Speech (SPE)

SPE 105 Forensic Activities
3 Hours

Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Students may acquire no more than 4 hours credit and not more than 2 hours per year. Hours are to be secured for participating in forensic activities. Designed to provide students with contest speaking experience and to develop skills in concentrated areas of speech.

SPE 115 Speech
IAI – C2 900
3 Hours

Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Speech 115 combines communication theory with the practice of oral communication skills. This course: (1) develops awareness of the communication process; (2) provides invention, organizational, and expressive strategies; (3) promotes understanding of an adaptation to a variety of communication contexts; and (4) emphasizes critical skills in listening, reading, thinking, and speaking. Students are expected to prepare and give at least three substantial speeches, including both informative and persuasive speech assignments. All classes require face-to-face performance of the three substantial speeches with the class and the instructor serving as an in-class audience.

SPE 116 Interpersonal Communication
3 Hours

Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Study of communication theory and its application to interpersonal relations. Relationship skills will be explored, analyzed, and practiced. Among the topics covered are the communication process, the self as communicator, listening, verbal and nonverbal communication, cooperation and conflict management. Students will also develop their individual interpersonal communication skills by increasing their knowledge of behavioral choices in both personal and professional relationships.

SPE 121 Advanced Public Speaking
3 Hours

Prerequisites: SPE 115 or consent of instructor
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Advanced principles of speech preparation and presentation; special problems and types of speeches; considerable practice in composition and delivery of speeches.

SPE 200 Small Group Communication
3 Hours

Prerequisites: SPE 115 or SPE 116
3 hours weekly (3-0)

This course explores the communication processes that occur in small groups. Students will study and apply communication theory in order to enhance their effectiveness as small group communicators. Focus is given to group formation, group membership, and decision-making and problem-solving procedures.