

Communication Studies Course Descriptions

NOTE: These descriptions are slightly different from the official course descriptions in the Cabrillo College Catalogue. If desired, please consult the catalogue for further information.

Comm 1 – Public Speaking

3 units; 3- hour lecture

Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in Comm. 6

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU. Transfers to UC.

You will battle inner demons that torment you and tell you that Public Speaking is not fun. You will prevail and come to understand that Public Speaking is just like skydiving, only a whole lot cheaper. By the end of the term, you will hold complete strangers spellbound as you orate from on high. You will come to crave the thrill that only speechmaking can provide. You will beg to be allowed to keep giving speeches long after the term is over. And we will let you.

Topics Covered: Coping with Speech Anxiety, Organizing and Outlining Ideas, Use of Supporting Materials, Presenting Arguments, Persuasive Appeals, Speaking to Inform, Speaking to Persuade, Special Occasion Speeches, Delivery, Use of Visual Aides, Choosing Topics

Comm. 2 – Group Discussion

3 units; 3-hour lecture

Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in Comm. 6

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU. Transfers to UC with limits

Why did the Beatles break up? Why did Def Leppard stay together? In this class you will learn the secrets of the small group experience. By participating in a number of exciting and fun exercises, and by engaging regularly in totally fascinating dialogue, you will morph into a complete Communication Genius. Study groups will praise your name; classmates will flock to your side, the bookstore will buy back all your used books, and you will get a raise at work. Well, we sure hope all that stuff happens for you. Actually, we're pretty sure it will.

Topics Covered: Understanding Small Group Dynamics, Decision-Making, Problem-Solving, Cooperation in Groups, Group Development, Emergence of Roles, Leadership Styles, Power, and Conflict Management

Comm. 4 – Persuasion and Argumentation

3 units; 3-hour lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU. Transfers to UC

The next time your big-mouthed cousin wants to start up a political argument after a nice Sunday dinner, you'll be ready for him! In this class you will learn to verbally float like a butterfly and cognitively sting like a bee. Blowhards will fear you; law schools will love you. Most importantly, your newfound intellectual superiority and argumentational prowess will silence your dumb-dumb cousin once and for all.

Topics Covered: Critical Thinking in Theory and Practice, Persuasion Techniques, Debate and Controversial Issues, Fallacies, Development of Arguments, Using Supporting Materials, Delivery Techniques

Comm. 6 – Listening

1 unit; 1-hour lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100

Repeatability: May be taken 2 times

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU

Blabbety-blab. Don't you wish some people would just pipe down once in awhile? We all think that from time to time. But since they probably won't stop yapping anytime soon, you might as well figure out what they're trying to tell you. Learn to amaze your friends with stunning feats of memory. Impress your sweetie with your new, minty-fresh empathic listening skills. Watch yourself ascend the ladder of success at work. All the world loves a good listener and after you take this class, they'll soon be seating cross-legged at your feet.

Topics Covered: Fundamentals of Listening, Myths of Listening, Barriers to Effective Listening, Discriminative Listening (listening to understand), Accents and Dialects, Comprehensive Listening (listening to comprehend) Memory and Listening, Empathic Listening (listening for feeling or emotion), Critical Listening (listening to evaluate), Appreciative Listening (listening to enjoy).

Comm. 7 – Interpersonal Communication

3 unit; 3-hour lecture

Recommended Preparation Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU. Transfers to UC

Shakespeare said, "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players." Well then, why not be an Academy Award winner in that play we call life? Interpersonal Communication will reveal to you how to achieve Best in Show by showing you how to have a perfect relationship, a fulfilling family life and great friendships with thousands of totally cool people. You'll learn how to be the life of the party, the kind of person other people flock to, a confidante to all. You'll be

surrounded by gorgeous hotties. You'll be more popular than Tom on MySpace.com. Come take this class and prepare to live a golden life! (note: your mileage may vary).

Topics Covered: Understanding the Communication Process, Listening Empathically, Relationship Dialectics, Perception and the Self, Nonverbal Communication, Dealing with Difficult Emotions, Managing Conflict, Improving the Quality of Intimate Relationships, Gender and Communication

Comm. 8 – Communication Activities

1-4 units: 1 hour lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100

Repeatability: May be taken 4 times for a total of 12 units

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU

All these classes sound so great, don't they? I mean who doesn't want to become enlightened, emboldened and empowered, right? But maybe you're thinking you'd like to dip your toe into ALL the Communication Studies pools, not just one. Well, lucky for you, this class allows you to do just that! Mix and match your areas of study any way you'd like. Want to learn a little conflict resolution, but you'd also like to know how to get over your speech anxiety? No problem! The Communication Studies smorgasbord is open for business and in this class you can help yourself to a taste of everything we have to offer. And relax, it's all you can eat and the refills are free!

Topics Covered: Coming soon: Couples Communication, Family Communication, Outlining, Effective Library Research Techniques, Parliamentary Procedure, Coping with Speech Anxiety and much, much more!

Comm. 10 - Communication Process

3 units; 3-hour lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU. Transfers to UC with limits

This class is a little bit country and a little bit rock-n-roll. Investigate the communication world one-on-one, one-to-a-few, and even one-to-many. Learn why people act the way they do. Maybe even learn why YOU act the way you do! Communication 10 is like the greatest hits of Communication Studies where you get a sampling of all the field's tastiest topics, all served up in a rich, Oral-Comm. Requirement broth. Tasty!

Topics Covered: Perception, Listening, Language and Communication, Intercultural Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking, Technology and Communication, Conflict Management, Decision-Making, Cooperation vs. Competition, Communicating in the Dyad, Triad, and Larger Groups.

Comm. 12 – Intercultural Communication

3 units; 3-hour lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU. Transfers to UC

Ugly American? Not you! Intercultural Communication will teach you how to make friends and influence people global-style! Not only will you learn about other people's cultures, but you'll also get a little insight into this wild, crazy, goofy place called the U.S. of A. This class will inspire you to jump on a plane and explore the world and everything it has to offer. You will become a better world citizen and because of the wisdom you'll gain, this planet will be one step closer toward peace and harmony thanks to you and all you know!

Topics Covered: Elements of Culture, Types of Cultural Communication, Cultural Dimensions, Nonverbal Communication Across Cultures, American Culture and Co-Cultures, Norms, Values, Stereotypes, Racism and Prejudice, Cultural Relativism and Multiculturalism.