Western Oklahoma State College  
Division of Communications

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE NUMBER: SPCH 1113

COURSE TITLE: Public Speaking

CREDIT HOURS: 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITES: None

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DESCRIPTION:
Introduction to Speech takes a speech communication approach to public speaking with an emphasis on preparation or oral communication. As a class, Speech 1113 is a transfer course that fulfills a general education requirement. Its objective is the development of speaking skills for professional, artistic or practical purposes.

COMPETENCIES:
1.0 To demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of correct speech construction, the student should be able to:
   1.1 Demonstrate correct selection of an appropriate speech topic
   1.2 Demonstrate the ability to conduct research and select appropriate support material
   1.3 Demonstrate the ability to organize the speech
2.0 To demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of correct speech delivery, the student should be able to:
   2.1 Demonstrate correct vocal delivery
   2.2 Demonstrate correct physical delivery
   2.3 Demonstrate an ability to utilize visual aids in delivery


SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS:

Introductory Speech  
1-2 minutes (25 possible points)
Personal Object Speech
1-2 minutes (25 possible points)

"My Inspiration" Speech
1-2 minutes (25 possible points) Plan Page Required

Informative/Visual Aid
3-5 minutes (100 possible points) Plan Page Required

Persuasive/Research/Visual Aid
4-6 minutes (100 possible points) Plan Page Required

Major speeches (over 2 minutes) will be worth a possible 100 points
Minor speeches (1-2 minutes) will be worth a possible 25 points.

An outline and bibliography (plan page) will be required with the last three speeches. Each plan page will be worth 15 points. There are sample plan pages available on the Moodle course site. Once you submit your plan page be sure and check back in a day or so to see my comments and critiques. Do not just submit it and assume it is okay.

Please follow the timeline listed below. You are required to take quizzes and submit all assignments as they are due online.

Course Schedule:
Forum Discussions - Due May 15
Quiz Chapters 1, 2, 3 - Due May 16
Quiz Chapters 4, 7, 8 - Due May 16
Quiz Chapters 9, 12, 13 - Due May 16
Quiz Chapters 14, 15 - Due May 16
"My Inspiration" Plan Page -Due May 18
Informative w/ Visual Aid Plan Page - Due May 18
Persuasive Plan Page - Due May 18

By May 21, all speeches must be placed in a package and mailed, dropped off at my office or posted to YouTube. I realize this is a day before the class is over; however, if everyone turns in speeches on the last day it is virtually impossible for me to get them all graded by the time grades are due.

Introduction Speech
Personal Object Speech
"My Inspiration" Speech
Informative w/ Visual Aid Speech
Persuasive Speech

Each speech must be uploaded to YouTube or submitted via videotape (VHS tape, CD Rom or DVD). When you video a speech you must have at least four adults in your audience. Ten points
will be taken off for each person less than four. The recording device should be placed in the back of the room so the speaker as well as all audience members may be seen clearly. Any hints of editing or altering these filming sessions will result in a grade of zero for that speech. This is a "Public Speaking" course. Therefore, these speeches must be presented to an audience of no less than four people. When you have completed a group of speaking assignments you have the following options:

1) If you live in Altus you may drop the tape by Rachel Beckner’s office (A18)
2) If you do not live in Altus you may mail your tape to
Western Oklahoma State College
Attn: Rachel Beckner
2801 N. Main
Altus, OK 73521

TEST GRADES:
You must complete four tests. Tests will cover the following chapters: 1,2,3; 4,7,8; 9,12,13; 14,15. You may use the posted lecture notes and your textbook while taking the tests. Tests will consist of multiple choice and T/F questions. Tests are worth 50 points each. All tests will be taken using the Moodle course site and you will have 30 minutes to take each test.

FORUM DISCUSSIONS:
You will be required to complete 5 Forum Discussions (10 points each for a total of 50 points) by using the Class Discussion Board. The Forum Discussions will be posted along with their requirements and you will then "reply" to each discussion I have posted to complete the assignment.

GRADING:
At the end of the semester, all points will be totaled and the final grade will be determined by the following

A = At least 488 points
B = At least 434 points
C = At least 379 points
D = At least 325 points
F = Less than 325 points

2 speeches @ 100 points = 200 possible points
3 speeches @ 25 points = 75 possible points
4 tests @ 50 points = 200 possible points
3 plan pages @ 15 points = 45 possible points
5 speaker reviews @ 5 points = 25 possible points
TOTAL = 545 possible points

GENERAL INFORMATION:

If you have a disability, please let the instructor know so that they may work cooperatively with
you and the Counseling Office to provide reasonable and fair opportunities for you to be a productive and successful learner.

It is the responsibility of the student to properly withdraw from class for whatever reason. No administrative withdrawals will be given. An incomplete (I) or an audit (AU) will be given at the discretion of the instructor. If you do not plan to finish the class for any reason, please call or go to the information desk and withdraw from the course. Otherwise, a grade of "F" will be given.