**COM K173: Public Speaking - Fall 2019**

*Meets Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:45pm in D203*

**Instructor Information:**

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**Description of the Course:**

*Prerequisite: ENG\* K101 eligibility.*

Public Speaking introduces students to the principles and basic skills of effective speech communication. Students will research, compose, and deliver speeches of increasing complexity and sophistication. The course familiarizes students with the strategies and techniques of successful informative and persuasive public speaking so students gain an understanding of how communication happens and how people participate in public discourses. The course also exposes students to the rhetorical dimensions of many types of public speech and teaches them to be more critical listeners who can respond rhetorically to complex issues and ideas.

**COM K173 Course Outcome:**

1. Demonstrate, describe, and apply an understanding of the relevant principles of speech communication, reasoning, and argumentation.
2. Critically evaluate examples of public discourse.
3. Demonstrate the acquisition of skills in public speaking and argumentation within several speech structures and contexts.
4. Demonstrate an ethical and effective use of academic research.
5. Demonstrate an appreciation of the relationship of speech communication to society.

**Required Materials:**

* Speech Craft by Joshua Gunn (Available in the bookstore).
* A SD card with at least 4GB free to keep the videos of your speeches. You will need a Class 4 or higher SDHC or SDXC memory card, which you should be able to find on Amazon for under $20. I prefer the brand SanDisk, but there are other brands with good cards.

**Email and Office Hours:**

If you have any questions or want to discuss a particular reading or assignment, feel free to contact me or drop by my office to chat. My office hours are times set aside for the purpose of speaking with you about your educational concerns. If you would like to meet at a time other than my posted office hours, contact me (in person, via email, or via phone) to arrange an appointment. Please email me with any questions or concerns that might arise through the course of the semester. I will respond to emails within 24-36 hours. If you send an email between late Friday and Sunday, I will respond beginning the following Monday.

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| **Assignments:**

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| Categories | Percent |
| Participation (Speaking Activities, Peer Evaluations, Workshops, Classwork, Homework, etc.) | 20% |
| Speech of Introduction | 5% |
| How-to Speech | 5% |
| Narrative Speech | 5% |
| Forensic Speech & Outline | 15% |
| Deliberative Speech & Outline | 20% |
| Speech Reflections | 5% |
| Digication ePortfolio | 5% |
| LearningCurve Chapter Quizzes | 10% |
| Final Exam | 10% |
| **Total:** | **100%** |

**Grade Scale:**

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| Letter Grade | Point Ranges | Grade Point Value |
| A | 93 - 100 | 4.000 |
| A- | 90 - 92 | 3.667 |
| B+ | 87 - 89 | 3.333 |
| B | 83 - 86 | 3.000 |
| B- | 80 - 82 | 2.667 |
| C+ | 77 - 79 | 2.333 |
| C | 73 - 76 | 2.000 |
| C- | 70 - 72 | 1.667 |
| D+ | 67 - 69 | 1.333 |
| D | 63 - 66 | 1.000 |
| D- | 60 - 62 | 0.667 |
| F | 0 - 59 | 0.000 |

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**Grade Standards:**

A Work is uniformly excellent; meets all criteria for the assignment and exceeds them in quality and execution. Totally free from errors and demonstrates extensive outside preparation.

B Work is uniformly good; meets virtually all the criteria for the assignment and will do so in a highly competent manner. Predominantly free of errors and demonstrates notable outside preparation.

C Work is sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the assignment; work generally competent and relatively free from errors; acceptable outside preparation.

D Work does not fulfill the requirements of the assignment; marked by many errors and little outside preparation.

F Fails requirements completely and lacks outside preparation.

**Attendance Policy:**

This is a class that requires your regular and engaged attendance. Because of the nature of public speaking and public communication, it is important for you to be in class and prepared and committed to listening, thinking critically, and speaking. You should come prepared every day, meaning having read the assigned reading and prepared for any assignments due. I will be taking attendance daily.

**Tardiness:**

Due to the nature of this course, tardiness is very disruptive. There will be many days when students are giving formal and informal presentations, and entering the room while they are speaking can be quite unnerving for speakers. Excessive tardiness will negatively impact your grade.

**Quizzes:**

There will be reading quizzes that we be due on the Launchpad website. Access to this website comes with the purchase of your textbook. Textbooks are available in the bookstore. Please note that if you buy the textbook online or from another student, you may not gain access to Launchpad. The link to our course will be posted on Blackboard. All quizzes will be due near the end of term, before the final exam (please see course schedule below for due date).

