

Script for Audio: Form and Online Connection, Part 1

Hello and welcome to Speech 212 – I'm your instructor, Michelle Dawson.

Let me start by saying, I know you may be dreading this course. Studies have shown that three out of four people are more afraid of public speaking than of death itself. If you fall into that category, I completely understand.

Although you may be approaching this course with a bit of anxiety – be assured that you and your classmates are all in this together. Whether you have prior speaking experience or not, this course will help you to become a better communicator. And as your instructor, I'm here to serve as your personal speech coach.

Now regardless of your skill level, you will no doubt have to step out of your comfort zone. It will be worth it. Good communication skills are essential not only for the your college courses, but in your career, and in your life.

We're going to be covering proven techniques to lessen your anxiety and build your speaking skills. So, whether you want to be here or not - welcome. I'm glad you're here – and I look forward to helping you be successful.