



North Central State College

MASTER SYLLABUS	2025-2026
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- A. Academic Division: Liberal Arts
- B. Discipline: Communication
- C. Course Number and Title: COMM1010 Speech
- D. Assistant Dean: Laura Irmer
- E. Credit Hours: 3
- F. Prerequisites: None
- G. Last Course/Curriculum Revision Date: Fall 2023 Origin date: 01/24/2011
- H. Textbook(s) Title:

Open Education Resources (available for download or view)

Stand up, Speak out: The Practice and Ethics of Public Speaking

- Authors: (editors University of Minnesota Libraries Publishing)
- Copyright Year: 2016
- Edition:
- ISBN: 13:9781946135254
- OER Link: <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/77>

Open Education Resources (available for download or view)

Exploring Public Speaking

- Authors: · Copyright Year:
- Edition: 3rd
- ISBN:
- OER Link:
 - <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/77>
 - <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/exploring-public-speaking-2nd-revision>

- I. Workbook(s) and/or Lab Manual: None
- J. Course Description: This course involves instruction and experience in giving a presentation. Students are taught the principles of speech content and delivery so that they can effectively participate in a variety of practical speaking situations. Presentations will include the informative speech, persuasive speech, visual aid/demonstration speech, impromptu speech, and group presentation. (OTM for Oral Communication TMCOM and TAG # OCM013)

Honors Credit

This course is available for honors credit. If you are an Honors Student with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and you want to earn honors credit for this course, you must contact me at the beginning of class to arrange a special honors project. If you have a grade point average below 3.5 but would like to be considered for admission to the Honors College and earn honors credit for this course, you must also contact me at the beginning of class to discuss the admission process.

K. College-Wide Learning Outcomes:

College-Wide Learning Outcomes	Assessments - - How it is met & When it is met
Communication – Written	
Communication – Speech	Communication – Speech VALUE Rubric
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence	
Critical Thinking	
Information Literacy	
Quantitative Literacy	

L. Course Outcomes and Assessment Methods:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall:

Outcomes	Assessments – How it is met & When it is met
1. The student will understand and demonstrate the structure of an extemporaneous presentation.	Oral presentations, collection of presentation outlines, quizzes, final examination—Throughout the term.
2. The student will understand and utilize a variety of verbal and nonverbal delivery techniques.	Oral presentations, quizzes, final examination—Throughout the term.
3. The student will understand and demonstrate the use of credible sources/documentation to support their presentations.	Oral presentations—Last half of the term.
4. The student will understand and implement the basic guidelines of audience analysis using speeches to embrace difference, demonstrate diversity and inclusion, and understand relationships between cultures.	Oral presentations, quizzes, final examination—Throughout the term.
5. The student will understand and create visual aids that enhance his/her presentation.	Oral presentations—Throughout the term.
6. The student will understand the model of communication.	Quizzes, final examination—Throughout the term.
7. The student will understand and employ listening styles appropriate to the message.	Oral presentations, quizzes, final examination—Throughout the term.
8. The student will understand and demonstrate how to formulate an argument.	Oral presentations, quizzes, final examination—at the end of the term.
9. The student will demonstrate the ability to critically and constructively evaluate his or her own speeches as well as the speeches of classmates and professionals.	Peer reviews of oral presentation drafts.

M. Recommended Grading Scale:

NUMERIC	GRADE	POINTS	DEFINITION
93–100	A	4.00	Superior
90–92	A-	3.67	Superior
87–89	B+	3.33	Above Average
83–86	B	3.00	Above Average
80–82	B-	2.67	Above Average
77–79	C+	2.33	Average
73–76	C	2.00	Average
70–72	C-	1.67	Below Average
67–69	D+	1.33	Below Average
63–66	D	1.00	Below Average
60–62	D-	0.67	Poor
00–59	F	0.00	Failure

N. College Procedures/Policies:

North Central State College believes that every student is a valued and equal member of the community.* Every student brings different experiences to the College, and all are important in enriching academic life and developing greater understanding and appreciation of one another. Therefore, NC State College creates an inclusive culture in which students feel comfortable sharing their experiences. Discrimination and prejudice have no place on the campus, and the College takes any complaint in this regard seriously. Students encountering aspects of the instruction that result in barriers to their sense of being included and respected should contact the instructor, assistant dean, or dean without fear of reprisal.

