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 (Communication--Sacramento City College)
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The number-one skill identified by employers is the ability to communicate clearly in both oral and written form. The number-two skill identified by employers is the ability to work effectively as a member of a team. Speech courses can help provide good communications skills so important in the workplace.

SPEECH 301 Public Speaking 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A1; IGETC Area 1C
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is a course in oral composition and delivery. It focuses on the organization of support materials, methods of securing interest, and the presentation of information and ideas in oral communication situations typically found in the business and social community. Video recording equipment may be used as an aid to the student's self-analysis and improvement.

SPEECH 302 Persuasive Speech 3 Units

Prerequisite: SPEECH 301 with a grade of "C" or better
General Education: CSU Area A3
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is detailed study emphasizing persuasive discourse through an understanding of basic communication principles. Emphasis will be placed on the use of proofs, language and logical thinking. Video taping equipment may be used as an aid to the student's self-analysis and improvement.

SPEECH 305 Oral Interpretation 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is a course in analysis and oral performance of prose and poetry with a focus on the communication of the literature's intellectual, emotional, and aesthetic content. The course is designed to deepen appreciation of literary forms, structure, and values. This is not a course in reading improvement.

SPEECH 311 Argumentation and Debate 3 Units

General Education: CSU Area A3
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course focuses on the theory, methods and application of argumentation and debate. It considers the use evidence and appeals in the advocacy of dissenting propositions.

SPEECH 321 Interpersonal Communication 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b); CSU Area E1
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course focuses on personal communication transactions with emphasis on the acquisition of techniques and skills essential to self-actualization and to establishing authentic relationships. Through simulated communication experiences and structured exercises, the student may experiment with a variety of alternative communication behaviors.

SPEECH 323 Listening 3 Units

Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course focuses on the listener in communication. The student will learn about the variables in listening and will learn to listen for a variety of purposes, such as listening for helping others, listening for critical evaluation, listening for content, and listening for aesthetic pleasure. The student will work for competence in listening skills in both formal and professional settings.

SPEECH 325 Intercultural Communication 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area VI
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This class is an introduction to the challenges and rewards of intercultural communication in everyday situations. The course is designed to increase understanding of variations in communication patterns across cultures and prepare students for more effective communication. Emphasis is on both international culture variance and sub cultural group-based experiential background variance.

SPEECH 331 Group Discussion 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A1; IGETC Area 1C
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed to increase student's understanding of group communication and to prepare students to function more effectively in groups. It focuses on communication in task and social groups. The subject matter deals with communication concepts and behaviors in problem-solving, decision-making, leadership, group roles, norms and conformity. Several written group analyses and one major research paper are required in most sections.

SPEECH 361 The Communication Experience 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A1
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course provides students with an introduction to basic skills and concepts necessary for effective communication in a variety of contexts. Topics include effective listening, facilitation of interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution, practical group experience, and speech making.

SPEECH 363 Introduction to Communication Theory 3 Units

Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the symbolic process of human communication through the study of basic communication models, fundamental theory, and relevant research findings, including the intrapersonal, and sociocultural levels. Emphasis will be on achieving an understanding of the communication process, its component elements, and its significance in human affairs.

SPEECH 371 Voice and Diction**3 Units***Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course focuses on the overall improvement of vocal quality. Emphasis is on drills involving breath control, resonance, pitch and inflection thereby developing confidence in speaking. The International Phonetic Alphabet will be studied. This course is not recommended for special therapy or as a second language speech course. (CAN DRAM 6)

SPEECH 373 Forensics Laboratory**2 Units***Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 108 hours LAB*

This course is a laboratory course giving practice in preparing for and participating in the Students Speaker's Bureau and intercollegiate competition. This course may be taken four times for credit.