Course Descriptions

Speech Communication

SPC1017

*Fundamentals of Speech Communication / 3 credits*

This course provides students with the oral communications skills necessary for success in personal, professional and educational settings. Students will learn through the study and experiential practice of interpersonal communication, presentational speaking and group dynamics of communication and be able to use them effectively. Gordon Rule assigned. Special fee. (3 hr. lecture)

SPC2050

*Voice and Diction / 3 credits*

Effective voice production and articulation, acceptable pronunciation, intonation, rhythm, and phasing, a consideration of elementary vocal anatomy and the fundamentals of the science of sound. Specific speech problems will be handled on an individual basis. (3 hr. lecture)

SPC2511

*Argumentation and Debate / 3 credits*

The principles of argumentation, including analysis, evidence, inference and refutation, and their application to issues of current public interest. The course provides opportunities for debating practice. Prerequisite: SPC 2608 or equivalent. (3 hr. lecture)

SPC2594

*Forensic Laboratory / 1-3 credits*

Advanced techniques of debate and other forensics, keyed primarily to those interested in intercollegiate forensic competition. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. May be repeated for credit. (2-6 hr. lab)

SPC2601

*Advanced Public Speaking / 3 credits*

For students who have had a basic course in speech or previous experience in public speaking. The course provides participation in such areas as contest, community and on campus speaking, and speech criticism. Students receive instruction in audience analysis and rhetorical principles and strategies. Prerequisite: SPC 2608. (3 hr. lecture)

SPC2608

*Introduction to Public Speaking / 3 credits*

SPC 2608 is a course in which students will practice speaking to audiences as well as listening to and critically analyzing oral communication. Through oral and written communication, students will learn
communication theory as applied to a variety of communication situations and social interactions. Prerequisite(s): Placement by Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) verbal subtest score; American College Testing (ACT) English subtest score; Computerized Placement Test (CPT) English subtest score; or ENC 0025 with a grade of S. Gordon Rule assigned. (3 hr. lecture)

SPC2940

Peer Teaching in Speech Communication / 3 credits

Provides the opportunity for outstanding speech students to advance their skills by functioning as student teachers in speech courses which they have completed successfully. Prerequisite: Permission of the department. (3 hr. lecture)