

CMST 2060 PUBLIC SPEAKING
Fall 2014 -- Sections 25 and 30

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Required Texts: Lucas, Stephen E. (2012) *The Art of Public Speaking* (11th ed). McGraw Hill.

Course Description/ Goals:

CMST 2060 is a *General Education Humanities Course* designed to familiarize students with the study of public speaking. The act of public speaking is the culmination (and often the beginning) of a long process of critical dialogue between oneself, language, and the imagined responses of the audience. In other words, it takes being confident in who you are, what you want to say, how you are going to say it, who you want to say it to, and why you should say anything at all. Throughout the semester, students will be introduced to the fundamental concepts of public speaking.

As a General Education Humanities Course, CMST 2060 will enable students to demonstrate an understanding of historical, cultural, and philosophical complexity that supports sophisticated discourse.

As a result of this course, students should:

1. Understand the principles of rhetoric and effectively utilize them in crafting well researched, reasoned, and appealing speeches.
2. Choose topics for public speaking that are timely, relevant, and adaptable given varying situations in which the message may be delivered, and for different audiences.
3. Effectively and critically evaluate message/speech content and delivery, both when examining one's own work as well as that of others.
4. Understand and utilize the verbal and nonverbal elements essential for exemplary speech delivery.
5. Analyze and discuss speeches of historical, political and social significance.

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance & Participation: Your attendance at each class meeting is expected. You are expected to attend all classes just as you would be expected to go to work every day if this was any other job. Your class participation grade will be determined based on in-class discussion participation, assignments/exercises, and analysis of in-class presentations throughout the semester.

INSERT STUDENT HONESTY PLEDGE

Plagiarism: You are to assume that all assignments in this course are individual assignments unless explicit instructions are provided for a group project. Any student found to have turned in material not their own (either downloaded from the internet or written by another student) in part or in whole will immediately be reported to the Dean of Students. The Internet has made plagiarism very easy and very tempting. Hundreds of sites offer papers, research, writing, and editing. The ease with which such material is available over the Internet does not lessen the seriousness of claiming material from the Internet as your own. See the LSU policies on plagiarism here:

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/instruction/plagiarism2.html> . Your paper would be considered as plagiarized in part or entirely if you do any of the following:

- Submit a paper that was written by someone other than you.
- Submit a paper in which you use the ideas, metaphors or reasoning style of another, but do not cite that source and/or place that source in your list of references. Simply rewording a sentence does not make work your own.
- Submit a paper in which you “cut and paste” or use the exact words of a source and you do not put the words within quotation marks, use footnotes or in-text citations, and place the source in your list of references.

COURSE POLICIES

Class Conduct:

This class is intended to develop the fundamentals of public speaking. Everyone should be treated with respect and courtesy when presenting ideas for class discussion and during presentations.

Technology Policy:

- Laptop computers and similar devices used for note-taking as a learning aid are permitted in class. You should also have paper and a writing utensil on all days for group activities.
- All other technology (smart phones, etc.) are NOT permitted for use during class. The first use during class will result in substantial reduction in overall course participation points (up to 20 points) with an increasing reduction in points for each use thereafter.

In case of emergencies requiring cell phone access during the class session, see the professor before class for permission.

Speech Packets: With each speech, you will be required to turn in materials along with your speech, such as an outline, a bibliography, print outs of source materials, and/or visual aids. Students must bring print outs of all materials used including the preparation outline, bibliography, and print out of source materials used on the first day of presentations. Late work will receive a 10 point deduction per day, including non-scheduled class days and weekends

Extra Credit: No extra credit assignment will be allowed.

Disabilities: The Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitations Act of 1973 states: “If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please see a coordinator in the Office of Disability Affairs (112 Johnston Hall) so that such accommodations can be arranged.” After you receive the accommodation letters, please meet with me to discuss the provisions of those accommodations.

Grades: Final grades will be determined based on scores earned in the following assignments. All work must be done during the semester and not made up after the fact.

Course Assignments:

Research Participation Requirement	3%
Introductory Speech	5%
Informative Speech	11%
Persuasive Speech	11%
Commemorative Speech	10%
Activity Speeches/Participation	10%
Reading Assessments/Quizzes	15%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	20%

Grade Scale:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

Missed Presentations and Late-Work:

If a student is absent the day she/he is scheduled to speak and has not made prior arrangements with the instructor, a ZERO grade will be recorded for the presentation portion of the assignment. If time permits on the last day of presentations for the assignment, the speech may be made up with the grade averaged in with the zero score.

If you are unable to make a scheduled speech time, you may still receive full credit for speech outlines if they are submitted by the start of class on the scheduled speaking day. If a speaker knows she/he cannot attend class the day of an assigned speech presentation, she/he can find a replacement without penalty.

Late Work:

Major class assignments are to be turned in by the time class starts on the day that they are due. Assignments will not receive credit if turned in after the end of class on the day that they are due. Any work turned in during class time will be considered late and will automatically be reduced by one letter grade. *In other words if you arrive late to class, the assignment is late and will automatically be penalized one half letter grade.*

In the same sense, if you arrive late to class on the day of your speech, your assignment will be reduced by one letter grade, even if you are “on time” for your own presentation. Showing respect for your classmates by arriving on time to class on the day of presentations is of great importance. Major class assignments will be accepted prior to the established deadline.

If you miss a speech presentation, you will be allowed to make up the presentation for partial credit on the final day of class during the semester if time permits (see above).

