



Speech 2001 The Major Forms of Oral Discourse 2023-2024
Sections 001-002

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Speech 2001 is an intensive practical course dedicated to developing and refining skills in effective oral communication. Students are expected to speak frequently; emphasis is on direct address before a group, with effective organization of ideas, clarity of expression, and use of rhetorical strategies. All aspects of the arts of delivery, the logical construction of arguments and their support, effective arrangement of material, rhetorical analysis of speeches (both written and oral), and effective use of statistics, testimony, evidence, and examples will be included. Like other Writing courses, Speech develops analyses accurately and reliab

In addition, emphasis is placed on applying communication theory and on developing listening and critical skills, including peer evaluation. *Because of the workshop nature of the course, attendance and participation are mandatory. Failure to present a scheduled speech will result in a grade of zero. No audits allowed. No Final Examination.*

Course Text:

Attendance is required to improve as a speaker. Moreover, a consistent audience is essential for presentations and the course to run smoothly. **For every hour over 6 hours** that you miss, you will be penalized 2% of your final grade **up to a maximum of 20%**. For example,

If you miss 4 hours of class (under the 6-hour threshold), you will receive no penalty.

If you miss 7 hours of class (1 hour over the 6-hour threshold), your final grade will be

Illness

Compassionate grounds

Religious holidays (see below)

Employment and graduate program interviews

Sporting events & competitions

Labs for other courses (cannot be scheduled during class, or conflict with speaking dates)

Make-up tests/assignments for other courses (cannot be scheduled during other classes, or conflict with speaking dates)

On-going and/or chronic issues: students with health issues work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities.

For Western University policy on Consideration: see Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

Religious Accommodation: students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

See Information for all Students in a Writing Course for a full description of policies and procedures related to requests for Special Examination, Incomplete Standing, or Aegrotat Standing, and Requests for Academic Relief and Complaints.

Make-up Tests, Labs, etc.:

***Note:** a class meeting missed in order to write a test, exam, or other make-up class in another course **will** count as non-attendance and **will** attract penalties as defined above if applicable. Instructors at the University of Western Ontario **shall not require** a student to write a make-up test or similar at times which conflict with that student's scheduled class times. If you are as _____ immediately contact an academic counselor in _____ to miss a class in order to write such a test, that is **your** choice; your absence will not be excused.

Audience Etiquette:

Do not distract the speakers and audience. Late arrivals and early departures to and from class (including after breaks) are disruptive and can affect speakers' performances. If you arrive late during a speech, stand quietly in the hall. Also:

Turn-off all technology during speeches and Q & A

Do not speak to instructors during speeches: they are listening and preparing feedback

Do not enter the room when speeches are in progress

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western: (<https://www.uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Scholastic Offences, including Plagiarism

The University Senate states that: astic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy as above).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

tion gathering and preliminary research purposes only (unless otherwise indicated in the assignment instructions). These tools are intended to enhance the learning experience by providing access to diverse information sources. It is essential, however, that students critically evaluate the obtained information, exe

Intellectual Property and Copyright

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Western Senate Policy on Academic Accommodation

Accommodation by Instructor for work worth less than 10% of the overall grade in a course:

Instructors are encouraged, in the first instance, to arrange participation requirements and multiple small assignments in such a way as to allow students some flexibility. A student seeking academic accommodation for any work worth less than 10% must contact the instructor or follow the appropriate Department or course specific instructions provided on the course outline.

In arranging accommodation, instructors will use good judgment and ensure fair treatment for all students. Instructors must indicate on the course outline how they will be dealing with work worth less than 10% of the total course grade. In particular, instructors must indicate whether medical documentation will be required for absences, late assignments or essays, missed tests, laboratory experiments or tutorials, etc. Where medical documentation is required, such documentation must be submitted by the student directly to the appropriate Faculty Academic Counselling/

Privacy Policy (https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/general/privacy.pdf), **instructors may not collect**

Medical Accommodation Policy

, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet their academic responsibilities.

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requirements, or granting late withdrawals without academic penalty. Academic accommodation shall be granted only where the documentation indicates that the onset, duration, and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. (Note it will not be sufficient to provide documentation indicating simply that the stude

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner.