**Preparation:**

You are responsible for all reading assignments, all material discussed in class, all handouts distributed in class, and all announcements made in class, including schedule changes. We will be writing in class, discussing topical issues, and giving presentations. Students are expected to demonstrate professionalism in all of these activities. This includes being prepared to *answer* questions related to the reading, as well as being prepared to *ask* questions of clarification or about issues of interest, during class.

**Question of the Day / Impromptu Speaking Exercises:**

“Question of the Day” and impromptu speaking exercises are designed to provide you with regular classroom practice in the principles of effective public speaking. Most days, class will begin with one of these exercises, so it is crucial that you arrive on time. During the exercises, students will respond to a question posed to the class. Student generated suggestions will be solicited.

**Late Assignments and Make-up Policy:**

Late assignments will not be accepted except in the most dire of circumstances. You are expected to attend class on the day you have assignments due. The only exceptions to this will be cases of extreme illness, death of a family member, or college or legal obligations. You will be expected to contact me within twenty-four hours of the class meeting to notify me of your absence. While you are not guaranteed the opportunity to make-up the missed assignment, if you are, you may do so with a grade penalty. If you are not able to make class when an assignment is due, I will request a digital copy be emailed to me before our assigned class meeting time. When you return, you should bring a hard copy of the assignment. I do not permit make-ups for in-class assignments.

**Speech Policy:**

You are expected to come fully prepared for each speech day. All speeches that are assigned are scheduled to be presented on a given day. Because giving speeches takes class time, it is often difficult or impossible to find time for presenting late speeches. Please refer to the late assignment policy for questions about missed speeches. If you have specific questions or concerns regarding the policy, please speak with me privately about your situation.

**Academic Integrity and Ethics:**

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any assignment found to be plagiarized or to come from plagiarized material will receive a grade of zero and the student will be reported to the Academic Dean and Student Services Dean where disciplinary action may be taken.

**Disabilities:**

**Special Considerations**

If you have a question regarding a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please contact one of the college’s Disability Service Providers (DSP) as soon as possible.

You can make an appointment with a DSP by calling (860) 215-9017.

Please note:

1. For academic adjustments, you will have to provide documentation of your disability to the DSP. Instructors cannot provide adjustments until you have delivered written authorization (from a DSP) to the instructor.
2. Adjustments take effect when you deliver your written authorization to the instructor in person (provided there is adequate time for the instructor to make necessary arrangements). Adjustments do not apply to tests/assignments that were due prior to your delivering written authorization to your instructor in person.

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| **TRCC Disabilities Service Providers** Counseling & Advising OfficeRoom A-113 |
| **Matt Liscum**(860) 215-9265 | * Mental Health Disabilities
* Learning Disabilities
* ADD/ADHD
* Autism Spectrum
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| **Elizabeth Wilcox**(860) 215-9289  | * Medical Disabilities
* Sensory Disabilities
* Mobility Disabilities
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**College Statement on TITLE IX:**

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES POLICY REGARDING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING, SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROCESSES POLICY**

**Statement of Policy for Public Act No. 14-11: An Act Concerning Sexual Assault, Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence on Campus:**

“The Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) in conjunction with the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) is committed to insuring that each member of every BOR governed college and university community has the opportunity to participate fully in the process of education free from acts of sexual misconduct, intimate partner violence and stalking. It is the intent of the BOR and each of its colleges or universities to provide safety, privacy and support to victims of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence.”

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS TITLE IX STATEMENT OF POLICY:**

“Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities in federally funded schools at all levels. If any part of a school district or college receives any Federal funds for any purpose, all of the operations of the district or college are covered by Title IX.

Title IX protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination, including discrimination based on gender identity or failure to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity. All students (as well as other persons) at recipient institutions are protected by Title IX – regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part-or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin-in all aspects of a recipient’s educational programs and activities.”

If any student experiences sexual misconduct or harassment, and/or racial or ethnic discrimination on Three Rivers Community College Campus, or fears for their safety from a threat while on campus, please contact Maria Krug at mkrug@trcc.commnet.edu 860 215 9280.

**Student Email:**

Your default email address is your college email address and this email address must be used for class-related communications. If you have not set up your email address yet, you will need to do this immediately. A secondary way I will be communicating with you is within our Blackboard course shell. If you have any questions regarding use of college email or Blackboard, you can contact the IT Service Desk at (860) 215-9049.

**Digication:**

As a student you will maintain an online learning portfolio using a TRCC designed template. Through this electronic tool you can see your own growth in college wide learning. It may even help you to find the major that is a match to you. You can keep this Digication account after graduation too. A Three Rivers General Education Assessment Team will select random works and review them so that we can improve the college experience for all. Your name will not be attached to any of the assessment work. It is private. This tool will also be a “place” where you can connect your learning from the classroom, school and life. Sometimes when you look at all of the work you have done and think about it you learn something else. In Digication you will be able to make other portfolios too. It’s like a file cabinet with the ability to have multiple but separate files. What is exciting about the electronic tool is when you look inside you will see you are developing in new ways! Look at your class outline to see what assignments to post into the TRCC template, you may post your own choices too. Have fun in learning!

