



HUMS1006

Presentation and Communication Skills

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Course Overview

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The School of the Arts and Media would like to Respectfully Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Bedegal (Kensington campus), Gadigal (City and Art & Design Campuses) and the Ngunnawal people (Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra) of the lands where each campus of UNSW is located.

Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

Find your voice and speak with confidence. Tell a story, pitch a concept, engage an audience and share ideas. In this course, you will learn how to make your mark in the world. You will develop skills in presentation and communication used by influential leaders, compelling storytellers and effective presenters. You will study storytelling by leading actors, motivational speeches by powerful communicators, and public speaking in professional practice. Practical workshops will introduce you to techniques of audience awareness, physical presence and vocal projection. By following examples and rehearsing in class, you will develop the confidence to present your ideas in an authentic voice and communicate your message with clarity and conviction.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. describe and evaluate how presenters communicate in a range of genres and contexts
2. analyze and apply presentation techniques in vocal projection, physical presence, audience awareness, and clear communication
3. plan, rehearse and deliver an engaging presentation for an audience
4. respond constructively to presentations given by others

Teaching Strategies

The lectures survey the genres and contexts of oral communication, public speaking and creative presentation in professional practice and social life. They also address key concepts, issues and approaches in creating effective presentations. In this teacher-led strategy, learning will be example-driven, providing a model for how students can develop presentation skills by studying great presentations given by influential leaders, talented performers, and compelling storytellers.

The tutorials provide an interactive learning environment for students to develop presentation skills through practical exercises and immediate feedback. Practical activities taught in a workshop-mode introduce students to techniques of audience awareness, physical presence and vocal projection. By following examples and rehearsing in class, students will develop the confidence to present their own stories in an authentic voice and communicate messages with clarity and conviction. This a practice-based strategy for learning-by-doing. The tutorials also provide the context for the first assessment task: In-class and online exercises, 2 x 3 minute presentations, one recorded (audio or video), one live. Students re-perform a great speech recorded by an actor, politician or leader. In a second task, students improve the performance of a 'bad' presentation. Both task provide opportunities to describe how presenters communicate and embody techniques.

The online content is for personalised, self-directed learning. Students are offered a menu of online content from which they choose a personalised sequence relevant to their own professional context and individual learning needs. Students will complete a set number of modules from the menu. The menu will include content and learning activities in three streams: (1) presentation genres (dramatic monologues, great speeches, storytelling, stand-up comedy, political speeches, elevator pitches, keynote presentations, business presentations, ceremonial speeches and so on); (2) aspects of presentation technique (oral rhetoric, vocal projection, acting technique, audience address, speaking to camera, listening and asking questions, improvisation and so on); and (3) examples of presentations, both

effective and 'bad', relevant to the professional contexts and discipline of the students. The online learning feeds into the second assessment task: an analytical report on a case study, 1,500 words. Students write a report analyzing context, genre and techniques in a presentation chosen from a list of live and recorded examples. The report provides an opportunity for students to evaluate how presenters communicate and to analyze their technique.

The final assessment task is a student-led learning strategy. Each student prepares an original presentation in a specific genre, drawing on content that is relevant to them. They deliver the presentation either live in class, or as a recording suitable for online distribution, demonstrating the skills they have acquired during the course. They are also required to respond constructively to presentations given by others and provide feedback to their peers. 6 minute or 900 words equivalent.

Assessment

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
In-class and Online Exercises	20%	Not Applicable	1, 2
Analytical Report	40%	Not Applicable	1, 2
Presentation	40%	Not Applicable	2, 3, 4

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: In-class and Online Exercises

Length: 2 x 2-3 minute in-class presentations

Details:

2 x 2-3 minute in-class presentations facilitated by online modules (20% total) Feedback: Rubric indicating level of performance against each assessment criteria, written formative feedback, and percentage grade.

