



**SPCH 1315
PUBLIC SPEAKING
Fall, 2022
TUESDAY NIGHT, 6:00 PM/8:50 PM**

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Communicating with your instructor: ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means.

Student hours and location: LRC 212B, Tuesday Night 6:00 pm/8:50 pm

Required Textbook: Lucas, S.E. (2012), *The Art of Public Speaking* (12ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Description: Public Speaking is a class designed to create an understanding of what elements describe an effective presentation. It also focuses on teaching students how to perform an effective public presentation.

Course requirements Students will present five graded assignment, take three unit tests, and a final examination. They will be expected to participate in the exercises and activities to increase their understanding of the public speaking process.

Determination of Course Grade: Student presentations will be evaluated through a specific rubric designed to communicate key abilities and behaviors to the students. The unit tests and the final exam are objective tests designed to measure student understanding of course content. Attendance counts as ten percent of the final average, while performances count forty five percent and the written work in the class counts forty five percent.

Course outline : Course calendar will be determined based on the skills and abilities of the students in the class. The Biography Speech, The Group Speech, The Tribute Speech, and the Informative will be scheduled throughout the semester to fit the schedules of the students and the instructor to facilitate the best learning outcomes. In a like manner the three unit tests will be given to assist students in learning the content. The final examination will take place during the final class period. The Persuasive Speech will take place the week before the final examination.

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend every class. Ten percent of the final average is their percentage of attendance. If notice is given for an absence, work can be made up. Students are encouraged to communicate with the instructor so as to assist them in making sure they get to class on a regular basis.

Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a “W” grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are only permitted to withdraw six times during their college career by State law. The last day to withdraw for the 1st 8-week session is March 4th, April 27th for 16 week courses and May 11 for the 2nd 8 week session.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention is very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Academic Dishonesty: Any plagiarism in my class will not be tolerated. Students that commit academic dishonesty will receive a zero on that work.

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact [Dr David Anderson, Chair of Humanities at 409-933-8186, banderson@com.edu.

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1. Speaking	Speech Assignments	Persuasive Speech
1. Speech Analysis	Unit I Tests	Final Examination
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Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook. <https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf. *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.* https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college career. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Michelle Brezina at 409-933-8124 or mvaldez@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.