



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

EN903 Public Speaking

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Term:	28 May-28 June, 2018	Credits:	4
Classroom:	TBD	Teaching Assistant(s):	TBD
Class Hours:	Monday through Thursday, 3.20pm-5.20pm		
Discussion Session:	2 hours each week, led by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours:	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts (w/ ISBN):	Lucas, Stephen E. The Art of Public Speaking, 11th edition (McGraw-Hill, 2011) electronic textbook version.		
Prerequisite:	N/A		



Course Overview

This course introduces students to the principles of public speaking, and prepares them to speak with credibility and confidence. It covers several of the major varieties of speeches used to address real world situations, such as instructing, informing, persuading, and praising. Students will practice preparing and delivering these speeches, and learn how to address audiences respectfully, persuasively on significant matters.

Course Goals

Students should expect to gain practice and learn the following:

1. Effectively deliver speeches in a number of public forums and formats.
2. Apply the requisite techniques used to research, organize, and script a speech.
3. Perform constructive criticism of peers and public figures.
4. Speak extemporaneously and field questions on prepared topics.
5. Adapt arguments and speaking styles to different audiences.

Grading Policy

Your letter grade will be assigned according the following scale:

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0



Course Schedule

Date	Lecture	Readings
WEEK 1		
28 th May	Introduction to class and course policies	Read: Lucas “Introduction”
29 th May	Introduce first assignment, “How-To Speech”	Select topics for how to speech.
30 th May	Discuss topic selections, main points, and organization	Read: Lucas “Main Points”
31 st May	In class practice: “How-To Speech”	Finish “How-To Speech”
WEEK 2		
4 th June	Due: “How-To Speeches”	Peer review of “How-To Speech”
5 th June	Introduce “Informative-Speech” assignment. In-class exercise: Quotation and paraphrase	Read: Lucas “Citing Sources”
6 th June	In class exercise on Organization (Thesis, Body, Conclusion)	Read: Lucas “Supporting Your Ideas”
7 th June	Workshop “Informative Speech” (Topic, Thesis, etc.)	Finish: Informative Speech
WEEK 3		
11 th June	Due: “Informative Speeches”	Peer Review: Informative Speech
12 th June	Introduce: “Persuasive Speech” Assignment	Read: Lucas “Using Language Effectively”
13 th June	In class exercise on vivid description and figures of speech.	Read: Lucas “Speaking Persuasively”
14 th June	Discuss: Strategies for creating a persuasive speech.	Read: Lucas “Speaking Persuasively”



Date	Lecture	Readings
WEEK 4		
18th June	In class exercise on creating and delivering persuasive speeches.	Finish: “Persuasive Speech”
19th June	Due:” Persuasive Speech”	Peer Review “Persuasive Speech”
20th June	Introduce: “Special Occasion (Commemorative) Speech”	Read: Lucas “Commemorative Speeches”
21st June	In class exercise: Extemporaneous speaking.	Read: Lucas “Credibility”
WEEK 5		
25th June	In class workshop for the “Special Occasion Speech”	Finish: Special Occasion Speech
26th June	Due: Special Occasion Speech	Peer Review: “Special Occasion Speech”
27th June	In class exercise: “The Thank You” Speech	Work on extra credit (optional)
28th June	Due: Extra Credit	