

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Great Speeches

**Course #:** COM 114

**Course Description:** 3credits: An online course which studies famous and not-so-famous speeches. The speeches have been chosen according to their relevance to today's world, whether they be about subjects we deal with or situations that laid the foundation for today's society. They may include formal presentations, sermons, and eulogies. Emphasis will be placed on the method of crafting a meaningful, powerful speech. Although a text will be used, students will also witness some of the speeches online.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** Eligibility for ENG\*101 (through success in developmental classes or satisfactory scores on placement tests)

**Goals:**

- To develop the students' recognition of good speeches.
- To create the opportunity for students to listen to a number of speeches online, whether they are presented by the author of the speech or by another artist.
- To help the students to explore the historical context of the speeches studied.
- To increase the students' knowledge of the technique of effective speech writing.

**Outcomes:**

Upon completion of Great Speeches, a student should be able to:

- Listen critically to speeches with a wide range of topics.
- Analyze speeches to determine rhetoric.
- Work with other students online to evaluate speeches.
- Explore historical context of speeches.
- Write a speech which contains the tools which help to create a good speech.