

A901 Speaking Academia

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1.5 AU

Pass/Fail Grade

The focus of this course is on storytelling in an academic context. Storytelling and performance skills are vital to presentation of your scholarly work. The course implements advanced principles for speaking and listening by use of sound and reasonable argument. Speech is less about speaking and more about thinking and being.

With practical exercises to foster bodily relaxation and mental clarity, you will learn to plan, develop, and execute strategic presentations of varying lengths and formats for scholarly purposes. These practical exercises will harness vital communication skills. Effective speakers must have a clear, persuasive message that can be adapted to the needs of different audiences. The course therefore offers In-depth knowledge of persuasive speaking skills and how to apply them In the academic world. These skills include creating and implementing 'elevator pitches' of various length that preview new ideas and influence examiners, advanced scholars and peers. The course also demonstrates the design of effective slides that support, and do not detract from, the speaker's performance.

In this course, you will be empowered to build a practical speaking methodology of your own and gather personal confidence through rehearsal and critique. The course moves you toward excellence in spoken presentation with the power and knowledge for best practice in displaying your work in the strongest light.