Just as with any other job, you would certainly make every effort to contact your co-workers or boss if extenuating circumstances prevented you from meeting an important deadline. The same should be true for this class.

Prior arrangements must be made with the instructor if extenuating circumstances prevent you from meeting an important deadline. If prior arrangements have been made, a penalty of 5% will be assessed to

any late work. If you miss work due to a university approved absence, you will be responsible for providing documentation to confirm the excused dates and for coordinating make-up work, making every effort to make arrangements before the absence when possible.

Research Participation Requirement:

The material you will learn in this course is the product of research. The goal of the research learning requirement is to help you to gain knowledge about the process by which scholars attempt to understand human behavior. All students taking CMST 2060 must complete a research learning requirement. To receive full points for the Research Participation component of your course grade, you must complete 2 research credits. You can fulfill your requirement by:

- 1. Participating in research studies conducted in the Department of Communication Studies.** All studies that last between 0 and 30 minutes will count as one credit. Any study that lasts between 31 and 60 minutes will count as two credits. Each study will specify the number of credits a student can earn for completion. There will be several survey and experimental studies conducted throughout the semester. These studies are held on campus at various times and in various locations or are administered through online survey software. All available studies are approved by the Institutional Review Board at LSU.
- 2. Participating in an organized departmental function such as debate or public speaking competition.** Only departmental sanctioned events will count toward a student's research learning requirement; thus, no credit will be given for a student attending an outside speaker or performance.
- 3. Serving as a research assistant for a faculty member in the Department of Communication Studies.** The number of units and requirements for those units will be set by the researcher and either accepted or rejected by the student.

The research learning requirement is worth 3% of your total grade; you will receive your 3% if you accumulate 2 research credits during the given semester. Please note that all research learning credits must be completed and allocated by *Tuesday* December 2 at 11:59 PM (the Tuesday prior to the start of the concentrated study period).

ALL available options to earn credit are posted on an electronic bulletin board located at <https://lsuhumanresearch.sona-systems.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=/> . When you go to this website, you will first have to request an account. Once you have secured an account, you will be able to log in and see the options available to you for your various CMST courses.

Please note that **various ways to fulfill your research learning requirement will appear on this bulletin board throughout the semester.** You are encouraged to check the system on a regular basis for current credit options that fit your interests as well as your schedule.

It is very important that when you sign-up for a credit option that you attend that option or cancel your sign up. **Failure to show up twice during one semester will result in your access to the system being restricted and you being unable to complete your research learning requirement.** Valid excuses for failing to cancel a sign up and missing a credit option are the same as those found in LSU Policy Statement 31.

Detailed instructions on how to request an account and to navigate the system are posted on the homepage of the Department of Communication Studies, <http://www.lsu.edu/cmst>. Click on RESOURCES and RESEARCH PARTICIPATION SYSTEM. Scroll down to find the document titled "RPS – Instructions for Students." You are encouraged to **create an account during the first week of classes** so that any

problems that arise can be remedied before it is too late. If you have questions about this requirement or the online system that keeps track of credits, please email researchadmin@lsu.edu.

Do you have a major?

Business leaders and other professionals recognize the importance of developing communication skills and analysis. Alan Greenspan, for example, stated, “To succeed, you will soon learn, as I did, the importance of a solid foundation in the basics of education – literacy, both verbal and numerical, and communication skills.” We hope this course contributes to your success.

To learn more about communication, you may want to major or minor in the Department of Communication Studies. The program explores how people sustain and change, experience, and make sense of the world through symbolic action. Students develop conceptual skills to analyze written, oral, and visual messages. Students gain practical experience in such areas such as public speaking, group decision-making, performance, and film. Such skills are elemental to careers in business, government, law, social services, and the arts.

A major in Communication Studies requires 36 hours including 12 hours of core classes and 12 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level. A minor requires 15 hours with one core class and 6 hours at the 3000 level or above.

More information is available at www.lsu.edu/cmst or by contacting our undergraduate advisor Mr. Kent Filbel (kfilli@lsu.edu), whose hours are posted at his office, 135 Coates Hall.

Anticipated Course Schedule

Week 1	August 26 August 28	Course Overview Basic Principles of Speech Communication Ch 1& 4
Week 2	September 2 September 4	Ethics and Public Speaking Ch 2 Introductory Speeches
Week 3	September 9 September 11	Introductory Speeches Speaking to Inform Ch 15
Week 4	September 16 September 18	Choosing Topics and Purposes/Analyzing the Audience Ch 5 Organizing the Speech Ch 9&10
Week 5	September 23 September 25	Outlining the Speech Ch 11 Delivering the Speech and Using Visual Aids Ch 13&14
Week 6	September 30 October 2	Informative Speeches No Class/Fall Break
Week 7	October 7 October 9	Informative Speeches Introduction to Persuasive Speaking Ch 16
Week 8	October 14 October 16	Midterm Exam Methods of Persuasion Ch 17

Week 9	October 21 October 23	Listening to Speeches/Gathering Materials/ Using Supporting Materials Ch 3,7,8 Persuasive Speeches
Week 10	October 28 October 30	Persuasive Speeches Persuasive Speeches
Week 11	November 4 November 6	Commemorative Speaking Ch 18 Using Language Effectively Ch 12
Week 12	November 11 November 13	Using Language Effectively Dr. King I Have A Dream Commemorative Speeches
Week 13	November 18 November 20	Commemorative Speeches No Class
Week 14	November 25 November 27	Commemorative Speeches No Class/Thanksgiving
Week 15	December 2 December 4	Finals Review Finals Review