

## COM 211 In-Class Speech Presentations

One of the things we work on in this class is to give you exposure to public speaking. Not only is it considered an essential element to the study of communication, but the ability to speak in front of audiences of all kinds and sizes is an important part of working in any business.

You will be asked to make 3 individual speech presentations.

**Impromptu Speech** (Week 6: October 3) – Each student will be asked to speak for 2 minutes on a topic provided to them at the time the speech is to be made. You will receive your topic at the beginning of class and have an opportunity to consider what you will say. Each topic will be something that you shouldn't have any problem figuring out what to say. You must be present in class on March 2 in order to receive a grade for this speech.

**Informative Speech** (Week 10: October 31) – Each student will be asked to speak for 3 minutes on a topic of their choice with the goal of either teaching or showing something to the class for which you have great interest. It's an opportunity for you to share something that you enjoy doing or knowing. A visual (slide) presentation is suggested but not required. You must be present in class on April 4 in order to receive a grade for this speech.

**“Ethical Moment” presentation** (completed throughout the semester) – Each student will be asked to make a 3-minute visual (slide) presentation on a topic that poses an ethical conflict.

- Such a conflict can be found in any issue where there are two opposing points of view and each point of view is one that someone could reasonably have.
- Examples include (DO NOT use these!) abortion, gun rights, and same-sex marriage. If possible, students should choose an issue with which they are familiar.
- Students will choose a day to present using the Google Sheets signup form appropriate for their section. You don't have to pick a topic right away but you must choose a date and write in your name. Be sure to return to the signup sheet when you know what your topic is. Do not list a topic that has already been selected.
- Each presentation should include a summary or overview of what the issue is. DO NOT advocate for a point of view in this presentation. Rather, present the issue along with the opposing points of view, including at least 3 examples of why people favor each point of view. Afterwards, there will be a discussion of the issue where fellow students' views can be heard on this issue.

You must present your “ethical moment” on the day you are scheduled in order to receive a grade for this speech.