

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE SYLLABUS

SPC 215 PUBLIC SPEAKING/GE

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The development of skills, attitudes, and understandings that aid the individual in various communication situations: person-to-person communication, public speeches, discussions, and report presentations with the special emphasis on the study of the various principles of speech composition, audience analysis, and techniques of public address.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Be introduced to a wide spectrum of principles and practices of public speaking performance.
- 1.2 Develop and expand public speaking skills.
- 1.3 Analyze strengths and weaknesses relating to public speaking.
- 1.4 Build their confidence and poise through successful performances.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 develop and present an organized speech.
- 2.2 evaluate critically the communication skills of self and others and analyze audiences.
- 2.3 demonstrate affective skills in public speaking, audience behavior, interpersonal and/or group communication, by participating in presentations, discussion and regular classroom duties.
- 2.4 summarize and present opinions on articles dealing with communication and/or career selections.

3. AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA

ORAL COMMUNICATION

- The syntax and mechanics of written and/or oral communication, including exploration of academic and rhetorically diverse contexts
- How to communicate orally and visually
- The structure and delivery of oral presentations
- The use of visual aids to effectively communicate
- The use of language(s) to explore and express ideas in a diverse society

4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Lecture and discussion
- 4.2 Reading from text, handouts, and research materials
- 4.3 Audio-visual presentations
- 4.4 Facilitation of group exercises
- 4.5 Extensive critiques on performances by instructor, self and fellow students
- 4.6 Performances
- 4.7 Small group discussions
- 4.8 Class participation

5. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Reading text and articles in the field of communications
- 5.2 Guided exercises in discussion, listening and feedback
- 5.3 Speech preparations, presentations and discussions
- 5.4 Guest speakers
- 5.5 Daily class participation using learned communication skills
- 5.6 Written self-evaluation and analysis of student speeches

6. EVALUATION

- 6.1 Grade will be earned by an assortment of learning activities, exams, assignments, and participation
- 6.2 Please see the class schedule and assignment sheet for more information

7. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 7.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 7.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 7.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course. 7.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course