowledge to analyzing your audience, conducting research, presenting a speech, and revising a speech based on feedback.

Assessments & grading

This is a pass/fail course. You must complete 12 Challenge assessments (these are like quizzes) and 4 Milestone assessments (these are like tests), and 4 Touchstone assessments (these are submitted assignments) with an overall score of 70% or better.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Articulate the responsibilities of ethical communication.
- Analyze best practices in effective public speaking.
- Evaluate speech topics, considering focus and audience appropriateness.
- Generate a speech outline, topic, thesis, and main ideas for a speech.
- Conduct research to identify support for a speech topic, evaluating source credibility.
- Identify characteristics of informative, persuasive, and special occasion speeches.
- Prepare speeches on a variety of topics with a range of purposes.
- Differentiate between ethos, pathos, and logos.
- Employ language that is inclusive, accurate, and audience appropriate.
- Analyze the importance of tone, pronunciation, and articulation.
- Identify the impact of nonverbal communication on public speaking.
- Develop audience awareness and perform audience analysis.

Learning outcomes continued

At the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Apply techniques for rehearsing a speech.
- Effectively incorporate visual aids.
- Identify techniques for reducing anxiety and building confidence.
- Develop listening skills.