The number-one skill identified by employers is the ability to communicate clearly in both oral and written form. The number-two skill identified by employers is the ability to work effectively as a member of a team. Speech courses can help provide good communications skills so important in the workplace.

Requirements for Degree Major: 24 units

Courses Required | Units
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ENGWR 300 or ENGWR 480 | 3
ENGWR 301 or ENGWR 481 or SPEECH 301 | 3
and 18 units of transfer level course work from the following subjects: composition, speech, foreign language, journalism, literature. Up to six units may be in humanities or philosophy.

General Education Graduation Requirements: In addition to completing the degree requirements, students must also complete the general education graduation requirements for an AA/AS degree. See ARC graduation requirements.

SPEECH 305 Oral Interpretation 3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 5
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is an analysis and oral performance of prose and poetry with a focus on the communication of the literature's intellectual, emotional and aesthetic content. This course is designed to deepen appreciation of literary forms, structure and values. This is not a course in reading improvement. AA/AS area 3B; CSU area C2.

SPEECH 311 Argumentation and Debate 3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 3
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course focuses on the theory, methods and application of argumentation and debate. It considers the use of evidence and appeals in the advocacy of dissenting propositions. (CAN SPCH 6) CSU area A3.

SPEECH 321 Interpersonal Communication 3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 10
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course focuses on personal communication transactions with emphasis on the acquisition of techniques and skills essential to self-actualization and to establishing authentic relationships. Through simulated communication experiences and structured exercises, the student may experiment with a variety of alternative communication behaviors. (CAN SPCH 8) AA/AS area 3E; CSU area E1.

SPEECH 323 Listening 3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 6
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course focuses on the listener in communication. The student will learn about the variables in listening and will learn to listen for a variety of purposes, such as listening for helping others, listening for critical evaluation, listening for content, and listening for aesthetic pleasure. The student will work for competence in listening skills in both formal and professional settings.
SPEECH 325 Intercultural Communication  3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 14
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This class is an introduction to the challenges and rewards of intercultural communication in everyday situations. The course is designed to increase understanding of variations and commonalities in communication patterns across cultures and prepare students for more effective communication. Emphasis is on both international cultural variance and subcultural or group-based experiential background variance. AA/AS area 3F.

SPEECH 331 Group Discussion  3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 15
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is designed to increase students’ understanding of group communication and to prepare students to function more effectively in groups. Focus is on communication in task and social groups. The subject matter deals with communication concepts and behaviors in problem-solving, decision-making, leadership, group roles, norms and conformity. Several written group analyses and one major research paper are required in most sections. (CAN SPCH 10) AA/AS area 3D; CSU area A1; IGETC area 1C.

SPEECH 363 Introduction to Communication Theory  3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 8
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is an introduction to the symbolic process of human communication through the study of basic communication models, fundamental theory, and relevant research findings, including the intrapersonal, and sociocultural levels. Emphasis will be on achieving an understanding of the communication process, its component elements, and its significance in human affairs.

SPEECH 371 Voice and Diction  3 Units
Formerly: SPEE 7
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course focuses on the overall improvement of vocal quality. Emphasis is on drills involving breath control, resonance, pitch and inflection thereby developing confidence in speaking. The International Phonetic Alphabet will be studied. This course is not recommended for special therapy or as a second language speech course. (CAN DRAM 6)

SPEECH 373 Forensics Laboratory  2 Units
Formerly: SPEE 4
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 108 hours LAB
This course is a laboratory course giving practice in preparing for and participating in the Students Speaker’s Bureau and intercollegiate competition. This course may be taken four times for credit.