



Speech Communication - Course Descriptions

SPC 119 (formerly SPT 119) Storytelling - 3 Credits

Study of and practice in storytelling that will focus on stories appropriate for modern society. Storytelling is an art that requires the practice of craft-based techniques. Focus will be placed on story and character development, performance of a variety of stories, and evaluation of what makes a good story and its performance. (SUNY-A)

SPC 140 (formerly SPT 140) Introduction to Speech Communication - 3 Credits

A survey of the major concepts of speech communication. This course will provide an introduction to interpersonal skills (perception, listening, verbal and nonverbal communication); public speaking (organization, delivery and basic speech writing); and small group communication (leadership, assertiveness and listening). Emphasis is on the application of these basic concepts in the personal, academic and professional lives of students. Three class hours.

SPC 141 (formerly SPT 141) Interpersonal Speech Communication -3 Credits

The focus of this course is to help students understand, evaluate, and improve their interactions with others in their personal and professional lives. Theory and practical skills include issues in listening, conflict resolution, assertiveness, and non-verbal communication. Emphasis is on the application of these and other communication skills to the daily lives of the class members. Three class hours.

SPC 142 (formerly SPT 142) Public Speaking - 3 Credits

Primarily concerned with the source and substance of ideas, evidence, and reasoning that form the basis for good oral communication. Students will develop and present original speeches applying these ideas and the principles of organization, clarity, vitality, and ethics. When speaking, students will learn effective ways to use voice and body language to communicate a message. Three class hours.

SPC 143 (formerly SPT 143) Small Group Communication - 3 Credits

Small group theory and process is examined from a communication perspective. Topics include leadership, goal setting, decision making, conflict, and the stages of group development. Students participate in groups. Three class hours.

SPC 144 (formerly SPT 144) Communication and Crisis - 3 Credits

This course combines theories of communication and concepts of crisis necessary for dealing appropriately with people in crisis. Topics covered include practical skills: listening and responding, communicating assertively, managing conflict, and how these skills can be used to help people who are dealing with loss, grief, depression, and suicidal ideation. The on-line version of this course requires access to a camcorder. Three class hours.

SPC 172 (formerly SPT 172) Honors - Competitive Public Speaking - 1 Credit

Students will work collaboratively with the instructor and classmates to develop skills for competition-style speaking through the practice and performance of an original speech. One speech will be developed, presented, critiqued and improved during class rehearsals. Students will learn through hands-on experience the in-depth effort required for professional and competitive public speaking. 1.5 class hours per week for last 7 weeks of the Spring Semester, and one 5-hour speech contest.

Prerequisite: Audition and/or permission of the instructor and enrollment in SPT 142 or SPC 142 (formerly SPT 142).

SPC 242 (formerly SPT 242) Speaking in Professional Situations - 3 Credits

This course enables students to build on the basics of organization, vocal variety and body language learned in SPT 142. Students will apply these basic skills to a variety of professional speaking opportunities, including persuasive speaking, using technology to support speech purpose, forming and supporting arguments, and more. The skills developed in this course are immediately transferable to professional settings. Three class hours.

*Prerequisite: SPT 142 or SPC142 (formerly SPT 142) or permission of instructor.
Prerequisite: AAD 104 and AAD 105, or permission of instructor*

SPC 290 Independent Study Variable Credit
See the Department Chairperson.