

**Cincinnati Christian University**  
**Foster School of Biblical Studies, Arts & Sciences**

**SPCH 110 02 Public Speaking – Section 2**

Semester: Fall 2019  
Credit: 3 Semester Hours

Time: 10:00-11:15 a.m. MW  
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**CCU mission statement:**

CCU is committed to providing a Christ-centered, liberal arts education taught with a Christian worldview in students' chosen field of study.

**Course Rationale:**

The college student who is able to speak effectively in public settings will have a great advantage. Oral presentations comprise a fair number of the assignments in many courses. Classroom discussions and some campus activities require voicing information and views by students. In addition, nearly every profession and many of life's circumstances depend on competence in conveying ideas through the spoken word. More than anything else, Christians rely on oral communication to share the gospel message. This course is designed to increase experience and competence in public speaking.

**Course Description:**

An introductory public speaking course designed to help students become informed and effective communicators and receivers of communication. It provides instruction and practice in research, organization of information, logical thinking, persuasion, and written oral presentation.

**Arts & Sciences Departmental Outcomes**

- CCU's Arts & Sciences program is designed to prepare students to
1. communicate effectively in both oral and written forms in a variety of rhetorical contexts, including Standard English,
  2. adeptly utilize modern research and writing tools,
  3. identify decisive events and ideas in the human experience and assess their influences on modern culture and thought,
  4. employ critical and creative thinking and mathematic and

scientific principles for problem solving, literary and socio-cultural analysis, intercultural understanding, and research in the sciences and humanities,

5. demonstrate the integration of academic insights and experiences by constructing and employing a personal framework in which ethical decisions can be made in light of societal values and a Christian worldview.

### **Course Objectives:**

Students who satisfactorily complete the course should be able to:

1. Organize their thoughts into logical communication. (supports A&S 1, 4)
2. Plan their oral communication according to different audiences and purposes. (supports A&S 1-4)
3. Prepare and deliver oral presentations with assigned form and content. (supports A&S 1-5)
4. Deliver speeches with increased confidence, clarity, and effectiveness of purpose. (supports A&S 1)
5. Evaluate oral presentations for improved effectiveness. (supports A&S 1, 4)

All the course objectives are connected to Arts & Sciences Learning Outcome #1.

**Accommodations:** Students who require academic accommodations due to a documented physical, psychological, or learning disability may request assistance from the Student Services Department. Students are encouraged to complete this process within the first two weeks of the semester. The Student Services Department is located on the upper level of Presidents Hall. You may also contact the office by phone at 244-8150.

### **Course Agenda:**

August

- 19 Introduction to Public Speaking & Becoming Effective Communicators
- 21 **Talk #1:** Share a personal experience and a lesson learned from it
- 26 Overcoming Stage Fright & Formulas for Talks 2 & 3, & Audience
- 28 Audience

September

- 2 NO CLASS—Labor Day
- 4 **Talk #2:** Commercials
  
- 9 Purpose
- 11 Purpose & Selecting a Topic
  
- 16 Organizing a Speech
- 18 Introductions
  
- 23 Conclusions
- 25 **Talk #3:** Introduction to a Speech
  
- 30 Speaking to Inform

October

- 2 Guest Speaker
  
- 7 Storytelling
- 9 Supporting ideas, illustrations, resources
  
- 14 **Talk #4:** Tell a story to Persuade
- 16 Delivery
  
- 21 Delivery
- 23 Speaking to Persuade
  
- 28 EXAM
- 30 **Talk #5:** Speech to Inform

November

- 4 **Talk #5:** Speech to Inform
- 6 **Talk #5:** Speech to Inform
  
- 11 Bible Messages
- 13 **Talk #6:** Speech to Persuade
  
- 18 **Talk #6:** Speech to Persuade
- 20 **Talk #6:** Speech to Persuade
  
- 25 THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 27 THANKSGIVING BREAK

December

2 **Talk #7:** Bible Message

4 **Talk #7:** Bible Message

9-12 Finals

### **Course Assignments:**

\* Each student will participate in class discussions, small group discussions, as well as evaluations of speeches presented in class.

