

## **Oral communication threads**

*In order to satisfy general education requirements each student must complete one course designated as an oral communication (OC) thread. These courses will be offered to provide practice in important communication skills for all Meredith students. Opportunities for both individual and group presentation experiences will be offered. The skills involved in clear and confident oral communication are integral to responsible citizenship and professional practice.*

## **Criteria**

*Courses in the Oral Communication thread will*

1. include at least 2 original and individual oral presentations with opportunities for feedback from peers and professor;
2. offer regular opportunities for students to engage in group discussion;
3. provide feedback to students using an evaluation form to assess the presentation;
4. assure that a substantial portion of the final grade is determined by oral communication.

## **Student learning outcomes**

*Upon completion of an Oral Communications thread course students will be able to*

1. employ current research tools and strategies;
2. write and organize thoughts appropriate for the context;
3. speak clearly, cogently, and aptly both individually and as part of a group;
4. select rhetorical strategies appropriate for her audience;
5. listen actively for denotative and connotative meaning.

**Note:** Workshops will be available to faculty offering instruction on individual presentational skills, written presentation models, and evaluation forms for assessing presentation skills. All instruction will be inclusive of context, audience, and disciplinary diversity.