

Speech Syllabus Fall 2024 with 2025 (Dates Only)

Week	Topic	Homework (all students)	Other notes	Advanced Students
August 26, 2024	Intro to public speaking and communication; demonstration of parts of speeches	Look over speech events: Pick one interpretive, one platform, one limited preparation speech you may want to pursue this semester.	Drama game and speech exercises.	Look at fall tournament calendar and make list of what speeches and which tournaments you'd like to do.
Sept 2: no club, Labor Day			Consider attending the Apologetics conference at Union Saturday, Sept. 7.	Consider attending the Union U Apologetics Conference Saturday, Sept. 7 if you're interested in Apologetics competition
Sept. 9, 2024	The Wild Card: Slam poetry	Pick out two poems on a theme that interests you to bring to class for next week.	Drama game and speech exercises	Watch Slam Poetry examples and consider reading your selected pieces in class Sept. 16.
Sept. 16, 2024	Introduce interpretive speeches. Practice poetry and talk about differences between interpretive and the wild card event.	Choose 2-3 possible pieces for an interpretive event and bring to class Sept. 23.	Drama game and speech exercises. Play Reverse Charades.	Set goals for the semester and year.
Sept. 23, 2024	Cutting a story and characterization	Work on cutting an interp into a story arc.	Parent meeting this week	Watch blocking videos. If you've done platform speeches, consider sharing your written speeches and demonstrating parts of them for next class. Reading speeches is helpful for newer students.
Sept. 30, 2024	Platform speeches: content, thesis, and sources.	Choose a topic for a platform speech, find sources	Continue to work on slam poetry, interp pieces you have chosen.	
Oct. 7, 2024	Platforms: content, thesis, and sources	Draft a thesis, develop outline, do research	Look at platform ballots	Watch some winning platform speeches as assigned
Oct. 14, 2024	Limited prep speeches: Mars Hill, Apologetics, Impromptu, Extemporaneous.	Pick a limited prep event. Continue writing your platform, interp, and wild card	For chosen limited prep event, create at least three files for it. Three apologetics cards, three Mars Hill pages, some extemporaneous files, OR impromptu "themes" to bring to class.	Build your tools for whatever limited prep you plan to work on: apologetics cards, Mars Hill notebook, Extemporaneous files, stories/quotes/anecdotes/themes for impromptu
Oct. 21, 2024	Speeches and delivery skills.	Begin tournament prep on platforms, interps, limited prep, wild card.	Get with a partner from speech class and "zoom" your in-progress speeches for them	Be ready to demonstrate parts of your working speeches in club
Oct. 28, 2024	Mastering memorization and completing script submission	Complete work on script submissions. Memorize.	May need parents to attend for script submission details	Assignments to come
Nov. 4, 2024	Practice speech rounds in club and tournament preparation	Invite people to be community judges. Work on memorization, blocking.	Possible round robin for speech events. Need parents to help.	Assignments to come
Nov. 11, 2024	Practice, practice—deliver speeches for parents and each other during club.	Tournament		
Nov. 14-16 Fall Tournament	Participate in tournament either as a competitor or observer.			Study your ballots and be ready to discuss.
Nov. 18, 2024	Recap tournament: learning and goals for improvement	Start thinking about next tournament. What to change? Any speeches or events to add? Set new goals.		
Nov. 25, 2024 (no club)				

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Dec. 2, 2024	More on limited prep and wild card—review goals	Work on adding a new speech or limited prep event to your repertoire for next semester or any January tournaments		Review where you are on your goals for the year. Make any revisions going forward. Do you want to try to earn the Founders' Award?
Dec. 9, 2024	Practice and party		Consider what tournaments you'd like to do for spring semester	
Christmas break				
Jan. 6, 2025	TO COME			
Jan. 13, 2025				
Jan. 20, 2025				
Jan. 27, 2025				
Feb. 3, 2025				
Feb. 6-8 Music City Match tentative dates				
Feb. 10, 2025				
Feb. 17, 2025				
Feb. 24, 2025				
March 3, 2025				
March 10, 2025				
March 17, 2025				
March 25 Rally. Day tentative date				
March 31, 2025				
April 7, 2025				
April 14, 2025				
NITOC prep meetings start April 21, 2025				
April 28, 2025				
May 5, 2025				
May 12, 2025				
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Week	Novice Students
August 26, 2024	Explore the Stoa website and look at the events. Watch some videos of Stoa speeches that I will link for you.
Sept 2: no club, Labor Day	
Sept. 9, 2024	Watch slam poetry examples
Sept. 16, 2024	Watch interpretive speech videos from selections
Sept. 23, 2024	Watch some videos on what makes a story (as assigned).
Sept. 30, 2024	
Oct. 7, 2024	Extra: Read some platform speeches from previous Stoa competitions
Oct. 14, 2024	Practice some impromptu speeches with family, using prompts sent home. Watch some impromptu tips on video that I will send.
Oct. 21, 2024	Assignments to com
Oct. 28, 2024	Assignments to come
Nov. 4, 2024	Assignments to come
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Nov. 14-16 Fall Tournament	If you competed, read your ballots and make notes. If you observed, be ready to share some of what you learned from the speeches.
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