

Instructor Information	
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Course Information	
Description	Application of communication theory and practice to the public speaking context, with emphasis on audience analysis, speaker delivery, ethics of communication, cultural diversity, and speech organizational techniques to develop students' speaking abilities, as well as ability to effectively evaluate oral presentations.
Required Textbooks	<i>Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending Lamar State College Port Arthur 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.</i> OER Digital Textbook. Available on the first day within the course. ETextbook Title: Exploring Public Speaking: The Open Educational Resource College Public Speaking Textbook Version 4.1 (2020) Additional Materials: Notebook for writing and taking notes Materials for creating Visual Aids or access to Powerpoint. Must have ability to print documents for class. Must have access to Blackboard. **Very Important: Must have access to computer, equipment (iphone, ipad, computer, video equipment) to record and submit speeches.
Additional Materials/Resources	None.
Corequisites/Prerequisites	None
Learning Outcomes	Learning Outcomes Upon Completion of this course, the student will be able to: • Demonstrate an understanding of the foundational models of communication. • Apply elements of audience analysis. • Demonstrate ethical speaking and listening skills by analyzing presentations for evidence and logic. • Research, develop, and deliver extemporaneous speeches with effective verbal and nonverbal techniques. • Demonstrate effective usage of technology when researching and/or presenting speeches. • Identify how culture, ethnicity, and gender influence communication. • Develop proficiency in presenting a variety of speeches as an individual or group.(e.g. narrative, informative or persuasive.)
Core Objectives	Core Objectives * Critical Thinking Skills: Students will engage in creative and/or innovative thinking, and/or inquiry, analysis, evaluation, synthesis of information, organizing concepts and constructing solutions. *Communication Skills: Students will demonstrate effective written, oral or visual communication. *Teamwork: Students will demonstrate the ability to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal and consider different points of view. *Personal Responsibility: Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.
Lecture Topics Outline	Lecture Topics: 1. The Basics of Public Speaking & Speech Communication 2. Audience Analysis & Listening 3. Ethics in Public Speaking & Cultural Diversity 4. Developing Topics 5. Researching Speech Topics, APA Citations, Bibliography formats 6. Organizing and Outlining the Speech 7. Supporting the Speech 8. Introductions & Conclusions 9. Presentation Aids in Speaking 10. Language 11. Delivery 12. Informative Speaking 13. Persuasive Speaking

14. Logical Reasoning
15. Group Speech Communication
16. Special Occasion Speaking

Major Assignments Schedule

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Final Exam Date

December 3, 2025 - 8:0 AM Through December 3, 2025 - 11:59 PM

Grading Scale

This course will be graded on a point scale. 1000-900 = A 899 - 800 = B 799-700=C 699 - 600 = D 599 or below = F Speech Presentations: 125 each = 500 points (speeches: Introduction, informative, persuasive, and group presentation) Exams: (Midterm, Final)= 200 points Written Assignments= 300 points

Determination of Final Grade

Speeches 50% Exams 20% Written Assignments 30% Speech Presentations & Outlines: 500 points 50% (informative, How To, Persuasive, Group) Exams: 200 points 20% (Midterm:100, Final:100) Written Assignments=300 points 30% (Great speech eval:100, Peer Evals:100, Self Evals:100, Discussions:50, speech topics 30)

Course Policies

Instructor Policies

Communication between students and the instructor is essential for success. You are required to check your LSCPA email every 24 hours.

Please email me at: duboismr@lamarpa.edu only. Do not email through Blackboard.

The instructor will not conference with students regarding assignments 48 hours before the due date unless you have an appointment.

The instructor's records will be the final determination of grades. Contact your instructor for grade discrepancies during designated office hours or by appointment within 48 hours of grades being made available.

Missed exams, presentations, quizzes, and class activities will result in a ZERO on the assignment. Makeup assignments will NOT be allowed unless (1) the student receives prior approval from the instructor, (2) has a documented medical emergency (3) or is at a school-sponsored event. Make-up assignments are determined at the instructor's discretion.

All written work must be typed using correct grammar and spelling and submitted as specified in the assignment instructions.

Participation is a critical portion of your final grade. Participation includes participating in-class activities, discussions, as well as being an active and respectful audience member during face-to-face meetings.

Plagiarism, written or oral, will result in a zero on the assignment (1st offense) and failure of the course (2nd offense). If a student plagiarizes an assignment, the instructor will regrade all previously submitted assignments.

Students are required to complete a group project which requires students to communicate and collaborate outside of class.

Students must dress as specified in the assignment instructions on presentation days.

Students must use their Lamar PA email account when sending emails to the instructor.

Please allow 24 hours for a response to emails during the week and 48 hours over the weekend.

Attendance Policy

Research has shown a cause and effect relationship between attendance and college success. Attendance is expected and on-time. You are allowed three absences for day section, one absence for evening section. Students are responsible for all information presented in the course regardless of attendance record. Absences on scheduled presentation dates will result in a zero on the assignment. Late work is not accepted.

Additional Information

Blackboard: We will access and use Blackboard for this course. Various documents, videos, discussions and assignments, quizzes and exams will be uploaded into Blackboard. All grades will be kept in the Blackboard "grade book". Please check it frequently as I post messages, documents and assignments regularly. For help with accessing Blackboard please call Contact the HelpDesk for assistance by E-mail HelpDesk@lamarpa.edu or by phone (409) 984-6150 during normal business

Institutional Policies

MyLSCPA

Be sure to check your campus email and Course Homepage using MyLSCPA campus web portal. You can also access your grades, transcripts, academic advisors, degree progress, and other services through [MyLSCPA](#).

Academic Honesty	Academic honesty is expected from all students, and dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Please consult the LSCPA policies (Academic Dishonesty section in the Student Handbook) for consequences of academic dishonesty.
ADA Considerations	The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Coordinator , Room 117, in the Student Success Center. The phone number is (409) 984-6241.
COVID 19 Information	The Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) Student Code of Conduct COVID 19 Policy requires students who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 to report their condition directly to their local health department. Students should also contact their course faculty to report their quarantine status. In addition, this policy requires all students to wear face coverings when directly exposed to COVID 19 in compliance with the criteria included in the policy. For more information please refer to the COVID 19 link on the LSCPA website.
Facility Policies	No food or tobacco products are allowed in the classroom. Only students enrolled in the course are allowed in the classroom, except by special instructor permission. Use of electronic devices is prohibited.
HB 2504	This syllabus is part of LSCPA's efforts to comply with Texas House Bill 2504.
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect	As per Texas law and LSCPA policy, all LSCPA employees, including faculty, are required to report allegations or disclosures of child abuse or neglect to the designated authorities, which may include a local or state law enforcement agency or the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. For more information about mandatory reporting requirements, see LSCPA's Policy and Procedure Manual .
Title IX and Sexual Misconduct	LSCPA is committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct. All LSCPA employees, including faculty, have the responsibility to report disclosures of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault (including rape and acquaintance rape), domestic violence, dating violence, relationship violence, or stalking, to LSCPA's Title IX Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate the college's response to sexual misconduct. For more information about Title IX protections, faculty reporting responsibilities, options for confidential reporting, and the resources available for support visit LSCPA's Title IX website .
Clery Act Crime Reporting	For more information about the Clery Act and crime reporting, see the Annual Security & Fire Safety Report and the Campus Security website .
Grievance / Complaint / Concern	If you have a grievance, complaint, or concern about this course that has not been resolved through discussion with the Instructor, please consult the Department Chair.
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