**Class Cancellation Policy:**

In the event that I am not able to attend class, you should find a note posted outside our classroom door. If there is no note but I am not in the classroom, please wait ten minutes before concluding that class has been cancelled. In the event of cancellation, I will make every effort to notify you by email ahead of time. For instructions on class cancellation due to inclement weather, please consult your student handbook, which can be accessed online through the TRCC website.

**Sign up for MyCommNet Alert!**

MyCommNet Alert is a system that sends text messages and emails to anyone signed up in the event of a campus emergency. Additionally, TRCC sends messages when the college is delayed or closed due to weather.

All students are encouraged to sign up for MyCommNet Alert. A tutorial is available on the Educational Technology and Distance Learning Students page of the web site. This tutorial can be found at:

[http://www.trcc.commnet.edu/div\_it/educationaltechnology/Tutorials/myCommNetAlert/MIR3.html](https://www.mail.commnet.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=c9ce4a6f45c9491482c2bae5c2091df2&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.trcc.commnet.edu%2fdiv_it%2feducationaltechnology%2fTutorials%2fmyCommNetAlert%2fMIR3.html)

**COM K173: Fall 2019 Course Schedule**

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| **Week 1** |  |  |
| Wed. 8/28 | **Welcome!****Speech of Introduction** | Due: Buy eBook; Register for LaunchPad |
| **Week 2** |  |  |
| Wed. 9/4 | **Introduction to Communication****Chapter 1: Building Confidence in the Craft** | Read: Chapter 1 |
| **Week 3** |  |  |
| Wed. 9/11 | **How-to Speech** | Due: How-to Speech & Outline |
| **Week 4** |  |  |
| Wed. 9/18 | **Chapter 2: Listening & the Ethics of Speech****Chapter 3: Audience Analysis****Chapter 9: Style and Language****Chapter 10: Style and Delivery** | Due: How-to Speech Self ReflectionRead: Chapters 2, 3, 9 & 10 |
| **Week 5** |  |  |
| Wed. 9/25 | **Narrative Speech** | Due: Narrative Speech & Script |
| **Week 6** |  |  |
| Wed. 10/2 | **Chapter 4: Choosing a Speech Topic and Purpose****Chapter 5: Researching Your Speech Topic****Chapter 6: Supporting Materials & Contextual Reasoning** | Due: Narrative Speech Self ReflectionRead: Chapters 4, 5, & 6 |
| **Week 7** |  |  |
| Wed. 10/9 | **Chapter 7: Organizing and Outlining Your Speech****Chapter 8: Transitions, Introductions, & Conclusions****Chapter 14: Informative Speaking** | Read: Chapters 7, 8, & 14 |
| **Week 8** |  |  |
| Wed. 10/16 | **Chapter 11: Presentation Aids****Chapter 12: Understanding Speech Genres** | Read: Chapter 11 & 12 |
| **Week 9** |  |  |
| Wed. 10/23 | **Forensic Speech Workshop** | Due: Forensic Speech Draft Outline |
| **Week 10** |  |  |
| Wed. 10/30 | **Forensic Speech** | Due: Forensic Speech & Outline |
| **Week 11** |  |  |
| Wed. 11/6 | **Chapter 15: Persuasive Speaking****Chapter 16: Making Arguments** | Due: Forensic Speech Self ReflectionRead: Chapters 15 & 16 |
| **Week 12** |  |  |
| Wed. 11/13 | **Chapter 13: Celebratory Speaking****Chapter 17: Speaking in the Workplace****Chapter 19: Speaking for Social Change** | Read: Chapters 13, 17 & 19 |
| **Week 13** |  |  |
| Wed. 11/20 | **Deliberative Speech Audience Analysis****Deliberative Speech Workshop** | Due: Audience Analysis SurveyDue: Deliberative Speech Draft Outline |
| **Week 14** |  |  |
| Wed. 11/27 | **Thanksgiving Recess –** **No Classes** |  |
| **Week 15** |  |  |
| Wed. 12/4 | **Deliberative Speech** | Due: Deliberative Speech & OutlineDue: All LearningCurve quizzes  |
| **Week 16** |  |  |
| Wed. 12/11 | **Deliberative Speech****Final Exam Due****Digication ePortfolio Due** | Due: Final ExamDue: Digication ePortfolioDue: Deliberative Speech Self Reflection |

*\*November 5th is the last day to withdraw from classes.*