Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: COM 181

Course Title: Communication Practicum

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 23.1304
Repeatability: 3

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 1-1-1
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 1	Lab: 1	Clinical: 0	**Total: 1**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Preparation and practice for a variety of communication contexts including Forensics competition: preparation and practice for competitive events such as debate, speech, and interpretation of literature; community contexts; and/or research projects focused on communication contexts. Repeatable for a maximum of 4 credit hours.

General Course Objectives

To provide students with the opportunity to further develop their speaking and presentation skills and earn credit for participation in forensics competition.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

Minimum 2.0 GPA

Methods of Evaluation

A minimum of 2 communication projects that could include participation in Forensics competition, developing presentations for a particular audience, and/or research projects in one or more communication areas. 2 exams and/or small group work, as well as at least 1 critical analysis paper, and peer and self-critiques.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Instructor-provided materials in class and in Cobra.

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Creativity and Innovative Thinking: Students will design, present, and interpret materials, information, and ideas in innovative ways.
- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Competitive Forensics Overview	1. Demonstrate understanding of the role of competitive Speech and debate in education and society.	1	0	0
Communication Ethics	1. Demonstrate ethical communication. 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the competitive norms and obligations of a speaker.	1	0	0
Speech Event Descriptions and Formats: structure, theory, and practice	1. Identify and demonstrate knowledge of the key components, requirements, and techniques of multiple public address and oral interpretation formats. 2. Construct properly formatted speeches, including the effective development and use of visual aids. 3. Practice speeches, debates, and/or oral interpretation performances for competition or community presentation.	4	5	0
Speech Research	1. Demonstrate the ability to locate and organize research for presentations incorporating current theories and methods.	2	2	0
Competitive Debate Format: structure, theory, and practice	1. Apply the rules and conventions of competitive debate. 2. Demonstrate knowledge of debate vocabulary and apply vocabulary to unique debate situations. 3. Prepare, rehearse, and apply proper theory, structure, and strategy to debate.	5	5	0
Delivery Techniques	1. Effectively deliver public address and/or oral interpretation events from script, memory, extemporaneous, or impromptu formats.	2	3	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
15	15	0