

**Communication 131X
Section F06**

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday/3:30pm – 4:30pm/Gruening RM 402

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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>
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>

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 (3:15pm – 5:15pm)	All assigned material