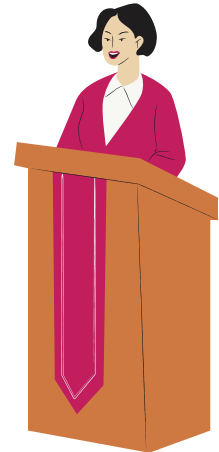


# Public Speaking & Personal Development

## Overview

This course will expose students to the realities of the professional world. We will work with students to develop the skills required to be a confident speaker amongst small, and large groups. Students will cultivate the skill set needed to deliver and interpret verbal and nonverbal messages. Students will master an array of research methods that can apply to public speaking as well as other academic and social spaces. Moreover, students will have the opportunity to sharpen their critical thinking and listening skills while preparing for speeches, and while being the audience for others. Furthermore, students will develop the self-awareness to understand their habits whilst speaking amongst an audience. Lastly, students will be challenged by monthly goals that the he/she and the instructor will work towards.



## Objectives

- Foster confidence in ability to speak eloquently to groups of people
- Develop public speaking skills
- Improve research skills, critical thinking, and argument construction

## Structure

- Introduce the concept of public speaking and learn about charismatic/well known speakers world
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- Understand the various steps required in speech planning & begin to brainstorm speech topics & ideas
- Analysis and Reflection: Dissect famous speeches to learn about their strengths and weaknesses
- TED Talk analysis: watch, review and analyze a TED talk
- Learn about different research platforms, how to do efficient research and begin creating a detailed plan
- Finalize the detailed plan and begin practicing, and developing different practice strategies
  - Deliver speeches to an audience
- Study the nature of impromptu speaking
  - Article Imitation: Read, review and analyse an article and create an impromptu speech
- Practice debating with instructor

