

## SPCM 1315.009 Fundamentals of Speech

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**Course Goals and Objectives:** The major aims of this course are to make you a more effective professional communicator, analytical thinker and critical listener. Throughout the semester you will study the theories and principles of effective communication, practice applying these principles in a variety of assignments, and critique the performances of other speakers. By the end of the semester, you should be able to plan and prepare professional presentations. Major topics covered include:

- Comprehending a basic level of understanding about public speaking theory
- Displaying and mastering content, structure, style, and delivery skills in the presentation of informative, persuasive, and invitational messages to effectively impact a given audience.
- Constructing and articulating logical arguments to justify sound conclusions.
- Communicating and interpreting ideas effectively through written, oral, and visual means.
- Working within teams to consider differing points of view, to display personal responsibility, and to work effectively toward a shared goal.

**Expectations and Course Structure:** I will conduct this course in an interactive lecture format. That is, I will present notes and information during each class meeting, and I will count on your contributions. I expect you come to class ready to participate in our creation of our collective knowledge. I invite you to ask questions, answer questions, share insights, and engage in the material during activities. Lectures will not duplicate readings. You should stay atop of the weekly readings and complete them before coming to class, and be prepared for activities that assess your understanding of ideas in each chapter or article.

**Course Website:** We will be using Canvas, Revel, and MediaShare for this course. I will upload necessary texts that are not part of your book, as well as any other course documents that may be of use to you throughout the semester. I will also use Canvas as a communication tool in order to contact you.

### **Required Texts:**

REVEL for *Mastering Public Speaking, 10/e* is the digital text that is required for this course. You will use Revel to access assignments throughout the semester. Revel gives you many options for your text book including an interactive eBook, an audio book, and there is an app that you can download to access your book even offline. Students will get registered for Revel through Canvas. An access code that was purchased in the bookstore is needed, or access to Revel can be bought with registering directly from Pearson for \$69. There is an option to add on a loose leaf text book for an additional \$19.95. 14 day temporary access is also available. Below is the citation for the book.

Grice, Skinner, & Mansson. (2018). *Mastering Public Speaking*. New York: NY. Pearson.

Kidd, M. A., & Scheinfeld, E. (2017). *Form and Substance: A Speech Communication Workbook*. Southlake, TX: Fountainhead Press.

### **Course Evaluation:**

The final grade will be based on the following criteria:	<u>Maximum</u>
Group Presentation – Shark Tank	70
Informative Presentation	100
Midterm Exam	100
Persuasive Speech – Debate (partners)	100
Impromptu Speech	50
Self Evaluations	50
Quizzes	100
Final Exam	100
Attendance & Participation	50
<b>Total points</b>	<b>720 points</b>

### **Calculating your grade:**

- A ≥ 648 points
- B = 576–647 points
- C = 504–575 points
- D = 468–503 points
- F ≤ 467 points

### **Grade Grievance Policy:**

If you wish to appeal a grade, please follow this procedure:

- Wait 24 hours before contacting me about a grade unless there was an error in calculation of the grade. I ask that you wait so that you can look back over the assignment or exam and your notes and the textbook, then think about the reasons why you earned the grade. I want you to *act* rather than *react* to the grade.
- As per my policy, submit the appeal in writing. E-mail me **within one week of your receipt of the grade**; include your specific appeal and which grade you believe you deserve. E-mail me again only if I do not acknowledge your first appeal.
- Disputes will not be entertained after 7 days after the assignment was returned to you. If any grade is to be reevaluated, the new earned grade may be lower than the previous grade. If I reevaluate an assignment, I may find something that I did not find before that should actually lower the grade.
- I will not entertain conversations in the last week of class or after final grades have been posted about being only a few points away from earning a particular letter grade. As you can see, points have already been rounded up. You will receive the grade that you earn throughout the semester, so please start working hard early on.

**Course Assessment:** (Additional information will be provided in class)

**Quizzes:** Quizzes are due by the beginning of class the day the accompanied reading is listed in the syllabus (see course calendar). These are to be completed on Revel and will assess your comprehension of the reading that was also assigned for that day. Some quizzes are

video quizzes that you must watch the video for, others are simple multiple choice. You will have three attempts to get the right answer, losing points for each attempt. For example, if you get the answer correct on the first try, the question is worth 4pts. If you get it right on the third try, you will receive 2points. Quizzes are worth varying points throughout the semester and will be accumulated to total 100points of your final grade. Clearly purchasing the online book is necessary to complete these quizzes.