Additional details:

Length: 2 presentations, between 2 and 3 minutes each Details: 2 x 3 minute presentations. One recorded (audio or video), one live. Rubric indicating level of performance against each assessment criteria, written formative feedback, and percentage grade. Additional details: Assessment 1.1 is presented in tutorial on Tuesday 19 January. All students present this live in-class or live online in real-time. Assessment 1.2 presented in tutorial on Friday 22 January. You may choose to present this live in-class or pre-recorded on video. Please see further information on Moodle regarding these assessment tasks.

Assessment 2: Analytical Report

Length: 3 x 500 word analytical reports

Details:

3 x 500 word analytical reports (40%) – uploaded via Turnitin. Rubric indicating level of performance against each assessment criteria, written formative feedback, and percentage grade.

Additional details:

Length: 3 x 500 words Details: Case study. In-depth analysis. 1,500 words total. Rubric indicating level of performance against each assessment criteria, written formative feedback, and percentage grade. Additional details: Assessment 2.1 due Wednesday 20 January by 5:00pm. Assessment 2.2 due Monday

25 January by 5:00pm. Assessment 2.3 due Monday 1 February by 5:00pm.

Assessment 3: Presentation

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 6 minute (900 word equivalent) presentation

Details:

6 minute (900 word equivalent) presentation, either live or recorded (40%) Rubric indicating level of performance against each assessment criteria, written formative feedback, and percentage grade.

Additional details:

Assessment 3 is presented in either the lecture or the tutorial on day 6 of the course, Friday 29 January. Students will be invited to choose whether to present in the lecture or tutorial. You may choose to present Assessment 3 live in-class or pre-recorded on video. You must present Assessment 3 live in-class if you presented Assessment 1.2 pre-recorded on video. See additional notes on Moodle regarding this assessment.

Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

Course Schedule

[View class timetable](#)

Timetable

Date	Type	Content
4 January - 8 January		Online Course Preparation
11 January - 15 January		Online Course Preparation
18 January - 22 January	Topic	Listening/Engaging – lecture + tutorial
	Topic	Speaking/Voicing – lecture + tutorial
	Online Activity	Online Learning
	Topic	Behaving/Embodying – lecture + tutorial
	Topic	Storying/Affecting – lecture + tutorial
25 January - 29 January	Online Activity	Online Learning
	Topic	Public Holiday
	Topic	Mediating/Projecting – lecture + tutorial
	Homework	Individual Preparation
	Topic	Presenting/Responding – lecture + tutorial

Resources

Prescribed Resources

Provided via moodle and UNSW Library.

Recommended Resources

Provided via moodle and UNSW Library.

Course Evaluation and Development

HUMS1006 ran for the first time in Summer 2017-2018. It was designed to teach effective presentation skills to students from diverse disciplines and to provide you with integrated digital and physical learning experiences that aim to help you become more confident, skilled presenters.

Previous year's students responded positively to the learning experience and last year we increased enrolments in response to student interest. Here's some of the feedback we received from students last year:

- "Engaging, fun, informative and practical – I think every student should be required to do this course, it really scaffolds and supports the student and helps you grow to feel comfortable and natural in your own style of presentation."
- "The presentation component of assessments is the best, and the instant feedbacks from tutor are very useful."
- "Presentation skills are really essential in future career, and I'm very glad there is a course teaching it systematically."

In 2020 we offered offering the same intensively-taught learning framework, but we staggered the learning so that it takes place across 12 days rather than 10 days. You will have more time to complete assessment tasks, but will still be able to finish the course in a concise period. We refined some of the lecture content, adjusted the tutorial plans and added some new examples to the online content. We also adjusted some tutorial activities to support students learning online.

At the end of the course, we will ask you for your feedback. We value you feedback as this helps us improve on the course each time it is run.

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

Copying: using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices:

- Paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing and time management
- Appropriate use of and attribution for a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

Individual assistance is available on request from The Learning Centre (<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/>). Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library also has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise>

Academic Information

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

<https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/>

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