INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING - SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The art of persuasion is arguably the most crucial for success in academic and professional contexts alike. This course will prepare students to speak clearly, confidently, and ethically, across a range of settings. It will enable students to plan their speeches, in terms of both structure and research, as well as to target them to particular audiences. It will do so largely through practice, and students will begin speaking publicly on the very first day of class.

EVALUATION

<u>*Participation in discussions*</u> – all students are expected to come to class having read the assigned texts, with hard- copies on hand, and to participate fully in discussions. Students will periodically be expected to give shorter speeches in class, and/or to publicly read known speeches.

50%

<u>Final Speech</u> – students will prepare and deliver a speech on a topic of their choosing on the final two days of the course, anywhere from 15-30 minutes in length, depending on the number of students enrolled.

50%

TENTATIVE OUTLINE

Week 1

Monday: Introductions

Tuesday: What Is Speaking Publicly and Why Is It Important?

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 3-27

Wednesday: The Ethics of Persuasion

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 29-45

Thursday: The Art of Listening

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 47-61

Friday: Preparing a Speech, I

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 63-75

Week 2

Monday: Preparing a Speech, II

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 76-95

Tuesday: Reading Your Audience

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 96-117

Wednesday: Research for a Speech

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 118-139

Thursday: Making Your Case

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 140-163

Friday: Speech Structure, I

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 169-183

Week 3

Monday: Speech Structure, II

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Tuesday: Speech Structure, III

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 204-219

Wednesday: The Art of Persuasion, I

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 220-237

Thursday: The Art of Persuasion, II

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 238-263

Friday: Presentation Technologies

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 264-281

Week 4

Monday: Informative Speaking

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 282-303

Tuesday: The Art of Persuasion, III

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 304-329

Wednesday: The Art of Persuasion, IV

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Thursday: Final Speeches

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Friday: Final Speeches

Lucas, The Art of Public Speaking, 370-388

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