**Midterm and Final Exam:** These exams will be noncumulative and includes multiple-choice questions, short answers and brief essays. Be on time. If you arrive after someone has turned in an exam, you will not be able to take it. You will take a Midterm and a Final Examination. The Midterm Examination is worth 100 points; the Final Examination is worth 100. The midterm test will cover the material in Unit I only. The final test will cover the material in Unit II only. The remaining parts of each test will cover lecture material. Concerning the text material, I will cover only a portion of the text in class. Consequently, you will need to read this material on your own and be thoroughly familiar with it. You will want to keep up with chapter reading assignments as they are given each week (see CLASS CALENDER at the end of this syllabus). Test format will include a combination of multiple choice, matching, short answer, and essay response items. The test **MUST** be completed the day of the exam, not before and not after. These exams will be timed, you will have 80minutes to complete it.

**Speeches:** You will construct and deliver a total of 4 significant speeches – 1 group project, one informative speech, and two persuasive speeches. Speech dates (and group assignments) will be given on/around the end of the prior assignment. We will go over each speech when your speech day is assigned, but for each assignment you will turn in your outline and visual aids in advance to your presentation These must be typed and printed according to APA formatting (12size, times new roman, typical outline format, etc). You are responsible for delivering your speech on the day(s) assigned to you. Students who fail to deliver speeches on their assigned day(s) will not have the opportunity to give them at a later date unless arranged prior to the speech day. **Opportunities to make-up speeches are limited to emergencies involving unforeseeable and potentially life threatening injuries and, in any case, are wholly subject to Instructor authorization.** You will also complete self-evaluations on how you did in each speech. You will watch your video online and write a written critique based on your observations.

**Participation:** Throughout the semester, you will be asked to partake in discussion and contribute to class. Please be ready, having read the course materials for that class period, with your own thoughts, questions, or insight. This type of participation is key in a small class like this; different point of views will also allow the class to understand the material better.

**Attendance:** Attendance is necessary in this class. However, you will be given THREE (3) “FREE” days to miss with no penalty for your absence(s). For each and every absence thereafter, 4 points will be deducted from your course point total. Eight (8) total absences earn an automatic "F." For every speech day you miss, 5 additional points will be deducted. Arriving to class late or leaving class early is inconsistent with an efficient and productive class session. Students who consistently (i.e., more than twice) fail to arrive by the time designated and/or who leave class before the end of the period will receive an absence. Finally, an attendance sheet distributed at the beginning of class will record your attendance. If you do not sign in, you will be considered absent for that day. **You are responsible for signing your name on this sheet. At the end of the semester all questions concerning your attendance will be answered by recourse to this sheet.**

## **Course Policies:**

**Elasticity Clause:** I reserve the right to modify the existing course calendar and assignments. If changes must be made, I and/or my teaching assistants will notify students as soon as possible.

**Classroom Civility:** People and ideas must be treated with respect. Please avoid disruptive behavior that makes it difficult to accomplish our mutual objectives.

**Changes to the schedule:** Changes may be made at my discretion and if circumstances require. I will do my best to notify you via email, in class, and with a hard copy of the changes. It is your responsibility to note these changes when announced. Readings must be completed for the day they are assigned on the course schedule. Lectures are intended to complement the readings.

**E-mail:** E-mail is my preferred form of contact (note the address above). I cannot guarantee a response to e-mails sent to other addresses, including blackboard. You should expect email communication to take 1-2 business days. This is especially true if I am traveling with the debate team (usually long weekend trips, meaning I will not be accessible many weeks from end of business Thursday, to start of business Monday). You should treat our online correspondence with the same respect as any business or legal communication. Emails that do not conform to these standards will not be answered. Be sure to include your course number and first and last name in either the body text or subject of your email (Messages sent through Canvas will already have this information).

**Attendance:** Much of the learning will take place inside the class and labs through discussions, presentations, and interactions. Attendance and participation are counted toward your final grade in class. **All assignments must be turned in on time.** If you know you will be missing class due to religious observance, athletics, or competitions, you must inform me no later than the second week of classes. If you are going to miss class or be late, especially on an assignment day, you must let me know via email BEFORE the class begins to be considered for an assignment extension (which is an *extremely rare* occurrence).