* *Inclusive of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin (ancestry), military status (past, present or future), disability, age (40 years or older), status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent, genetic information, or sexual orientation*

Important information regarding College Procedures and Policies can be found on the syllabus supplement located at:

<https://ncstatecollege.edu/documents/President/PoliciesProcedures/PolicyManual/Final%20PDF/14-081b.pdf>



North Central State College
SYLLABUS ADDENDUM

Academic Division: Arts & Sciences Discipline: Communication
Course Coordinator: Michelle D'Ambrosio
Course Number: COMM1010-925 Course Title: Public Speaking
Semester / Session: Fall B 2025 Start / End Date: 10/13/25-12/12/25

Heather Pohlbel

Office Location: Virtual E-Mail Address: mdambrosio@ncstatecollege.edu
Office Hours: By appointment

I. Topical Timeline 8 week course – double time for 16 week course (Subject to Change):

Weeks	Topics
1	Intro to Public Speaking/Get to Know You
2	Ethical Speaking/ Speeches of Introduction
3	Communication Apprehension/ Demonstration
4	Audience Analysis
5	Informative Speaking/ Library/Record Speech in front of Live Audience
6	Informative Group Presentation
7	Persuasive Speaking/Record Speech in front of Live Audience
8	Review/Final Exam

II. Course Assignments:

1. Quizzes
2. Outlines
3. Speeches
4. Peer Reviews
5. Homework
6. Final Exam

III. Grading and Testing Guidelines:

1. **Point Value**
 - a. Course grades are not weighted, rather assigned larger point values for more important/difficult assignments. As you build on skills, point values will grow.
 - b. A point is a point.
 - c. I follow North Central State College's grading scale (found on main syllabus).
2. **Late Work**
 - a. Late homework will receive a 10% deduction.
 - b. Late speeches will receive a 20% deduction.
 - c. Exceptions need to be requested in writing and are only approved on a case-by-case basis.
3. **Plagiarism**
 - a. The first instance of plagiarism, whether deemed unintentional or intentional, will receive a 0 on the assignment if it is not a speech.
 - b. Plagiarism in a speech can come in two forms: intentional or unintentional.
 - Intentional plagiarism will result in a 0 on the first instance for the assignment. The second instance will result in a 0 for the course and possible disciplinary action from the college. This includes submitting work previously done for other classes.
 - Unintentional plagiarism will result in a 0 in the grading rubric for sources on the first instance (or development if sources were not required for the speech). The second instance will result in a 0 for the assignment and possible disciplinary action from the college and/or failure of course.

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Course Title: _____
Start / End Date: _____

IV. Speech/Examination Policy:

1. The reasons for which a student will be excused from taking an examination/giving a speech _____
 - a. Hospitalization (with documented verification)
 - b. Death in the immediate family (with documented verification)
 - c. Personal illness or illness in immediate family - (doctor's excuse required).
2. A student who misses an examination/speech for any reason is responsible for _____
 - a. Arranging a supervised make-up exam through the Student Success Center.
 - b. Providing documentation for the absence.
3. No make-up opportunity will be given for absences of unscheduled quizzes or discussion board posts or any assignment awarded participation/attendance points.
4. A group assignment requiring a virtual meeting with all students is required and a live presentation in front of an audience of three or more is required for this course.

VI. Classroom Expectations:

1. Mutual respect of all.
 - a. No hate talk, bullying, or cyberbullying will be tolerated. Be kind! If you have issues with someone, please let me know as soon as possible.
 - b. Respect others' views. You don't have to agree with them, but you do need to recognize that not everyone will hold the same views as yours, and we must still work together as a class to accomplish our goals.
 - c. Respect instructor's time and availability. I respond very quickly when messaged through CANVAS messenger. I will let you know if I will be unavailable. Please be cognizant of my time as well as yours. Time estimates and due dates are laid out very plainly for you to see.
 - Always work a little ahead so you can anticipate issues and get them resolved quickly.
 - d. Respect classmates' time and availability as well. Set boundaries in your groups as to when is an appropriate time to text or reach out via social media when working on projects or asking questions about class.
2. No photographing/ recording sessions without consent.
3. Cyberbullying will not be tolerated

VII. Required Technology:

- Laptop or computer with microphone and camera
 - YouTube channel
 - Microsoft Word
- *Phones and tablets are not adequate technology for this course. Please contact me or see the college regarding a loaner laptop if needed.
- *You must create a YouTube channel to upload your videos. Media files will not be accepted.
- *You must use Microsoft Word for your assignments. The college offers this for free in your MYNC account.

