

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Public Speaking

Course #: COM* 173

Course Description: Development of poise and self-confidence in speaking before an audience. Conversational tone and clarity of expression stressed. Practice in basic ideas of public speaking: content, organization, audience appeal, and delivery. Three (3) semester hours.

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENG* 101 or ENG* 101W.

Goals: To develop effective verbal communication skills before an audience.

To develop critical listening skills.

To develop the ability to prepare speech documents which include topic and purpose statements, full outlines, and reference to presentational aids.

Outcomes: Upon completion of the course a student should be able to:

- Effectively prepare and structure speeches to meet a variety of occasions.
- Deliver speeches with poise and self-confidence.
- Appropriately integrate supporting research material and references into speeches.
- Prepare and use presentational aids appropriately.
- Listen critically and offer constructive commentary about speeches.