

CMST 1545 - Communication Foundations

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 15, CRN 41418,

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Course Description

1545. Communication Foundations. Theories, strategies, and skills for competent participation in interpersonal, group, and public communication situations. Application exercises in interpersonal, group, and public communication. Prereq.: ENGL 1549 or ENGL 1550. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Experience Communication (Looseleaf) - With Connect, 3rd edition	Child, Jeffrey	9781266162701

Publisher: McGraw Hill

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24			First Day sheets Orientation to course Student Introductions ALL unit quizzes active (8/2 5@8am) Click into Connect Introduction Speeches
Wed	8/26			Introduction Speeches
Fri	8/28	Chapter 1 Communication, Perception and Your Life		
Mon	8/31	Chapter 9 Topic Selection and Aud. Analysis		Intro Inform Speech Site an Syllabus Quiz
Wed	9/2	• Chapter 13 Public Presentations to Inform		Review speech evaluation form
Fri	9/4			Analyze sample speeches
Mon	9/7			Labor Day
Wed	9/9	Chapter 10 Organizing Your Presentation		Sample outlines
Fri	9/11			Online workshop Topic Approval
Mon	9/14	Chapter 11 Gathering Information and Supporting Materials		



Wed	9/16	Chapter 2 Communicating Verbally	
Fri	9/18	Chapter 3 Communicating Nonverbally	Audience Analysis due
Mon	9/21	Chapter 12 Communication Apprehension and Delivery	
Wed	9/23	Chapter 14 Public Presentations to Persuade	Introduce the Persuasive Speech
Fri	9/25		Outline
Mon	9/28		Informative Speech
Wed	9/30		Informative Speech
Fri	10/2		Informative Speech
Mon	10/5		Informative Speech
Wed	10/7		Informative Speech
Fri	10/9		Informative Speech
Mon	10/12	Chapter 4 Communicating Through Listening	Topic Approval
Wed	10/14	Chapter 8 Small Group Communication	
Fri	10/16	Chapter 5 Interpersonal Communication	Audience Analysis
Mon	10/19	Chapter 6 Intercultural Communication	Peer Review
Wed	10/21	Chapter 7 Mediated Communication	Introduce group speech
Fri	10/23	Chapter 15 Using Communication to Enter the Workplace	Outline
Mon	10/26		Persuasive Speech
Wed	10/28		Persuasive Speech
Fri	10/30		Persuasive Speech
Mon	11/2		Persuasive Speech
Wed	11/4		Persuasive Speech
Fri	11/6		Maze Activity
Mon	11/9		GROUP WORK Individual RTM
Wed	11/11		Veteran's Day
Fri	11/13		GROUP WORK Group RTM
Mon	11/16		GROUP WORK
Wed	11/18		GROUP WORK Outline
Fri	11/20		GROUP WORK
Mon	11/23		GROUP WORK
Wed	11/25		Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri	11/27		Happy Thanksgiving!
Mon	11/30		Group Speech
Wed	12/2		Group Speech
Fri	12/4		Group Speech Individual Assessment
Wed	12/9		All quizzes must be Completed by 12/10 by 11:59pm Final survey completed by 12/10 at 11:59pm

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