Weekly Schedule – COMM-1010-925.FA2025 B Session D'Ambrosio

Breakdown of Assignments and Points - 680 points TOTAL (+15 points total possible extra credit).

Quizzes/Tests		220
4 Quizzes (30 points each), DUE: Weeks 1-7	120	
Final Exam, DUE: Week 8	100	
Speeches		430
"I am" Introduction Speech & Responses, DUE: Weeks 1-2	30	
Demonstration Speech Case Study Analysis, DUE: Week 2	20	
Informative Speech and Peer Feedback		
• Topic Proposal & Prep Work	10	
• CRAAPS Logsheet (Research)	15	
• Formal Outline	30	
• Speech (recorded in front of a live audience of 3 or more peers or family members)	100	
• 2 Peer Evaluations (20 pts. each)	40	
Persuasive Speech		
• CRAAPS Logsheet (Research)	15	
• Formal Outline	30	
• Speech (recorded in front of a live audience of 3 or more peers or family members)	110	
Group Presentation Discussion and Responses, DUE: Week 8	30	
Miscellaneous Assignments		30
Code of Ethics, DUE: Week 1	10	
Apprehension Class Activity, DUE: Week 4	10	
Self-Evaluation, DUE: Week 8	10	
Extra Credit (optional)		15
Profile Picture Uploaded, DUE: Week 1	3	
Informative Speech , DUE WEEK 5:		
• 5 or more audience members (ages 16 and up)	3	
• List all four source citations and times in which they are spoken during your speech	3	
Persuasive Speech , DUE WEEK 7:		
• 5 or more audience members (ages 16 and up)	3	
• List all four source citations and times in which they are spoken during your speech	3	

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Week, Module	Assignments (Instructions, Requirements, and links to submit are in the Module each week!)	Due Dates
Week 1, Module 1: Oct. 13-19	1. "I am" Speech 2. Code of Ethics 3. Quiz 1 4. Extra Credit (optional): Upload Profile Picture	ALL: Sun. Oct. 19
Week 2, Module 2: Oct. 20-26	1. Responses to Classmates' "I am" Speeches 2. Demonstration Speech Case Study Analysis 3. Topic Proposal for Informative Speech 4. Quiz 2	ALL: Sun. Oct. 26
Week 3, Module 3: Oct. 27-Nov. 2	1. CRAAPS Logsheet (Research for Informative Speech) 2. Formal Outline for Informative Speech 3. Quiz 3	ALL: Sun. Nov. 2
Week 4, Module 4: Nov. 3-Nov. 9 PREP for INFORMATIVE SPEECH (make sure you have an audience ready!)	1. Apprehension Class Activity 2. Quiz 4	ALL: Sun. Nov. 9
Week 5, Module 5: Nov. 10-16 (*Midterm grades due Nov. 10!)	1. Upload Recorded Informative Speech 2. Extra Credit (optional) 3. CRAAPS Logsheet (Research for Persuasive Speech)	ALL: Nov. 16

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Week, Module	Assignments (Instructions, Requirements, and links to submit are in the Module each week!)	Due Dates
Week 6, Module 6: Nov. 17-23	2 Peer Evaluations (Classmates' Informative Speeches) Formal Outline for Persuasive Speech)	ALL: Sun. Nov. 23
Week 7A, Module 7A*: Nov. 24-30 (Thanksgiving Break is Nov. 27-28) PREP FOR PERSUASIVE SPEECH (make sure you have an audience ready!)	- Small Group Presentations Analysis Post - Small Group Presentations Analysis Reponses	Post due TUES. Nov. 25 Responses due SUN. Nov. 30
Week 7B, Module 7B*: Dec. 1-7 PREP FOR PERSUASIVE SPEECH (make sure you have an audience ready!)	Upload Recorded Persuasive Speech Extra Credit (optional)	Sun. Dec. 7
Week 8, Module 8: Dec. 8-12	Self Evaluation of Persuasive Speech Final Exam	FRI. Dec. 12 FRI. Dec. 12