

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) - With Connect, 3rd Ed. Child, Jeffrey . McGraw Hill		

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1	intro to comm	intro speech
8/31	chapters 9 and 13	topics, audience, informing	topic approval
9/7	chapter 10	organizing	
9/14	chapters 2 and 11	language and research	audience analysis
9/21	chapter 3	nonverbal comm	
9/28	chapter 12	apprehension and delivery	outline
10/5	chapter 14	persuasion	pers. topic approval inform. speech
10/12	chapter 4	listening	peer assessment
10/19	chapter 8	group comm	individ. RTM
10/26	chapter 5	interpersonal comm	pers. audience analysis

11/2	chapter 6	intercultural comm	persuasive outline group rtm
11/9	chapter 7	mediated comm	pers. speech
11/16	chapter 15	comm in the workplace	
11/23	no reading		work on group project
11/30	no reading		group project assessment of group
12/7	no reading		all quizzes completed final course survey

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