SYLLABUS

Course Information
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The Purpose of this Course
This course will provide you with the tools, skills and practical experience to, research a topic, organize it, and deliver a speech in front of an audience. Each element of speech preparation will be studied and learned to achieve a level of confidence to ensure an effective presentation. I am also going to add the requirement that you learn each other's names. I have found this to be extremely helpful when it comes to delivering your speeches or interacting with each other. We are much more effective in our presentations when we are more familiar with each other.

Text
The text, INTRODUCING COMMUNICATION, A DIGITAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE, is online and will be utilized through the use of, Laptops, Tablets and even Cell Phones. There is not a hard copy of this text.

Attendance Policy
Attend class! Unless there are circumstances beyond your control, i.e. family or medical emergencies, I expect you to be in class. Excused absences will be few and far between and must be approved in advance of the absence. The long and the short of it is, you need to be in class every time on time. Coming late to class is very disruptive besides being inconsiderate. Roll will be taken each day and attendance will be part of your grade.

Essential Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course you will be able to give a speech, before an audience, utilizing the resources and skills learned in class. These resources include the selection of a topic, gathering evidence and information to support your topic. You will have learned how to effectively organize your speech through the use of full sentence outlines and, how to use effective presentations techniques and visual aids. You will know how to use appropriate
language and delivery skills. Your classroom experience will have provided you with the opportunity of delivering two speeches, a speech to Inform and a speech to Persuade.

**Grading**
At this point in time, your grades will be based on attendance and materials associated with the delivery of your speeches. Speeches will also be graded. Exams and quizzes are still in the working stages. These will be determined by the Communication Department.

**Additional Notes of Interest**
Because this is the first time through this text, the presentation of material is still in a flexible state. That’s different than the state of confusion, but a close relative. The focus is to teach you the material to the point of understanding. Some topics will be less time consuming than others and so we will be adjusting daily and weekly requirements as the flow becomes more fluid. You will receive instructions far enough in advance so that you can maintain a consistent study schedule. Also, this syllabus is subject to change as needed. I will inform you when these occasions occur.

My commitment is to provide you with an experience that will benefit you throughout your life. You will be learning life skills that will provide you with the confidence to communicate effectively. This is my passion and I want you to share it.

**SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**Academic Integrity.** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by Student Services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, and the intellectual property policy, for information about procedures and about what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior.

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**Changes to Syllabus.** “Information contained in this syllabus, other than grading, late assignments, makeup work, and attendance policies, may be subject to change with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.” (Course Syllabus Policy 6.36, SUU). It is your responsibility to determine changes to the syllabus or assignments in your absence.

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