Oral/Written Communication Skills

Successful communication entails articulating thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms to persons inside and outside of the organization. The well-prepared individual has confident public speaking skills; is able to understandably express ideas to others; and can write/edit memos, letters, and complete complex technical assignments clearly and effectively.

Do you use professional language in your emails to professors and supervisors?

In how many classes have you given oral presentations (with feedback) each semester? Have you taken Public Speaking (COMM 104)?

How many pages of writing have you done in each of your classes? Given the feedback that you are getting from your professors, are those papers improving?

Here are some examples of how you can enhance your communications skills with your political science degree:

List of classes with oral presentations

List of classes that require at least 20 pages of writing with feedback/rewriting

Additional Opportunities include:

- Mock Trial – POLI 119
- Model United Nations – POLI 379
- Political Science Club
- Study Abroad
- William V. Moore Student Research Conference

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