

**COURSE NUMBER:** 501  
**COURSE TITLE:** Speech II  
**COURSE LENGTH:** Semester, One Credit  
**PREREQUISITE:** Speech

**GRADE LEVEL:** 10, 11, 12

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The course will provide instruction in individual and group competitive speech activities. Individual activities include impromptu speaking, improvisation, after-dinner speaking, interpretation of prose and poetry, storytelling, dramatic and humorous acting, and radio news. Group events include ensemble acting, readers theater, choral reading, group/solo mime, group improvisation, and TV news.

**This course cannot be used to fulfill the speech requirement.** This course is an elective for students who want further speech/communication instruction beyond the required speech class.

**COURSE RATIONALE:**

Working with vast amounts of information and processing this information into intelligent, well-reasoned statements, and communicating them clearly and effectively are desirable skills in the workplace.

**METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:**

Activities are presented in units of two or three types of presentations, and students have a choice of which type to present during each unit.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Approximately 50% of the grade is based on oral presentations based on the criteria established by IHSSA and the National Forensic League judging guidelines. 10% is based on written critiques of classmate performances, 20% preparation of performance literature, and 20% on class participation, tests, quizzes, and related assignments.

**CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:**

1. to develop effective speaking techniques
2. to develop methods of self and peer evaluation
3. to become familiar with different types of competitive speech presentations
4. to become familiar with literature of all types through the selection of presentation materials
5. to foster an appreciation of the written and spoken word
6. to develop poise, confidence, and effective delivery of ideas