

Grace Academy

Course Syllabus

Course

Communications 9

Synopsis

Students learn basics of public speaking skills, focusing on both content and delivery. Students practice various forms of speeches and refine their public speaking skills.

General Objectives

1. Public Speaking

Students will develop their abilities in the following types of speeches:

1. Introduction
2. Opinion
3. Personal experience
4. Demonstration
5. Information
6. Persuasion
7. Devotional

Students will develop their abilities in the following areas:

1. Overcoming fear
2. Considering the audience
3. Developing topics and content
4. Organizing and outlining
5. Determining purpose
6. Creating introduction and conclusions
7. Improving voice quality

Specific Objectives

Objective 1: COMM.HS.9.1 - Students learn basics of public speaking skills, focusing on both content and delivery.

Spiritual Principle: Students will understand that one way in which God created humans in His image was to give them complex thought, language, and communication abilities. Students will consider biblical principles and warnings concerning their communication. Students will complete a devotional speech.

Suggested Activities and Experiences: Students will be introduced to fundamentals of good public speaking. They will be exposed to sample speeches. Students will develop topics, gather information, organize and outline the information, and deliver various speeches, practicing good public speaking techniques. Special attention will be given to speech introductions and conclusions.

Fundamentals of public speaking:

1. Overcoming the natural fear of speaking in public
2. Considering the audience when preparing and delivering speeches
3. Developing topics and content through brainstorming and research
4. Organizing and outlining speeches and including transitions
5. Determining the primary purpose of each speech
6. Creating introduction and conclusions that enhance communications
7. Improving voice quality, including rate, volume, and inflection

Speeches to be delivered:

1. Introducing a person to a group
2. Expressing the speaker's personal opinion
3. Relating the speaker's personal experience
4. Demonstrating a "how to" process
5. Informing the audience
6. Persuading the audience to accept a certain idea
7. Encouraging devotion to God and His Word

Evaluation Procedures: The speeches will be evaluated based on rubrics created for each type of speech.

Resources: SIRS Knowledge Source

Sample of Text Resource: *Sound Speech: Public Speaking and Communication Studies*, BJU Press

Topical Outline and Schedule

Week	Public Speaking
1	Introduction Speech
2	Introduction Speech
3	Opinion Speech
4	Opinion Speech
5	Personal Experience Speech
6	Personal Experience Speech
7	Demonstration Speech
8	Demonstration Speech
9	Demonstration Speech
10	Informative Speech
11	Informative Speech
12	Informative Speech
13	Persuasive Speech
14	Persuasive Speech
15	Persuasive Speech
16	Devotional Speech
17	Devotional Speech