

SPCH 1315: PUBLIC SPEAKING

Informative Speech Instructions

Time Frame: 3 to 5 minutes. Points will be deducted as stated on the rubric. If your speech is 61 or more seconds short, you will automatically earn a **zero**. In addition, please **PRACTICE** your speeches to avoid going over the required time.

Notecards: You are allowed to use **3 x 5 notecards** (**NOT TORN PIECES OF PAPER**) or a **TYPED** outline. You should only write on one side of the notecards. Do not plan to read a script for the speech or use any handwritten notebook paper/spiral.

Visual Aid: A visual aid is **required** for this speech. Visual aids include: PowerPoint/Prezi presentations, handouts, props, models, pictures, etc.

References/Sources: ***A minimum of two sources must be used in your speech.*** Students must orally cite the sources throughout the speech. References should be from a legitimate, reputable source. **Wikipedia.org is not a legitimate source.**

Critique Form/Rubric: Will be provided for each student. A copy of the rubric will accompany this assignment in Canvas/D2L.

Attire: Business Casual; classroom professional; no sleepwear/house shoes/club gear/athletic attire.

Sample Informative Speech Topics

Objects: Speeches about objects examine concrete subjects: people, animals, things, structures, and places

The Tuskegee Airmen	Benefits of Vitamins	Eiffel Tower
Planned Parenthood	Facebook	Hawaii
The Lost Boys (Teenage Vampires)	The Great White Whale	Natural Disasters

Processes: A process topic focuses on a demonstration which the speaker explains how something is done or how it takes place

How to plan the perfect date	How to buy a car	How to plan a party
	How to save money	How to change car tire
How to perform CPR	How to be romantic	How to fold napkins

Events: Discuss happenings or occasions

The Black Plague	The Great Depression	AIDS Walk
Houston Rodeo	The Manhattan Project	Wrestlemania
The Super Bowl	The Civil War	March Madness

Concepts: Speeches about concepts deal with abstract topics such as beliefs, theories, ideas, and principles

Suicide	Anger Management	Mental illness
Origins of superstitions	Bullying	Evolution
Genetic Engineering	Big Bang Theory	Love/Hate

Additional Topics *(Please note you can choose to talk about anything, not just the topics listed above. You WILL need approval from the instructor prior to choosing your own topic.*

SPCH 1315: PUBLIC SPEAKING VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS (CLARIFIED)

Time Frame: 3 to 5 minutes. Points will be deducted as stated on the rubric. If your speech is 61 or more seconds short, you will automatically earn a zero. In addition, please PRACTICE your speeches to avoid going over the required time.

Notecards: You are allowed to use 3 x 5 notecards or a TYPED outline. These will be uploaded into CANVAS with your speech. Do **not** plan to read a manuscript for the speech or use any handwritten notebook paper/spiral. ALSO, no impromptu speeches will be accepted.

Video Recording: A video recording of your speech will be required. This will be uploaded into the DROPBOX area titled INFORMATIVE SPEECH with the notecard/outlines mentioned above.

You can utilize any of the following formats for your videos:

- YouTube
- MP4
- Windows Media Formats

If the video is unable to be viewed, you will not receive a grade for this assignment.

YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE (OVER THE AGE OF 3) IN YOUR AUDIENCE!!!

Attire: Business Casual; classroom professional; no sleepwear/house shoes/club gear/athletic attire.

**PRESENTATIONS WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED BY
SUNDAY, JULY 28 @ 11:59PM
NO EXCEPTIONS**