

**Communication 131X
Section F05**

**Fundamentals of Oral Communication - Group Context
Fall 2009
3 credits**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday/2:15pm – 3:15pm/Gruening RM 408

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of small group communication and public presentation. It is designed to help you learn to apply theory regarding small group communication and to actually participate in small group contexts. You will become more competent and comfortable in communicating in group situations through in-class participation, problem solving, group observation, and public presentation activities.

THE COURSE SCHEDULE IS PROVIDED BELOW AND THE FOLLOING PAGES CONTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE NATURE OF THIS COURSE. YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO KNOW ALL OF THIS INFORMATION, SO BE SURE TO READ IT VERY CAREFULLY.

Policy: It is the policy of the Department of Communication that, due to the developmental nature of this class, students who are not present in the classroom during the first OR second day of the semester may be dropped from the class by the Instructor (wait-listed students included).

**Course Schedule
(Subject to revision)**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT DUE</u> |
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| 9/4 | Introduction to class | |
| 9/7 | Labor Day – No Class | |
| 9/9 | Class introductions | Syllabus; SIP pp. 1-12 Diagnostic Speech Proposal |
| 9/11 | Diagnostic presentations (SIP p. 12) | <i>Class Schedule to Instructor</i> |

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| 9/14 | Diagnostic presentations | |
| 9/16 | Effective public presentations | <i>Handbook</i> , Chs. 1, 10, 18, 28 |
| 9/18 | Effective public presentations | <i>Handbook</i> , Chs. 19, 20 |
| 9/21 | Effective public presentations | <i>Handbook</i> , Chs. 22, 29, 30, 31 |
| 9/23 | Effective public presentations | <i>Handbook</i> , Chs. 4, 33, 34, 35 |
| 9/25 | Effective public presentations | <i>Handbook</i> , Chs. 2, 3 |
| 9/28 | 1 st GRADED PRESENTATION | Outline Due |
| 9/30 | 1 st GRADED PRESENTATION | Outline Due |
| 10/2 | 1 st GRADED PRESENTATION | Outline Due |
| 10/5 | Effective public presentations (review) | <i>Handbook</i> , Chs. 11, 12, 13 |
| 10/7 | Effective public presentations (review) | TBA |
| 10/9 | TEST #1 | All assigned material |
| 10/12 | Groups as systems | <i>Discussion</i> , Ch. 2, 3 |
| 10/14 | Group development | <i>Discussion</i> , Ch. 4 |
| 10/16 | Group development | Topics & Resources Due |
| 10/19 | Group climate | Reading as assigned |
| 10/21 | 2 nd GRADED PRESENTATION (SIP p. 17) | Outline Due |
| 10/23 | 2 nd GRADED PRESENTATION | Outline Due |
| 10/26 | 2 nd GRADED PRESENTATION | Outline Due |
| 10/28 | Diversity & Communication | Reading as assigned |
| 10/30 | Diversity & Communication | Reading as assigned |
| 11/2 | Handling conflict in groups | <i>Discussion</i> , Ch. 6 |
| 11/4 | Handling conflict in groups | Contracts Due (SIP pp. 14-16) |
| 11/6 | Effective group problem solving | <i>Discussion</i> , Chs. 1,7 |
| 11/9 | Effective group problem solving | <i>Discussion</i> , Chs. 8, 9 |
| 11/11 | Effective group problem solving | <i>Discussion</i> , Chs. 10, 11 |
| 11/13 | Effective group problem solving | Reading as assigned |
| 11/16 | GRADED PROBLEM SOLVING (SIP pp. 18-22) | |
| 11/18 | GRADED PROBLEM SOLVING | |
| 11/20 | Group work day | Work as group assigned & <i>Handbook</i> , Ch. 37 |
| 11/23 | Group work day | Work as group assigns |
| 11/25 | Group work day | Work as group assigns |
| 11/27 | Holiday | |
| 11/30 | Group work day | |
| 12/2 | Group word day | |
| 12/4 | SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS | Symposium Outlines Due |
| 12/7 | SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS | Symposium Outlines Due |
| 12/9 | SYMPOISUM PRESENTATIONS | Symposium Outlines Due |
| 12/11 | SYMPOISUM PRESENTATIONS | Symposium Outlines Due |
| 12/14 | Review for test | Assessment of Group (SIP, p. 25-26) |
| 12/18 | Final Exam (1:00pm – 3:00pm) | All assigned material |