Instructor Information

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Course Information

Online--Speech Communication

Catalog Description
3 Credit Hours (3 hours lecture per week)
This course is a study of the theory and practice of communication in interpersonal, small group and public speaking. It emphasizes proficiency in research methods, speech organization and delivery, and critical thinking/listening applications.

Course Materials

Mission Statement
University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College provides access to high-quality education that promotes student learning and enables individuals to develop to their fullest potential.

Institutional Learning Outcomes and General Education

UA-PTC supports a college-wide institutional learning assessment program which concerns effective instructional methods and promotes student learning achievement by assessing:
For more information, please consult the following website: https://uaptc.edu/sla

Department / Program Learning Outcomes

The Communication discipline focus on real life application that result in students learning:

- To be a more effective, civil communicator in a variety of contexts
- To be able to research and develop a professional speech
- To be able to create and demonstrate a quality visual aid

Student Learning / Course Outcomes

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Upon the successful completion of this course, students will demonstrate the following:

1. Apply communication theory, critical thinking skills, and listening skills to effectively communicate in a variety of situations.
2. Demonstrate research and organizational skills in the development of a full-sentence outline with citations.
3. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal presentation skills.
4. Analyze an interpersonal communication scenarios by how communication style affects decision making and interpersonal competence.

Content

Speech Communication focuses specifically on four of the institutional learning outcomes: communication, critical thinking, information literacy, professionalism, and technology literacy. This course introduces students to speech communication as an academic discipline. Students practice drafting and outlining speeches in full-sentences using citations. Critically analyzing their personal speeches according to six different areas: purpose, audience, organization, self, delivery, and future presentations. The class requires students to analyze audiences’ knowledge of topics for informative speeches. The class will focus on using library databases and catalog to collect sources and scrutinize sources for quality information to organize in speeches. Students will construct an electronic visual aid to supplement an informative speech. The students will read and watch a variety of speech communication related materials to help solidify theory and presentation skills such as listening, verbal communication and nonverbal communication. Students will use conflict theory to examine an interpersonal relationship and outline 4 areas: brief history of relationship, brief explanation of conflict styles, explanation of
conflict, and communication effectiveness. Students will complete three chapter exams, a comprehensive final, conduct a minimum of two formal speeches, and write two papers.

Policies

Report a Complaint or Concern

UA-PTC takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. Most complaints or concerns of a specific nature should be initiated and resolved at the campus level through normal college processes whenever possible. UA - Pulaski Technical College receives and resolves complaints using a variety of methods. To report a complaint or concern, please follow the link below.

https://www.uaptc.edu/report-a-concern-complaint

UA-PTC Attendance Policy

Education at UA-PTC requires students’ active involvement in the learning process. Thus, students are expected to attend all classes and actively engage in all learning assignments and/or opportunities provided in their classes. Class attendance should be treated as mandatory by all students as attendance will be taken by all instructors during the first two weeks of class.

Departmental Attendance Policy

PARTICIPATION: I will constantly monitor participation. (Attendance stats are kept via computer for on-line classes).

LOGGING ON: An on-line course requires the student to spend more time with it than with a traditional class. You should, at a minimum, log on at least two hours a week, although twice that much is needed. Log on at least three times a week; I suggest you spread your times out (Monday, Weds, Friday or Tuesday Thurs, Saturday, for example). You may miss some assignments if you only log in once a week for two hours. I will be giving you assignments throughout the week and you are responsible for logging on and completing them.

Note: Again, you will need to log on throughout the week, but given the nature of Internet courses, you will need to log on more than 3 times a week working on assignments, responding to discussion messages, and reading both the text and notes I may post.

Excessive Absences: Failing to participate in the course for (7 consecutive days) will result in a notification sent to your advisor (this includes any breaks).

- The seven consecutive days timeframe includes days when the PTC campus is closed for holidays or other official observances.
- If you anticipate that you may not be able to log on for seven consecutive days due to holidays or reasons beyond your control, you should contact me as soon as possible.
NOTE: Please understand that on-line courses take a lot of personal initiative and self-motivation. You must read the material and take personal notes on the text. Please participate in all the posted discussions (this is for your benefit). I will check in on discussion and give additional comments.

Course Policies

The UA-PTC Catalog rules and regulations will be enforced in this course at all times. Please consult the following website for more information: https://www.uaptc.edu/catalog

Professional behavior is required. Punctual attendance and intelligent participation are expected. Particulars as determined by the instructor are detailed in the paragraph below.

Appropriate behavior is expected for all communications, including any notes, email messages, or telephone conversations. Some guidelines for communication are included in this syllabus to help you.

1. Keep the language and tone of all communication civil. No vulgar language or demeaning comments will be tolerated. Should you communicate in this way, I will warn you through private e-mail. If you post an inappropriate message on the discussion board, for all the class to read, I will respond publicly. I may also take action by locking you out of the course and seeking disciplinary action.
2. If you need to discuss something private with me, please send me a private Blackboard course message. DO NOT post private messages on the discussion board. Use Blackboard course message or my office e-mail. My office e-mail address is listed on the first page of this syllabus. My course message can be found under Contact on the menu bar. You need to message me through Blackboard first.
3. When communicating, do not YELL. Using all capital letters signifies you are indeed yelling.
4. I will respond to your e-mails as quickly as I can. Please also understand that I am not on the Internet 24-7, and I may not be as prompt as you think I should be. I try to check e-mail about twice a day Monday-Friday.
5. When using course message, use the “respond to” function ONLY if you are responding directly to an e-mail I have sent. Use the “compose” function for any new subjects.

