

Speech offerings:

COM 113 Speech Communication

3 hours, 3 credits

Development of clear, confident and effective oral communication through instruction in both the theory and practice of voice and diction, oral interpretation, public speaking, and group discussion.

COM 115 Soc Encount: Interperson Communication

3 hours, 3 credits

COM 201 Argumentation and Debate

3 hours, 3 credits

This course explores the role of argumentation and debate in a free society, its origins, theory, techniques and impact. Students are afforded the opportunity to enhance skills both through debate and written argument.

COM 213 The Impact of the Mass Media on the Administration of Justice (Same course as LAW 213)

3 hours, 3 credits

Examination of the role of the media — TV, radio, newspapers, and magazines — on the administration of justice. The influence of the media on the jury and the judge. The dangers of trial by newspaper and of TV in the courtroom. Is impartial justice possible? The British approach. Problems of free speech and press; "contempt by publication" rule; constitutional protections. Suggested guidelines for the media. The psychological basis of audience response. Prerequisites: ENG 101

COM 250 Persuasion

3 hours, 3 credits

A study of theories and practical applications of persuasion as a communication process. Classical and contemporary literature will be used to explore elements of persuasion utilized in propaganda, advertising, politics, the media and interpersonal communication. The role of values, beliefs and attitudes, as well as the place of rhetorical proofs in the persuasive message will be examined. Students will have the opportunity to participate in various structured activities.