If you are absent from class, it is *your* responsibility to determine what was missed and to hand in any work or to do any readings that were announced during your absence. If you need assistance because of university-related absences (e.g., debate, sports, etc.), contact me before the missed class. This goes for any personal related absences as well. It is always better to communicate with me when there is a problem than not.

Arriving late to class twice will count as one unexcused absence. Leaving the class early is not permitted without prior permission and will count as an unexcused absence. If you need to leave the class for an emergency, please do so with minimal distraction to others—this needs to be a rare and extraordinary occurrence. Permission will not be given to leave early or arrive late on a regular basis (e.g. because of work, classes, etc.)

**Assignments:** All papers must be typed using Times New Roman in 12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins (with no extra spaces between paragraphs), and proper APA style. You must cite ALL bibliographic sources used in your papers (using APA) within text and in a references page. For help with APA style and writing, please do not hesitate to visit the Undergraduate Writing Center on campus or online.

**Late Assignments & Make-up Work:** There is no such thing as late work, nor is there make-up work for unexcused, missed or failed assignments. I do not give make up exams or quizzes.

### General Classroom Infractions

- Cell phones, ear buds, headphones and other electronic devices are not welcome in the classroom.
  - *It doesn't matter why you have a phone out. Without prior permission to have it out, you will be told to leave.*
- Working on unrelated material, copying, or writing on someone else's notes during class is prohibited.
  - *If you need a pen, paper, etc., then raise your hand and wait for the professor to acknowledge you.*
  - *A lack of preparedness on your part does not give you the right to interrupt a lecture.*
- Private comments, jokes, nudges, pokes, texts, or written notes between students are a major disruption.
  - *If your attention is not exclusively on the board, your notes, or me, then you will be told to leave.*
  - *Laptops and tablets are not allowed in the classroom (see laptop policy). Also keep tablets, phones, and smartwatches put away!*
- Inattention, sleeping, or the appearance of sleeping (as decided solely by the professor) is prohibited.
- Disruptions such as closing books, zipping bags, or packing up before being dismissed are not welcome

**Consequences:** Attendance/Participation grade dropped. Further infractions will result in your permanent dismissal from class. Also, I reserve the right to permanently assign seats to counter disruptive behavior.

### Major Course Infractions

- Arguing during class time with your instructor, especially when you've been accused of an infraction.
  - *We can discuss your behavior later in my office, but arguing with me during class only worsens your offense.*
  - *If you ever find yourself being sent out of class, gather your things and quietly leave. Be aware that, from the moment the infraction started, everything you are saying and doing will be written in a report to the Dean.*
- Disrespectful or uncivil conduct of any form, either online or in the classroom.
  - *While you have the right to your own opinion, inflammatory language, including discriminatory language based on race, appearance, class, ethnicity, gender, dis/ability, sexual orientation, or national origin, is unacceptable.*
- Religious diversity must be represented in a respectful manner.
  - *Be aware that at no time will I allow you to proselytize your own religious view or bash another's religious view.*
- Academic dishonesty is prohibited in any form.

**Consequences:** You will be dismissed from class and sent to the Dean for disciplinary action. The Dean may determine that a note be permanently placed on your transcript, barring you from any future college plans.

**The “Common Knowledge” Clause:** Material does not have to be cited if it is common knowledge—that is, knowledge that most American high school graduates already know. (E.g. Humans once painted in caves. Berlin is the capital of Germany. Etc.)

**The “Textbook” Clause :** Material does not have to be cited if both of these points are true:

1. If the information contained in a student's work is found in a course textbook or other assigned reading
2. And if that information is presented in such a way that the work is not copying or nearly copying the reading material word-for-word.

For example, if a student's textbook lists the Stone Age as beginning in 3,000 BCE, then a student can simply include this date. But, if a student copied full sentences from the textbook, then that would be plagiarism.

**The “10% Rule”:** As a general rule, a college assignment is considered an original work only if the vast majority of text is original. Generally, no more than 10% of a work can be someone else's words, regardless of proper quotes or citation.

**Intent:** When reviewing a possible case of plagiarism, the student's intent will not be taken into consideration. In other words, an act of plagiarism is plagiarism whether or not the student claims to have intended plagiarism.

**Mistakes & Accidents:** The possibility that the student mistakenly or accidentally committed plagiarism will not be taken into consideration. I strongly suggest that you discuss your sources with the Writing Center before turning in work.

