

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Effective communication is one of the most essential and valuable skills a student can develop. In both academic and professional settings, strong oral communication skills are consistently ranked among the most critical for success.

The Communication Studies program is designed to help students strengthen their communication abilities across a variety of contexts. Coursework includes topics such as public speaking, group discussion, argumentation, interpersonal and intercultural communication, and mass media. Through this program, students gain the tools to interpret diverse messages and convey ideas clearly and confidently.

A foundation in Communication Studies enhances any career path. Graduates are well-prepared for professions in business, public relations, human resources, advertising, education, social and human services, the entertainment industry, and law (with further legal education). This program equips students to thrive in today's diverse and dynamic communication environments.

COMM C1000 Introduction to Public Speaking 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL C1000

In this course, students learn and apply foundational rhetorical theories and techniques of public speaking in a multicultural democratic society. Students discover, develop, and critically analyze ideas in public discourse through research, reasoning, organization, composition, delivery to a live audience and evaluation of various types of speeches, including informative and persuasive speeches.

Catalog Notes: Prior to Common Course Numbering, this course was known as COMM V01.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: 1B

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

Cal-GETC 1C

COMM V02 Introduction to Communication Studies 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: COMM 180

This course will introduce students to the field of Communication Studies. Communication theories and foundational principles of communication will help students recognize and use this complex, dynamic, and often misunderstood process. Students will explore the various contexts of communication such as interpersonal, intercultural, gender, and group communication.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: 4, B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

Cal-GETC 4

COMM V03 Group Communication 3 Units

Formerly: SPCH V03

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: COMM 140

This course provides training and practice in the theory and principles of effective group discussion techniques. Emphasis will be on the examination of group behavioral theory and the testing of that theory with practical applications. This course will address the theory, application, and evaluation of group communication processes, including problem solving, conflict management, decision making, and leadership.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: 1B, D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

COMM V05 Oral Interpretation and Communication of Literature 3 Units

Formerly: SPCH V05

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL C1000

C-ID: COMM 170

This course introduces the principles and techniques of oral interpretation, analysis, and communication of literature. Students will apply the use of voice and body to convey meanings and nuances in literary works in all genres.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: 3, C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

COMM V10 Critical Thinking in Oral Communication: Argumentation and Debate 3 Units

Formerly: SPCH V10; SPCH 10

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL C1000

C-ID: COMM 120

This course will examine and practice critical thinking—both inductive and deductive—necessary for structuring arguments, stating and supporting opinions, and clarifying ideas. The course will provide training in listening for analysis of the reasoning of other speakers and in identifying their evidence. Curricular and co-curricular debate will be the testing ground for the validity of reasoning.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: 1B, D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

COMM V12 Intercultural Communication 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* COMM 150

This course provides an introduction to intercultural communication principles and processes. It leads to a greater appreciation of other cultures through increased awareness of, and sensitivity to, different cultural viewpoints. Topics include cultural characteristics such as language, verbal and nonverbal communication, perception, and technology across many different cultures. This course allows students to examine and improve their intercultural communication competence and also covers such topics such as ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation, and physical abilities. Students will gain an appreciation and comparison of communication among diverse groups within the larger context of American culture.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2, F**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**Cal-GETC** 4**COMM C1004 Interpersonal Communication 3 Units***Formerly:* SPCH V15*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* COMM 130

This course covers theory, research, and application of ethical one-to-one communication practices in various and diverse interpersonal relationships including in personal, professional, and social situations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** 1B, 4, B2, D2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**Cal-GETC** 4**COMM V16 Introduction to Mass Communications 3 Units***Formerly:* JOUR V01; JOUR 1*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* JOUR 100

This course is a survey of mass communication and the interrelationships of media with society including history, structure, and trends in a digital age. Included are discussions of theories and effects, economics, technology, law and ethics, global media, media literacy, and social issues, including gender and cultural diversity. It offers students an overview of all phases of mass communication and communication technology in this information-conscious society, and the effects of media on themselves and others.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** 4, B2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**Cal-GETC** 4**COMM V90 Directed Studies in Communication Studies 1-6 Units***Formerly:* SPCH V90; SPCH 90*In-Class Hours:* 52.5-315 laboratory*Prerequisites:* Varies with topic

This course offers specialized study opportunities for students who wish to pursue projects not included in the regular curriculum. Students are accepted only by a written project proposal approved by the discipline prior to enrollment.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**COMM V107 Argumentation and Debate 3 Units***Formerly:* COMM V10*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ENGL C1000

This course introduces argumentation theory, practice and the methods of critical inquiry and advocacy. Identifies fallacies in reasoning and language, testing evidence and evidence sources, advancing a reasoned position, and defending and refuting arguments. Emphasis will be placed on research, using evidence, and detecting fallacies. Practice debates on class-selected topics will take place throughout the course of the semester.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**COMM V442 Applied Business and Professional Communication for Managers 4 Units***In-Class Hours:* 70 lecture*Prerequisites:* COMM V01/C1000 or equivalent*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

This upper division course will have an emphasis on oral and written communication in business and management settings. Focus will include analysis of interpersonal communication, multicultural communication, and conflict resolution in a business setting. Students will explore business communication methods with an emphasis on planning, organizing and preparing presentations, memorandum, and reports. Students will develop and demonstrate specific speaking and writing skills applicable to professional-type settings, including creating documents and oral presentations that are clear, concise, compelling, and correct. Special attention will be placed on using precise and persuasive language to achieve business goals while also addressing cultural, ethical and professional considerations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None*No results were found.*