Student Recording/Presentational Guidelines

Recording Guidelines for Online Students
- If you do not come to campus to deliver your introduction or informative speeches on the scheduled dates, you are responsible for recording your presentation. The guidelines for your recorded presentation are as follows:
  - Your presentation may be recorded and submitted through Blackboard.
  - Your recorded presentation must be uploaded to YouTube and then send the link. If using YouTube do not make private.
  - You must have at least 3 or more audience members over the age of 18 and scan your audience at the beginning of your speech and then turn camera on you.
☐ You must present in an appropriate environment. Do not film yourself sitting down or at a kitchen table, or in your garage. You may choose to record at your place of employment in a conference room, a church, or a classroom. Most of your local libraries have an acceptable room available for use. The UA - Pulaski Tech libraries and the CHARTS Collaboration Center have an acceptable room and recording equipment available.

☐ Your camera volume must be turned high enough for your presentation to be easily heard.

☐ You should keep background noise to a minimum. For example, noises such as children playing in the next room will be heard on your recording. Anything that adult audience members say or do will also be included in the recording.

☐ You should review your recording device prior to submitting your speech to ensure that your presentation is viewable and meets all submission guidelines.

☐ Your audience members must pay attention to your entire speech.

☐ You must face your audience during your presentation. A suggested audience arrangement is: You facing the audience, audience sitting in chairs, camera and camera operator in the back of the room.

☐ Your recorded presentation must be one take. If it appears that your video has been edited, points will be deducted.

☐ If you have a special situation, please let me know and we can work out a plan together to ensure you success in this class.

**Presentation Guidelines**

☐ You must stand up when delivering your speech.

☐ **For Informative Speech only** - You must use and reference a PowerPoint during your Informative Speech (but not for your Introduction Speech), and your PowerPoint must be easily seen in your recording. You must see you and PowerPoint in same screen shot.

☐ For Informative Speech we must see you and PowerPoint all in the same frame. PowerPoint cannot be shown on a small laptop beside you.

☐ You are strongly encouraged to use a podium, lectern, or music stand for your notes/presentational outline.

☐ You should dress professionally for your speech Informative Speech. (see grading rubric for this assignment).

**Guideline Exceptions:** The only exceptions to any of the above guidelines will be made on a case-by-case basis to students who have documented disabilities and who have provided the instructor with the letter of approved accommodations from the UA-PTC Coordinator of Disability Services.
Grading Policy

Letter grades will be based on the following scale:

- 90 to 100%  A
- 80 to 89%  B
- 70 to 79%  C
- 60 to 69%  D
- 0 to 59%  F

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Course Requirements – Major Assignments

Readings

The assigned readings are the foundation for our class discussions, assignments, and exams. The assigned readings outlined for each chapter will be provided in each learning module. It is expected that students will complete readings before the assigned date. You are strongly encouraged to bring your text to class for reference. While not always discussed in class, all assigned readings represent testable material.

Exams = 125 Points (3 Module Exams 25 points each, Comprehensive Final 50 points)

Three module exams (25 points each) will be given during the semester and a comprehensive final (50 points). The exams will consist of multiple-choice questions, and a study guide is provided for each exam on Blackboard Course Shell. You are responsible for all the material presented in class discussions and your required readings for each exam.
Speeches = 450 Points

You will deliver two in-class speeches this semester: an Introduction speech (100 points) and a 4-6 minutes Informative speech (200 points and 150 points prep assignments). Each speech will be given on a topic of your choosing (and instructor approval). Your grade on your presentations will be based, in part, on the materials you prepare for the presentation (e.g., outline and PowerPoint). The remainder of your grade will be based on meeting the requirements for oral delivery. Instructions for completing each speech are included in Blackboard and will be discussed later in the semester.

Speech Self-Assessment Paper = 50 Points

You will complete a self-assessment paper for your introduction speech. A template for you to use is in our class Blackboard shell.

Conflict Management Analysis = 50 Points

You will prepare a conflict management analysis regarding an interpersonal relationship. A template for you to use is in our class Blackboard shell.

* Instructors have one week to provide feedback and post grades for all assignments unless otherwise noted by a departmental policy that has been approved by the Dean of the School.

Writing Expectations

To write effectively should be a given in college. Thus, your written work will be evaluated on both content and mechanics (spelling, grammar, and punctuation), and you are expected to proofread your writing before you turn in an assignment. You present yourself as an educated person and competent communicator when you show control of the mechanics of writing. Mistakes in spelling, grammar, and punctuation will not significantly affect your grade as long as the mistakes are few and minor. However, because major and consistent mistakes affect the meaning of an assignment and detract from your presentation of yourself as a competent communicator, they will lower your grade.

