Your University Speaking Center (USC) provides support for all speakers in developing and strengthening their oral communication competencies. The USC assists speakers of all levels and provides services for UNCG students, faculty, employees, and members of the surrounding Greensboro community. One-on-one or in groups, you will have the opportunity to work on all areas of public, interpersonal, and group communication while receiving feedback that will help build confidence and competence in your own communication.

The USC website features numerous resources to assist you and is available 24/7. You will find numerous guides, scholarly works, tip sheets, and educational resources about communication that allow you to work on your speaking skills from any location.

To live chat, get in touch, or learn more about USC services, visit us at speakingcenter.uncg.edu!

Are you an English Language Learner or Non-Native Speaker of English looking for a place on campus where you can practice your English speaking skills in a supportive environment? In supporting interpersonal communication competency, the USC provides a space where you can work with Native Speakers of English in one-on-one consultations to improve your communication skills and build your confidence in speaking English. Consultants can work with you as you practice the language and also help you in considering nonverbal elements of conversation such as eye contact, gestures, facial expressions, use of space, silence, body movement, cultural artifacts, clothing, and gender differences.
Looking for a safe and helpful place on campus to practice speaking and receive helpful feedback? Do you have questions about how to write and deliver oral presentations, or concerns about the best way to communicate in groups? Wherever you are in your speaking process, the USC is here to provide a judgment-free space and helpful consultants who will focus on the personal and professional oral communication goals you’ve set for yourself.

The USC offers both in-person and online consultation appointments in which you can sharpen your oral communication competencies, from the initial planning stages of a speech all the way to the final presentation. You will have the opportunity to record yourself speaking, allowing you to observe how you appear to an audience and make adjustments. By collaborating with USC consultants, you’ll learn more about becoming an effective communicator and how you can develop positive speaking habits that will serve you in school, the workplace and beyond.

Are you interested in having your class learn more about USC services and the elements of effective public speaking? At the request of UNCG faculty members or other campus organizations, the USC will present a 10-15 minute informative orientation that covers the process of speech making and how we can support speakers every step of the way. During these orientation tours, students will also get to see the USC space, becoming familiar with its location on campus and the variety of resources we have available to assist them.

Would you enjoy working in a group environment led by an experienced communication consultant? The USC offers several Strictly Speaking Workshops each year focusing on popular communication topics. By attending these workshops, not only will you learn more about your speaking style and areas to improve upon, you’ll also be equipped with the techniques and resources you need to succeed. Subjects covered in these workshops include public speaking anxiety, proficiency in PowerPoint and other presentation software, communication in the workplace, interviewing techniques, interpersonal communication tips, and many more. These workshops are open to the public and are free to attend. More information on the workshops, including registration forms, are available on our website at speakingcenter.uncg.edu. No internet access? Give us a call and we will help you register.

Is there a specific element of public speaking or a key communication concept you would like to focus on in your courses? The USC works with faculty members to develop and facilitate workshops on the oral communication competencies that are important to them. By request, the USC will meet with faculty members to identify the public, interpersonal, or group communication skills that are vital to their courses and then develop student-centered interactive learning modules covering these subjects. Sample topics include persuasive speaking, facilitating group discussions, turning papers into presentations, effective PowerPoint techniques, and many other subjects.

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