COMMUNICATION STUDIES (COMM)

COMM-1000 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication  
3 Credits
Define and explain basic terms, principles, and theories of interpersonal communication. Examine and adjust communication behaviors with the goal of improving one's own communication skills. Critically apply interpersonal theories in a variety of contexts and demonstrate an understanding of following aspects of interpersonal relationships: verbal, nonverbal, listening, perception, conflict, power, influence, and culture.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): None.  
OAN Approved: OCM002.

COMM-1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication  
3 Credits  
Effective speech communication. Application of principles of speech content and delivery to a variety of practical speaking and listening situations.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.  
OAN Approved: TMCOM and OCM013

COMM-101H Honors Speech Communication  
3 Credits  
In-depth study and application of effective speech communication. Includes principles of speech content and delivery in a variety of speaking and listening situations. Research in the origins and history of speech including classic Greek, Roman, and contemporary models. Emphasis on speaking and speech evaluation.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English placement test.  
OAN Approved: TMCOM and OCM013

COMM-1050 Voice and Articulation  
3 Credits  
Practical course in application of both theory and technique to conscious vocal control and development of articulation and pronunciation standards. Individual and group practice. Performance through exercises and readings.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): None.

COMM-1210 Small Group Communication  
3 Credits  
Basic elements of communications and small group theory as employed in typical small group situation. Emphasis placed on individual’s responsibility in discussion setting, focusing on development of leadership abilities within each group. Analysis of group interaction in problem-solving process for task-oriented groups.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): None.  
OAN Approved: OCM003

COMM-1820 Independent Study/Research in Communication Studies  
1-3 Credits
Directed individual study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.  
Lecture: 1-3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

COMM-2000 Introduction to Communication Theory  
3 Credits  
Introduction to theories of human communication. Analyzing the communication process by examining the process of building communication theory, as well as addressing theories in a variety of communication contexts such as interpersonal, group, public, organizational, influence, mass media, and cultural. Attention to the application of communication theory in achieving a better understanding the process of human communication.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): COMM-1000 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication or COMM-1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication or COMM-101H Honors Fundamentals of Speech Communication and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.  
OAN Approved: OCM001.

COMM-2020 Interviewing  
3 Credits  
This course is designed to teach you how to incorporate communication skills relating to professional interviewing including interview structures, questioning techniques and formats, and a range of interview types. Specific practice will focus on workplace interviewing in the 21st century.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): COMM-1000 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication or COMM-1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication or COMM-101H Honors Fundamentals of Speech Communication and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

COMM-2050 Oral Interpretation  
3 Credits  
Introduction to the oral communication of various forms of fiction and non fiction for live performance. Involves the analysis of literary works in preparation for performance with an emphasis on the development of delivery skills for interpretive reading.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): COMM-1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication, or COMM-101H Honors Fundamentals of Speech Communication and ENG-1010 College Composition I, or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

COMM-2110 Argumentation and Debate  
3 Credits  
Introduces students to the basic principles of argumentation and debate as a tool for inquiry and advocacy, while emphasizing the development of research, critical thinking, and written and oral presentation skills. Strategies for advocating and arguing contested positions will be sharpened as reasoning and evidence in speeches, conversations, essays, and group deliberations are practiced and examined.  
Lecture: 3 hours  
Prerequisite(s): COMM-1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication, or COMM-101H Honors Fundamentals of Speech Communication, or departmental approval: comparable knowledge or skills.
COMM-2150 Introduction to Speech Pathology
3 Credits
Survey of the profession of speech-language pathology and introduction to various organic and functional speech disorders including deviant articulation, delayed speech-language development, and stuttering. Techniques for diagnosis and treatment are explored.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I, or departmental approval.

COMM-2160 Intercultural Communication
3 Credits
Covers barriers to intercultural communication, dimensions of cultural differences, conflict, verbal and nonverbal issues, and the theories of communication concepts operating between people of different cultures.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): COMM-1000 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication or departmental approval.

COMM-2180 Principles of Phonetics
3 Credits
Study of the theory, principles and practices that are employed to describe the sounds of spoken English. Introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and its application in transcribing the sounds of normal, deviant and accented speech. Course content is relevant to the disciplines of speech and hearing science, education, linguistics and theatre.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): COMM-1050 Voice and Articulation, or departmental approval.

COMM-2813 Special Topics: Speech and Language Development
3 Credits
This course is designed to provide an understanding of the process of normal speech and language acquisition (comprehension and production) from birth through the teen years. Speech and Language Development information will include an overview of the major milestones in phonology, semantics, syntax, morphology, pragmatics and metalinguistic components. An understanding of these components of communication will provide a basis for approaching assessment and intervention in persons with speech and language disorders.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): COMM-2150 Introduction to Speech Pathology or departmental approval.

COMM-2820 Independent Advanced Study/Research in Communication Studies
1-3 Credits
Directed individual advanced study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.