

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Communication and speech are two of the most fundamental skills any student can acquire. Oral communication competence is the most highly prized and sought-after skill in the professional world, and an indispensable requirement for succeeding in all academic disciplines.

COMM V01 Introduction to Speech Communication 3 Units

Formerly: SPCH V01; SPCH 1

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL V01A

C-ID: COMM 110

This course will provide training and practice in effective oral communication through participation in public speaking, group discussion, and oral reading. The course will emphasize research, organization, language usage, efficient listening, and constructive evaluation.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: A1

IGETC: 1C

COMM V02 Introduction to Communication 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: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: 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: D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: A1, E

IGETC: 1C

COMM V05 Oral Interpretation and Communication of Literature 3 Units

Formerly: SPCH V05

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL V01A

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: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 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 V01A

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: D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: A1, A3

IGETC: 1C

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: B2, F

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: 4

COMM V15 Interpersonal Communication 3 Units

Formerly: SPCH V15

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: COMM 130

This course examines interpersonal communication theory and processes including verbal and nonverbal channels, the role of self-concept in communication, assertiveness, listening styles, and conflict management. It provides skills practice in handling personal and professional communication situations. Individual and small group activities will be used to demonstrate principles of interpersonal communication.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2, D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: A1, D

IGETC: 1C, 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: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: 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

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

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