

## ABSTRACT

***Etti Rahayu. 2018. Students' Perception toward the Effectiveness of Public Speaking Class to Support their Speaking Practice (A Descriptive Research at the Fifth Semester Students of English Department in Makassar Muhammadiyah University).*** Thesis of English Department. The Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. Supervised by Nur Qalby and Radiah Hamid.

This study aimed to find out how perception of the students about the Public Speaking Class to support their speaking practice at the Fifth Semester Students of English Department in Makassar Muhammadiyah University in the Academic Year 2017/2018 from BG.VD

The researcher applied Descriptive Qualitative Method as design method because it was comparable to collect the data from the students' perception, and gave questionnaire to collecting the data. The sample of this research was BG.VD class of Makassar Muhammadiyah University which consisted of 34 students. The sample was taken by used Purposive Sampling Technique.

Based on findings, it finds that students gave the positive perception toward implementation of Public Speaking Class to measure the effectiveness of Public Speaking Class to support their speaking practice. The positive response came from their experience in learning Public Speaking. They enjoyed learning process because they can speaking practice in front of audience, express their idea, feeling and also most of students is believe that public speaking class have got many benefits for students to improve their speaking skill especially their fluency.

**Key words:** Student's Perceptions, Public Speaking Class, Speaking Practice