APPLICATION for PETITION to TEST OUT OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

(must be submitted by Friday the last day before drop/add period has ended, or the petition will be reconsidered the following semester)

Name:
Major:
Year in School:

When was the most recent time you gave a public speech?
Length?
Audience size?
Audience composition?
Speech Topic?
Specific purpose?
Evidence of success?

What range of prior speaking experiences do you have? Please provide information about the range of your experiences in terms of audience sizes and composition, speech lengths and genres, modes of delivery, and topics/occasions, organized according to the following categories:

1. Informative?
2. Persuasive?
3. Epideictic?

What was the longest speech you have given?

What is the shortest formal speech you have given?
What prior training in speaking have you had?

What theoretical materials (textbooks, or prior coursework, or video-based resources) are you familiar with in relation to speech?

You will need to prove that you have sufficient mastery of public speaking via three steps. In addition to providing satisfactory breadth of background experiences here, you will be asked to come to the Communication department and address written questions to ensure adequate cognitive understanding of what and why speech requires. This written component must be completed by the fourth week of the semester. Assuming the written materials are satisfactory, we will require documentation that you have successful prior speaking experience, presumably by supplying a digital video of yourself presenting to a suitable audience. Finally, you will need to demonstrate your ability to give a public speech to which the audience reaction is favorable, by doing a five-minute persuasive speech before a live audience. We will provide a live audience opportunity on April 2nd at 1:00 pm. The speech will be judged by at least three members of the Communication Department. If you pass with a B+ or higher on the speech, then we will accept that as evidence that you do not need to take the introductory speech class, and you will be allowed to comp out of it.