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Office Hours:
By appointment. We can meet via Zoom, Email, or Phone

Readings Required:

Course Delivery:
This is an online course offering. The course will be delivered via the Blackboard Learning Management System. The course site can be accessed at ASU’s Blackboard Learning Management System.

We will be using Blackboard to conduct this class. It is your responsibility to insure that you can access this site. Contact IT if you have any problems. Each week, I will post your assignments for you on Blackboard. You will then be required to complete these assignments through Blackboard. Exams will also be taken on Blackboard. In short, you need to insure that you have access to this site and that you know how to navigate around on this site.

Course Description:
COMM 1315 is a course designed to help students across academic majors to learn how to communicate effectively in public by understanding and analyzing the audience and situation then creating an appropriate message. Core public speaking skills are message clarity, organization, language, delivery, and the use of multimedia/presentation technology. Emphasis will be placed on presenting a variety of speeches throughout the semester.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Critical Thinking Skills (CT) - Gather, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information relevant to a question or issue and construct a logical position (i.e. perspective, thesis, and/or hypothesis) that acknowledges ambiguities or contradictions.

Communication Skills (CS) - Develop, interpret, and express ideas through effective written, oral, and visual communication.

Teamwork Skills (TW) - Consider different viewpoints as a member of a team in order to work effectively with others to support and accomplish a shared goal.

Attitudes and Behaviors Displaying Social Responsibility (SR) - Demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and engagement in the campus, regional, national or global communities.

Attitudes and Behaviors Displaying Personal Responsibility (PR) - Demonstrate the ability to evaluate choices, actions and consequences as related to ethical decision making.
Course Requirements (1000 points):

Informative Speech 1 = 150 points
A 5-7 minute speech on a topic of controversy at the local, state, national, or international level, which in an unbiased manner informs the audience of the two sides of the debate. See assignment sheet for details.

Informative Outline = 100 points
A preparation outline and works cited page for the informative speech. See assignment sheet for details.

Informative Outline Peer Grade = 50 points
Students will evaluate a peer’s outline with provided rubric.

Special Occasion Speech = 100 points
A 1-3 minute wedding toast, eulogy, or acceptance speech.

Persuasive Speech (MMS speech) = 200 points
A 6-8 minute speech persuading the audience to volunteer for a particular non-profit organization, which utilizes Monroe’s Motivated Sequence.

Persuasive (MMS) Outline = 100 points
A preparation outline and works cited page for the Persuasive 2 (MMS) speech. See assignment sheet for details.

Quizzes 5@20 points = 100 points
Quizzes, which may consist of multiple-choice, true/false, and essay questions, will be given throughout the course of the semester.

Peer Evaluations 2@25 points = 50 points
Students will be graded on their evaluation of their peers’ individuals speeches (informative and MMS).

Participation/Discussion Boards = 50 points
Students will be graded on their ability and willingness to discuss course material using Blackboard Discussion Boards. The following scale will be used to determine participation points:

50 points=Excellent  40 points=Good  30 points=average  20 points=fair  10 points=poor

Final Exam = 100 points
Students will take a final exam on course material at the end of the course. Final exam may consist of multiple-choice, true/false, and essay questions. Details regarding the final exam will be announced in class.

Extra Credit = 20 points
Students can earn up to 20 points (ONLY up to 20 points) by completing the reading and questions provided through their Connect Online eBook

Course Grading

A=1000-900 points  B=899-800 points  C=799-700 points  D=699-600 points  F=599 points and below
General Course Requirements

Every student is required to complete three graded public speaking assignments. All topics must be approved and cleared by your instructor for each speech. These speeches build on material and concepts presented in class and text. Speech types will include an informative, persuasive, and 1 special occasion speech. FAILING TO SUBMIT A SPEECH ON THE ASSIGNED DATE BY THE ASSIGNED TIME WILL RESULT IN A ZERO AND RECEIVING AN “F” IN THE COURSE AS NOT RECEIVING CREDIT FOR ALL FOUR SPEECHES WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATICALLY FAILING THE CLASS REGARDLESS OF YOUR NUMERICAL AVERAGE.

• Each student is required to take tests and quizzes over material covered in class and in the text. These are multiple-choice quizzes found in Blackboard/Connect.

• You are expected to keep up with your assignments and to be prepared to take chapter quizzes on assigned material.

Course Policies

1. Guidelines for Recording and Uploading Speeches on Capture

All three speeches will need to be uploaded to Blackboard by the due date and time indicated in each week’s folder and assignments.

To begin, the video camera needs to zoom in on only the speaker providing a direct frontal view (head to waist). This step is necessary as I need to be able to see nonverbal actions of the speaker (eye contact, gestures, posture, facial expressions, etc.). The camera should not move during the speech. Also, once you start recording, you should not stop and restart the video at any spot. If you do so, you will need to start over from the beginning. Once you finish recording your speech, and after uploading your speech, you need to ensure that I can see and hear it. A speech that is turned in yet cannot be heard or seen will result in a zero. You may NOT edit your speeches. If you do so, it will result in an F in the class regardless of your numerical average.

