

DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH

NAME OF COURSE: SPEECH & DRAMA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Students interested in developing or strengthening their skills in public speaking and dramatic presentation will benefit from this course. In the drama component of the course, students will receive instruction that will enable them to develop scenes and to present themselves in various improvisational and role-playing situations. Through the speech component, students will learn the steps involved in various kinds of speeches. Students will also receive instruction that will enable them to write and present various types of speeches including speeches to inform or persuade, and after-dinner speeches. Students may take this course as a ½ credit elective or as part of the fifth-year English sequence.

MAJOR TOPICS

- Declamation (Individual Speeches on a topic of their choosing)
- Dramatic performance
- Oral interpretation
- Extemporaneous speaking
- Improvisation

REQUIREMENTS

- Active participation
- Projects
- Presentations
- Constructive feedback to class mates

GRADING PROCEDURE

Grades depend upon major presentations, projects, class participation and homework.