

Speech

SPCH 105 Speech Communication 3 credits

Attributes: FA HU LA

This course covers critical thinking, information literacy, active listening, public speaking apprehension, technology skills, and verbal and nonverbal communication. Students analyze informative and persuasive techniques and research, organize, and deliver a minimum of three formal speeches: two of which must be an informative and a persuasive speech.

SPCH 107 Oral Interpretation 3 credits

Attributes: FA HU LA

This course provides an introduction to the art of oral interpretation of literature, including the techniques of literary and communicative analysis for public performance. Goals of the course include development of methods in handling speech fright, building confidence, and audience adaptation. The course is especially recommended for future teachers.

SPCH 108 Interpersonal Communication 3 credits

Attributes: FA HU LA

This course is designed to improve human relationships through an understanding of the principles of effective interpersonal communication. Students participate actively in listening, perceiving, interpreting words and meanings, conflict resolution, assertiveness, nonverbal awareness, developing trusting relationships, and considering the role of the self-concept.

SPCH 121 Argumentation and Debate 3 credits

Attributes: FA HU LA

This class provides an overview of the study of argumentation. Students learn argumentation theories and approaches while gaining skills in critical thinking and public speaking. By the end of the semester, students understand how to research and build an argument to be presented in a debate; how to anticipate, construct, and refute arguments; and how to evaluate the political, moral, and cultural contexts of argumentation.

Prerequisite: ENGL 101 English Composition I.

SPCH 400 Special Study in Speech 1 credit

Attributes: HU LA

This course involves independent work on a selected topic under the direction of members of the Communication Arts Department. Limited to two courses per student.

Prerequisite: approval of the Department Chair and Division Dean.