Allow for problems by doing things ahead of time. Also, you may use an outline or notecard during your speech, but you may not use cue cards or read off anything that is located in the audience or in front of you. Doing this will result in a 0 for the speech AND an F in the course regardless of your numerical average. I will provide an example before your first formal speech so you can see a speech that is recorded appropriately.

So, what can you record your speeches with? Thanks to technology, most smart phones provide the ability to record a video that can be seen without issue. If you do not have a smart phone, you can use a video camera that can hook up to a computer for uploading. You can also use a laptop or tablet. I’m not too concerned with what you record your speech, as long as I can see you well and hear you well. If I cannot hear or see you, I will not grade it.

2. Late Speeches

If you do not submit a speech by the due date and time, and do not have a legitimate reason for doing so (i.e., hospitalization, funeral of close family member), YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO for that presentation and YOU WILL RECEIVE AN “F” IN THE COURSE REGARDLESS OF YOUR NUMERICAL AVERAGE. Technical difficulties, uploading problems, and nonworking uploads, etc. are not legitimate reasons and will result in your receiving a zero and an F in the course. Only if an absence is excused through the school or the instructor will a student be allowed to make up a speech. If you have a legitimate reason for not submitting, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR TO LEARN OF YOUR NEW DUE DATE. Remember though, a missed speech that is not excused also results in you receiving an F in the course regardless of your numeric average.

3. Late Tests
If you miss a test due to an excused absence (i.e., hospitalization, funeral of close family member), you must make the test up within a reasonable length (no more than one week, desirably less.) All arrangements for making up work should be made prior to the absence, if possible, and is the student’s responsibility. A typed, signed and dated explanation must be given to the instructor upon returning to class.

4. Academic Misconduct

Plagiarism in your speech will result in a zero for the assignment, and the instructor may pursue additional measures. Speeches are to be the original composition of each student. Outside sources are required for each assignment with proper citing in a bibliography as required.

5. Class Etiquette

Please be a courteous student and peer. Use of cell phones in class will result in you being counted absent for the day, and will result in a 0 for any work completed on that day. Students may not use Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, or any other social media outlet to post pictures or videos of other students or their performance in the classroom. Failure to comply with this rule will result in you being reported to the Dean of Student Life.

6. Dress Requirement

Appropriate dress is required for each speech. Specific requirements will be announced by the instructor prior to the speech.

7. Honor Code Policy

Violations of academic integrity are very serious matters and are clearly documented in the ASU Student Handbook. The work a student submits in a class is expected to be the student's own work and must be work completed for that particular class and assignment. Plagiarism means intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own. This may include your own previous work. Plagiarism includes quoting or paraphrasing from other sources without acknowledging/citing the source of your information or presenting quoted material as your own words. You must be very clear about attribution of sources and you must know how to cite sources in a paper. Please see full Honor Code Policy at http://www.angelo.edu/cstudent/documents/pdf/Student_Handbook.pdf

8. Disability Statement

The Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting:

Mrs. Dallas Swafford, Director of Student Development
325-942-2047 office or 325-942-2211 Fax
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
University Center, Suite 112B

9. Religious Holiday Observance

A. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code 11.20.

B. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

C. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence, however; the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.
10. COVID-19 Class Procedures

Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.
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Chapter 2: Ethics and Public Speaking                                           | Quiz 1: Chapters 1&2 (Each chapter divided into 2 scores at 10 pts each) |
| 3 Week of Aug. 31 | Chapter 5: Selecting a Topic  
Chapter 6: Analyzing Your Audience  
Chapter 15: Speaking to Inform **Informative Speech Assignment Handed Out** | Quiz 2: Chapters 5, 6, & 15                    |
| 4 Week of Sept. 7 (Mon., Sept. 7 – Labor Day) | Chapter 7: Gathering Materials  
Chapter 8: Supporting Your Ideas  
Chapter 9: Organizing the Body of Your Speech | Quiz 3: Chapters 7, 8, & 9                   |
| 5 Week of Sept. 14 | Chapter 10: Beginning and Ending the Speech  
Chapter 12: Using Language                                                         | Informative Preparation Outline and PowerPoint Due |
| 6 Week of Sept. 21 | Chapter 13: Delivery  
Chapter 14: Using Visual Aids                                                      | Quiz 4: Chapters 10, 12, 13, & 14              |
| 7 Week of Sept. 28 | Informative Speeches                                                            | * See instructions in Blackboard               |
| 8 Week of Oct. 5 | Informative Speeches/Outline and Speech Evaluations                              | *See instructions in Blackboard               |
| 9 Week of Oct. 12 | Chapter 16: Speaking to Persuade  
Chapter 17: Methods of Persuasion  
*Hand out MMS Assignment                                                      | Quiz 5: Chapters 16, 17                        |
| 10 Week of Oct. 19 | Lecture on Monroe’s Motivated Sequence & Workshop                              | MMS Preparation Outline & PowerPoint Due       |
| 11 Week of Oct. 26 | MMS Speeches                                                                     | *See instructions in Blackboard               |
| 12 Week of Nov. 2 | MMS Speeches/Speech Evaluations                                                  | *See instructions in Blackboard               |
| Week of Nov. 9 | Chapter 18: Speaking on Special Occasions  
Review for Final Exam  
**Special Occasion Speech Assignment Handed Out** | November 10th – Last Day to Drop Class |
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