

Feedback Spring 2012 SMC

Rate the class assignments and Web page

This is the 1st time I have experienced a professor with a webpage that included all of our needed paperwork beforehand. The website was simple and practical to use. It gave us everything a student would need to pass this class and I appreciated it very much. Jeff V.

Although I didn't do great on class assignments, I was able to fix my mistakes and have a much better understanding of what I was doing. These assignments prepared us for later speeches. Lia S.

Evaluate the amount of assignments given in this course

The outlines were at first quite rigorous but after I got used to it, it was second nature and it helped tremendously on the speech. Jeff V.

I think the attendance policy is appropriate because it helps in building a habit of punctuality and efficiency that is going to help us throughout life. Lia S.

I was first surprised at the strict attendance policy. Yet after finishing the course I completely understand why. If you miss one class it places the student so far behind and it is disrespectful to the other student in the class. It also shows the teacher "you don't care about your studies". Heather H.

Each speech was a great opportunity to improve my public speaking skills. I expected this course to be difficult but at the end my hard work paid off.

Commenting on progress

My entire attitude towards public speaking has changed. As a nursing student, I will need effective communication skills and I am now more opening to the thought of public speaking. I believe I have developed in a superior manner because I now have the tools to be an effective public speaker. Every one of the skills we have learned has improved in this course. Chante W.

At the beginning of the class I tried to avoid answering questions and did not feel confident giving my speeches. At the end this had changed to an entire feeling of self confidence when I now present my speech. My public speaking skills have improved dramatically. Mike M.

I don't get tense any more when I have to go up in front of the class. Anthony P.

In the past, my body language was all over the place, I didn't know what to do or where to look. I now have a much better understanding of how to use my hands to my advantage and help me elaborate on my message. Ariel M.

Most beneficial

I cannot stress enough when I say my improvement on public speaking grew from my increase in **confidence**. It is number one thing that affects a speaker and their speech. It is actually fun now to speak in front of an audience. Jeff. V.

My last assignment was the one I learned the most. I had to change my topic in a short time, but it also taught me how to manage my time. Each speech I saw my confidence increase where the last was not only the best but also was quite different. I am glad I learned the structure of the persuasive speech. Nicole C.

I used to use a lot of ums and filler words, but now they have been greatly reduced. I also have noticed my pacing has improved where I am not rushing; it really makes a difference in how my message is perceived. Heather H.

Group activities were most beneficial. We got to give our speeches before our peers and they would critique us. This helped immensely. Chima N.

After the 1st couple of speeches not only did my outline improve, but my delivery improved as well. The big difference to me was doing one speech after another speech. Justin B.

My use of language has changed dramatically. I now talk louder, with greater confidence and left behind the fear. Brenda C.

Taking notes on other people's speeches helped me to improve my speech. Luis M.

Surprised

I was surprised by the amount of research in order to fulfill the outline. It was similar to the work required in a research paper. The outline was the essence of your completed speech. Be prepared for the amount of research. Dene M.

The amount of structure speeches required surprised me. Arrive on time and make sure you turn the assignments in when they are due. Chima N.

Although it was a tough class, I felt the structure of the class along with the assignments made it a great semester. I was also amazed at how as the semester ended, the class, became much closer. Justin B.

I have had a ton of classes with e companion, but your website was the bible of the class. Anytime I was confused, I could figure out my concern by looking at the examples on your webpage which was a million times clearer and easier to understand than any e companion I had ever used. Sean F.

I was so amazed to see my classmates become so confident and improve with each speech they gave. I began to understand the teacher's message on how "a good speech

can change a person's life." I felt so honored to be in this class. I hope one day I can give a speech that will make people's life better. Xianglo L.

I found by the end of the class it was actually fun telling people what you think, care about and find entertaining. It made all the work seem worthwhile. Rocio G.

Advice

Stick with the plan even it seems really tough to overcome at first; if you keep with the course you will overcome your fears. For the maximum results concentrate from the beginning and just let go. Adel E. S.

Do not limit your ability to become a better public speaker. Always try your best because it is possible. Chante W.

I didn't expect the class to be as intense as it was but I think you are an incredible teacher. You are very involved with your students and care a lot about them. To future students I would tell them: Be prepared every single class bringing in your homework completing your reading before class. I didn't realize it required so much for one single speech, but it certainly helped me organize better. If we didn't have an outline, it would be an entire mess. Nicole C.

I think that your tolerance for mistakes was high, as a teacher you were really patient with us. New students should start early so he or she can get even better and be able to take advantage of the class. If you prepare in advance of the day you speak, you will be outstanding. Lia S.

IT'S NOT HARD. Just do the work and practice: you will not only pass the class but become a better speaker. Practicing is one of the most important things I learned from this class. Heather H.

I found the intensity and love of your students that you had as a professor was what surprised me the most. Keep up with the assignments, listen to the advice from your classmates after your speech and put them to practice in your next speech. Sam R.

If you hate going up in front of the class, just do it. I also hated it, but this class demands that you do it. The only option is to face your fear and do the job. You will be amazed with the results. Anthony P.

Students should time their speeches so they realize how long the speeches actually are and practice it with a friend to mirror the audience they'll face in the class. Amy N.

Complete all assignments way ahead of time. This will allow you the time you need to practice the delivery. Linda H.

If you just read the advice the teacher gives on each speech and makes these your goals for your next speech. It will help you grow with each and every speech. Jorge