

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Rubric

1,000 POINTS

Name _____	Member Number _____
Chapter _____	State _____

Indicators	Very strong evidence of skill 5–4 points	Moderate evidence of skill 3–2 points	Weak evidence of skill 1–0 points	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
Oral Communication – 300 points						
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples are vivid, precise and clearly explained. Examples are original, logical and relevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples are usually concrete, sometimes need clarification. Examples are effective, but need more originality or thought. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples are abstract or not clearly defined. Examples are sometimes confusing, leaving the listeners with questions. 		X 10	
Speaking without hesitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks very articulately without hesitation. Never has the need for unnecessary pauses or hesitation when speaking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks articulately but sometimes hesitates. Occasionally has the need for a long pause or moderate hesitation when speaking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks articulately but frequently hesitates. Frequently hesitates or has long, awkward pauses while speaking. 		X 10	
Tone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate tone is consistent. Speaks at the right pace to be clear. Pronunciation of words is very clear and intent is apparent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate tone is usually consistent. Speaks at the right pace most of the time, but shows some nervousness. Pronunciation of words is usually clear, sometimes vague. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has difficulty using an appropriate tone. Pace is too fast; nervous. Pronunciation of words is difficult to understand; unclear. 		X 10	
Connecting and articulating facts and issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemplary in connecting facts and issues and articulating how they impact the issue locally and globally. Possesses a strong knowledge base and effectively articulates information regarding related facts and current issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient in connecting facts and issues and articulating how they impact the issue locally and globally. Possesses a good knowledge base and for the most part, articulates information regarding related facts and current issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has difficulty with connecting facts and issues and articulating how they impact the issue locally and globally. Possesses some knowledge base but is unable to articulate information regarding related facts and current issues. 		X 30	
Oral Communications Total						
Non-verbal Communication – 400 points						
Attention (eye contact)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye contact constantly used as an effective connection. Constantly looks at the entire audience (90–100% of the time). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye contact is mostly effective and consistent. Mostly looks around the audience (60–80% of the time). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye contact does not always allow connection with the speaker. Occasionally looks at someone or some groups (less than 50% of the time). 		X 20	
Mannerisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not have distracting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes has distracting mannerisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has mannerisms that pull from the 		X 20	

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	mannerisms that affect effectiveness. • No nervous habits.	that pull from the presentation. • Sometimes exhibits nervous habits or ticks.	effectiveness of the presentation. • Displays some nervous habits — fidgets or anxious ticks.			
Gestures	• Gestures are purposeful and effective. • Hand motions are expressive and used to emphasize talking points. • Great posture (confident) with positive body language.	• Usually uses purposeful gestures. • Hands are sometimes used to express or emphasize. • Occasionally slumps; sometimes negative body language.	• Occasionally gestures are used effectively. • Hands are not used to emphasize talking points; hand motions are sometimes distracting. • Lacks positive body language; slumps.		X 20	
Well-poised	• Extremely well-poised. • Poised and in control at all times	• Usually well-poised. • Poised and in control most of the time; rarely loses composure	• Isn't always well-poised. • Sometimes seems to lose composure.		X 20	
Non-verbal Communication Total						
Indicators	Very strong evidence of skill 5–4 points	Moderate evidence of skill 3–2 points	Weak evidence of skill 1–0 points	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
Question Points – 300 points						
Supportive details/facts	• Speaks unrehearsed mostly with comfort and ease. • Speaks quickly with organized thoughts and concise accurate answers.	• Speaks unrehearsed mostly with comfort and ease, but sometimes seems to lack supporting details. • Sometime gets off focus and uses less concise facts and examples.	• Shows nervousness or seems unprepared when speaking unrehearsed. • Seems to ramble or speaks before thinking. • Inaccurate or incomplete details.		X 30	
Being detail-oriented	• Stays fully focused and detail-oriented. • Always provides details that support the issue; is well organized.	• Stays mostly focused and detail-oriented. • Usually provides details that are supportive of the issue; displays good organizational skills.	• Difficulty staying focused and detail-oriented. • Sometimes overlooks details that could be very beneficial to the issue; lacks organization.		X 30	
Questions Points						
<i>Non-verbal Communication Total Points</i>						
<i>Oral Communication Total Points</i>						
Time Deduction*						
NET TOTAL POINTS						
RANK						

* –1 point per second under four minutes or over six minutes as determined by the timekeepers.