General Education Oral Communications Skills Courses

In order to provide practice in important communication skills, students must complete one course designated as oral communication (OC). The skills involved in clear and confident oral communication are integral to responsible citizenship and professional practice.

Course Designation Criteria

Oral Communication skills courses will:

1. Offer instruction in effective oral communication skills and provide peer and instructor feedback. The course proposal must describe how this instruction and feedback will be given.

2. Provide a rubric to show how a student’s oral communication activities will be assessed by the instructor for grading purposes. The General Education Committee has designed a rubric that must be used to assess OC courses for the purposes of general education assessment (available at: http://www.meredith.edu/academics/general_education/faculty_and_staff_resources ). The instructor may or may not choose to use this rubric for grading purposes.

3. Include assignments such as individual or group speeches, interviews, debates, role playing, and/or class discussion. Require multiple OC assignments and activities that involve speaking to an audience. Oral communication assignments must count for at least 20% of the grade.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of an OC designated course students will

1. Exhibit competence in presentation style and delivery,

2. Structure information and ideas effectively, and

3. Present disciplinary content accurately and appropriately for audience and context.