If you have not had, or are not presently, taking English Composition I, it is highly recommended that you seek the assistance of the PTC Tutoring Labs when preparing written assignments for this class.

MAKE-UP POLICY

The exams will be posted for a short period of time, and you must take the test during that time. Make-ups on tests will not be allowed. No excuse for missing a test will be accepted (other than a documented death or illness).

Speeches cannot be made up unless you provide written, legitimate documentation (i.e. medical, death, etc) that explains why you were unable to “video” or “deliver” your speech. You are solely responsible for arranging a make-up video if approved.

Note: It is very doubtful that I will allow you to make up a speech. You need to have very credible and valid documentation in order to make up a speech. You need to notify me of
emergencies before the speech if possible. If you cannot, I need to know within 24 hours why you missed the speech and then documentation will be needed. I will not allow make-ups if I am not notified within 24 hours of missing a speech.

All assignments have a due date, refer to your COURSE SCHEDULE, please be aware of the due dates, because I will not allow students to make-up these assignments without documentation.

ANY CHANGES IN DATES DUE WILL BE TO YOUR BENEFIT, AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.

Academic Integrity

It is expected that all students who attend UA-PTC conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the college experience. Academic integrity is a vital component of collegiate behavior. The UA-PTC catalog states, “The gaining of knowledge and the practice of honesty go hand-in-hand.”

The catalog also states, “The responsibility and authority of initiating discipline arising from violations of the rules against dishonesty during the process of the course are vested in the instructor of that course.”

The complete Academic Integrity Policy is in the UA-PTC code of conduct.

Please do not cheat or plagiarize. If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, you will automatically be given the grade “F” for the assignment and may be assigned a failing grade for the course as well. Any plagiarized paper or speech will receive a zero and the student may be immediately dropped from the class with a final grade of “F”. “Plagiarism” would be noted on the official drop slip. Any evidence of cheating on exams will be handled in the same manner; students will receive a zero on the exam and may be immediately dropped from the class with a final grade of “F”. “Cheating” would be noted on the official drop slip.

Accommodation Policy

Services for Students with Disabilities: UA-PTC is committed to fulfilling all federal requirements as stated in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the American with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Accommodations are available to students who have documented disabilities. Students who request accommodations must register with the Disability Services Office (Main Campus: 501-812-2738 or South Campus: 501-812-2862) and must provide current and relevant documentation.

Students requesting accommodations should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course or as soon as accommodations are approved. It is the student’s responsibility to provide their Accommodation Letter to the instructor. Accommodations are not retroactive and will only be provided once your instructor receives the Accommodation Letter.
**Student Code of Conduct**

All students are expected to abide by the UA-PTC Student Code of Conduct. For the full Student Code of Conduct, access the most current version of the UA-PTC Academic Catalog. [http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2017-18-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=a08a3038_2](http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2017-18-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=a08a3038_2)

**Sexual Misconduct**

No person at Pulaski Technical College will, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct under any education program or activity. All college administrative policies and procedures regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct are in compliance with Title IX. Students who feel they are victims of sexual misconduct should contact the UA-PTC Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Michelle Anderson, Director of Student Life and Leadership  
Campus Center Building Room 216  
501-812-2756  
manderson@uaptc.edu

**Course Evaluations**

Students may be asked to evaluate their instructor and course near the end of the semester. These student evaluations are very important to the improvement in the quality of instruction and course materials. All results are anonymous and shared with the faculty only after the semester is over and grades have been posted.

**Information Literacy**

UA-PTC is committed to the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education as established by the Association of College and Research Libraries and endorsed by the National Forum on Information Literacy. Therefore, all courses will incorporate an information literacy component so that, by graduation, all students will be able to recognize the need for information, then locate, evaluate, synthesize, and communicate information in an ethical manner. Information literacy encompasses critical thinking, research, media, technology, health, business, and visual literacy skills to produce lifelong learners who can make informed decisions in the workplace and in their personal lives.

**Tentative Course Schedule**

This is subject to change during the semester in order to meet the class needs. I reserve the right to amend the schedule as necessary, and logging on regularly will ensure you know what changes, if any, have been made.
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| Relationship Communication | Journal – Small Group Participation | 25 | LO4 |
| 11/19-12/7               | Journal – Leadership and Influence | 25 | LO4 |
| **Fall break 11/19-11/24** | Conflict Management Analysis Paper | 50 | LO4 |
|                         | Reflection Paper | 25 | LO1-4 |
|                         | Exam (open 12/5-12/7) | 25 | LO4 |

| Total Points for Module | 150 |

| Final                  | Final Exam (ONLY OPEN 12/8-12/12) | 50 | 12/12 | LO1-4 |

| Course Total | 1000 |

**Course Agreement Form**

Complete the Course agreement assignment stating that you have read the syllabus for this SPCH 1300 Speech Communication at UA-PTC. Submission of this assignment signifies that you understand the syllabus contents and the rules for the class. Submission of the assignment also indicates that you will follow and abide by these rules, including those relating to attendance/postings, assignments, grading criteria, plagiarism, and behavior.