

CMST 1545 - Communication Foundations

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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	Child, Jeffrey	9781266162701

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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

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	• Chapter 1 Comm., Perception and Your Life		• Introduction Speech - Due 8/31
8/31	• Chapter 9 Topic Selection and Aud. Analysis • Chapter 13 Public Presentations to Inform		• Site and Syllabus Quiz- Due 9/7 • Inform Topic Approval Form Due 9/7
9/7	• Chapter 10 Organizing your Presentation		
9/14	• Chapter 2 Communicating Verbally • Chapter 11 Gathering Information and Supporting Materials		• Informative Audience Analysis- Due 9/21
9/21	• Chapter 3 Communicating Nonverbally		
9/28	• Chapter 12 Comm. Apprehension and Delivery		• Informative Outline Due- 10/5
10/5	• Chapter 14 Public Presentations to Persuade		• Persuasive Topic Approval Form- Due 10/12 Informative Speech Due- 10/12



10/12	• Chapter 4 Communicating Through Listening	· Inform. Speech Peer Assessment- Due 10/19
10/19	• Chapter 8 Small- Group Communication	· Individual Group RTM - Due 10/26
10/26	• Chapter 5 Interpersonal Communication	· Persuasive Audience Analysis- Due 11/2
11/2	• Chapter 6 Intercultural Communication	· Persuasive Outline - Due 11/9 Group RTM- Due 11/9
11/9	• Chapter 7 Mediated Communication	· Persuasive Speech - Due 11/16
11/16	• Chapter 15 Using Comm to Enter the Workplace	
11/30		· Group Project - Due 12/7 · (Outline & Speech) Individual Group Assessment - Due 12/8
12/7		· All quizzes must be Completed by 12/11 by 11:59pm · Final survey completed by 12/11 at 11:59pm

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