**Appeal to Ignorance:** A student's claim to ignorance with concern to policy will never be treated as a valid justification of plagiarism.

**Collaboration:** Students are not permitted to collaborate on an essay, discussion post, quiz, test, or any written assignment. Having someone proofread your work is ok, but that can only entail matters of style, grammar, and spelling.

**Disciplinary Action for Plagiarism:** Per departmental policy, the first offense of plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment. Any additional acts of plagiarism will result in an F for the course and possible disciplinary action by the Dean (e.g. expulsion).

## University Policies

### UT Tyler Honor Code:

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do. Students Rights and Responsibilities To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

### Campus Carry:

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at

<http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

### UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University:

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free).

**Academic Honesty Policy:** Students will adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. Anyone caught cheating will earn a "0" for that assignment and will be subject to academic and disciplinary action. Plagiarism (the use of written and oral words or ideas of another person, including another student, without the expressed acknowledgment of the speaker's or writer's indebtedness to that person) will not be tolerated. This includes the use of papers or other materials previously submitted to instructors in other classes, as well as video and audio recordings. Students caught plagiarizing will fail this class and be subject to academic and disciplinary action. (See next section for University Policy)

- **Student Standards of Academic Conduct**

- Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an

examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

- “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
  - copying from another student’s test paper;
  - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
  - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
  - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
  - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
  - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
  - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
  - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
  - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
  - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
  - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
  - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
  - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.



- “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.
- “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

**The U-T Tyler Writing Center** provides professional writing tutoring for all students in all disciplines. If you wish to use the Writing Center, you should plan for a minimum of two hour-long tutorials per assignment: the first to provide an initial consultation and drafting plan, and the second to follow up. Be prepared to take an active role in your learning, as you will be asked to discuss your work during your tutorial. While Writing Center tutors are happy to provide constructive criticism and teach effective writing techniques, under no circumstances will they fix, repair, or operate on your paper. Location: **CAS ????**. Appointments: 903-565-5995.

#### **Disability/Accessibility Services:**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application.

The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, #3150 or call 903.566.7079.

#### **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the **Census Date is Sept. 9, 2019**.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The **Census Date (Sept. 9, 2019)** is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

### **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance:**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time, the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation:**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

### **UT Tyler Resources for Students:**

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu)

- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu)
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

**Tentative Schedule of Topics, Assignments, & Readings**

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC/ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS &amp; DUE DATES</b>
1	8/27	Intro to Course	
	8/29	Working in Groups (Intro Grp Project)	Appendix C; Workbook Chapter 9,10
2	9/3	Ethics	Chapter 1 & 2
	9/5	Apprehension	Chapter 3; Workbook Chapter 2
3	9/10	Listening & Audience Analysis	Chapter 4 & 5
	9/12	Computer Mediated Communication	Chapter 6
4	9/17	Sources for Your Presentation	Chapter 7 & 9; Workbook Chapter 4, 5
	9/19	GROUP PRESENTATIONS	
5	9/24	GROUP PRESENTATIONS	
	9/26	Exam #1 Review	<b>Team Evaluation Due</b>
6	10/1	EXAM #1	
	10/3	Speaking to Inform & Organizing (Intro Informative Presentation)	Chapter 15, 8, 10; Workbook Chapter 3
7	10/8	Organization & Creating & Using Visual Aids	Chapter 11 & 14; Workbook Chapter 11
	10/10	Delivery	Chapter 12 & 13
8	10/15	Informative Workshop	
	10/17	INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS	

9	10/22	INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS	
	10/24	INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS	
10	10/29	Speaking to Persuade (Intro to Persuasive presentations)	Chapter 16; <b>Self Evaluation Due</b>  Chapter 17
	10/31	Methods of Persuasion/Workshop	
11	11/5	PERSUASIVE PRESENTATIONS	
	11/7	PERSUASIVE PRESENTATIONS	
12	11/12	PERSUASIVE PRESENTATIONS	
	11/14	Impromptu Speaking/Workshop	
13	11/19	Impromptu Speaking/Workshop	Chapter 18; <b>Self-Evaluation Due</b>
	11/21	IMPROMPTU PRESENTATIONS	
14	12/3	IMPROMPTU PRESENTATIONS	
	12/5	Catch up/Review	

**Final Exam will take place on the mandated date set by The University.**