

Effective Academic Speaking Skills

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Subclass A

Date: December 14, 2023 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Venue: Main Campus, HKU

Subclass B

Date: December 15, 2023 (Friday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Venue: Main Campus, HKU

Overview

This workshop aims to provide students an opportunity to practice speaking about their research to an educated, non-specialist audience. It is designed as a practice, rather than input, session. Key areas of focus will be on:

- academic English language usage
- audience awareness
- clear organisation
- delivery

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the workshop, students will be more aware of the key features of effective academic speaking in the presentation context. More specifically, students will have a clearer idea of areas that they need to improve.

Learning Activities

This is a 3-hour workshop and each student will need to prepare a three-minute presentation in advance. Slides may be used. In the first half of the workshop, students will present their research in a small group format. In the second half of the workshop, students will present individually to the whole class. Peer and instructor feedback, both written and spoken, will be provided, highlighting generic and individual areas to improve.

Remarks

Participants should possess a general level of proficiency in spoken English. Prior to the workshop, students are highly recommended to watch the presentations of the [Three Minute Thesis Competition](#) developed by the University of Queensland. Students will find it helpful to take this workshop together with the workshop *Effective Conference Preparation and Participation*.

