

Department of Communication Speech Waiver (10/2022)



The Speech Waiver program allows those students who have had previous experience learning about and giving speeches an opportunity to bypass the required Comm 110 course (*Introduction to Public Speaking*).

For students who are waived from the course, their AR will have the Comm 110 “unbolded” and appear as fulfilled, BUT the 3 credits the class is worth do NOT count toward the 120 credits needed for graduation. You may NOT enroll in this program if you are currently enrolled in the Comm 110 course.

The speech waiver is completed in two stages:

STAGE 1: Completing an online course via Canvas

- First, students will contact the Coordinator, Tammy French at frencht@uww.edu to explain their previous public speaking experience.
- There is a \$20 fee for attempting the Speech Waiver. This waiver fee will turn up in the student's WINS account; once that has been paid electronically, a copy of the receipt can be emailed to Tammy (frencht@uww.edu).
- The class includes six modules, each of which has material to read and sample speeches to watch. Each module has a reading, a quiz and videos to watch.
- You may enroll in this course anytime early in the semester, but ALL requirements of this course must be met by the end of the 7th week or otherwise you will have “failed” this course and you will not be allowed to proceed any further.
- After all material has been read, watched, and all quizzes have been completed, you should contact Tammy French at frencht@uww.edu or 262-424-1720. She will verify your course completion then schedule you for your persuasive speech.

STAGE 2: Delivering a persuasive speech to Communication Faculty members (students will be expected to post a video to the online Canvas course)

- The persuasive speech is expected to be 5-7 minutes with at least five sources, and may not be read. (The specific expectations for this speech are explained in detail at the end of the Canvas course). The evaluators for this speech will be three Department of Communication faculty members.
- It is important to note that since by this point the student will have successfully passed the online waiver course, it is fully expected that the student will implement almost all of the strategies and skills discussed and exemplified in the course. Failing to successfully meet these requirements will result in a failure to pass this stage of the waiver process, and therefore will necessitate your enrollment in the *Introduction to Public Speaking 110* (the persuasive speech may only be attempted once).

Questions? Contact Tammy French, Basic Course Coordinator, at frencht@uww.edu or 262-472-1720