\* Each student will present seven talks in class according to the procedures and guidelines taught in this course:

1. Talk 1: Share a personal experience and one lesson learned from it. These will be presented on the assigned date for each student. (3 minutes maximum)
2. Talk 2: Prepare a live commercial on any fictional or non-fictional subject, product, or service that is in keeping with biblical guidelines of decency and morality. These will be presented at the assigned date for each student. (3 minutes maximum)
3. Talk 3: Prepare the **introduction to a speech**. You will not deliver the entire speech, only the introduction. You will have 1-3 minutes. **Capture the attention** of the audience so that they want to hear your whole speech using story, props, costume, surprise, questions, stunts, hands-on stuff, testimony, demonstration, or whatever creative way you can. (Don't try to do all of that!) **Do not use electronic media** like videos, slides, etc. Then declare your purpose clearly using the **purpose statement formula** with a **key word**. The introductions will be presented on the assigned date for each student. (3 minutes maximum)
4. Talk 4: Tell a story with the purpose to persuade. These stories will be presented on the assigned date for each student. (3 minutes maximum)
5. Talk 5: Present a speech to inform. Follow the guidelines for informative speeches presented in class. **Typed outlines** of your speech are due according to the date in the Course Agenda. Outlines are to be **submitted through Canvas as a Microsoft Word or Google document**. Speeches will be delivered on the assigned date for each student. (6-10 minutes)
6. Talk 6: Present a speech to persuade. Follow the guidelines for

persuasive speeches presented in class. **Typed outlines** of your speech are due according to the date in the Course Agenda. Outlines are to be **submitted through Canvas as a Microsoft Word or Google document**. Speeches will be delivered on the assigned date for each student. (6-10 minutes)

7. Talk 7: Present a Bible message. Follow the guidelines for Bible talks presented in class. Presentations disparaging the Bible or **offering reasons not to believe the Bible are not permitted** for this assignment. Even if you do not believe the Bible, you can find practical lessons to present from the Bible. **Typed outlines** of your speech are due according to the date in the Course Agenda. Outlines are to be **submitted through Canvas as a Microsoft Word or Google document**. Speeches will be delivered on the assigned date for each student. (6-10 minutes)

--If you have questions about how to submit assignments through Canvas, please call the Canvas helpdesk at: 855-976-8718, as they are available 24/7/365.

### Grading:

Class participation	10%
Talk #1	5%
Talk #2	5%
Talk #3	5%
Talk #4	5%
Talk #5+outline	20%
Talk #6+outline	20%
Talk #7+outline	15%
Exam	15%

### Course Policies:

1. Each absence will result in a lowered class participation grade. **FIVE absences for ANY reason** (including sports or school sponsored events) will result in dismissal from the class (FA grade). Students absent for school sponsored events may complete additional assignments to improve their participation grade. **Tardiness or leaving the classroom prematurely** will result in a lowered participation grade.
2. Assignments are to be ready by the beginning of class time of the due date according to the Course Agenda or the professor's instruction. As a rule, late work will not receive credit. **Speeches must be presented on**

**the date the professor assigns** for each student. Students may not trade speaking times with other students. If extreme circumstances cause a schedule conflict, the student must consult the professor prior to the due date.

3. **Students are responsible** for all materials and assignments presented in class. If a student is absent or does not understand an assignment, it is the student's responsibility to acquire the information from the professor or classmates.
4. All phones, beepers, alarms, audio/video and communication devices must be turned off or silenced during class. Playing electronic/computer games, browsing, texting, emailing, listening to music, using social media, or sleeping during class results in a zero participation grade for the day and counts as an absence. Computers/tablets/phones may be used for taking notes and student presentations.
5. Respect for fellow-students, guests, and the professor will be shown at all times. Disrespect will result in lowered participation grade and might incur discipline.
6. The Policy on Academic Integrity of CCU applies.
7. The professor reserves the right to change or amend anything in the course, schedule, assignments, or grading procedures.