## **ABSTRACT**

ADRIAN ADIWINATA, 2017. The Students' Perception towards the Effectiveness of Public Speaking Subject to Support their Speaking Skill. A thesis of English Education Department Faculty of Teacher Training and Education University of Muhammadiyah Makassar. Supervisor by Erwin Akib, and Muhammad Astrianto Setiadi.

This study aimed to find out: (1) the students' perceive about the effectiveness of public speaking subject, (2) how can the public speaking subject support their speaking skill.

The data collection was conducted from February to April 2017. The data was collected from 39 students of English Education Department in academic year 2016/2017 from BG.IVA class of Public Speaking Subject.

This study used qualitative research design in collecting data. The instrument which was used to collect the data was interview. The interview was distributed to 39 students of English Education Department in academic year 2016/2017. The items of the interview were some questions as qualitative interview.

Based on the findings, it finds that students gave the positive perception toward the implementation of public speaking subject to measure the effectiveness of public speaking subject to support their speaking skill. Moreover, the students claimed that they have got many advantages during the implementation of public speaking subject. This study also found out that this strategy was needed to be improved by the lecturers in terms of giving instruction, observing the class and evaluating the implementation of public speaking subject.

**Keywords**: Perception, Speaking Skill, Public Speaking Subject.