

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – COMM 100

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2020	Classroom:	402	Professor:	Dr. Melani Guinn
Course:	COMM 100	Class Dates:	2/18-6/12	Email:	melani.guinn@imperial.edu
CRN:	21606	Class Days:	Mon/Wed	Office:	2790
Title:	Oral Communication	Class Time:	11:20-12:45	Phone:	355-5705
Units:	3	Office Hours: Mon & Wed 1:00-2:00 in 2790; TuTh 4:00-5:00 via email			

Course Description

Training in the fundamental processes involved in oral communication with emphasis on organizing material, outlining, constructing, and delivering various forms of speeches

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the successful student will be able to:

1. Prepare and present a visual aid that illustrates a specific point.
2. Use statistics, quotations, definitions and detailed illustrations as supporting materials.
3. Identify the components of the nonverbal delivery process, which include eye contact, rate/pause, appearance.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Define, explain and apply the principles of oral communication
2. Incorporate and demonstrate ethical practices in all phases of speech preparation
3. Acquire, organize, interpret and utilize research materials
4. Analyze and adapt a speech topic to a variety of diverse audiences
5. Develop a clear, cohesive thesis and create a concise speech outline
6. Compose, organize and present to a live audience relevant speeches to introduce, inform and persuade
7. Demonstrate the characteristics of effective delivery
8. Support speech context through utilizing effective visual aids
9. Analyze and evaluate live or recorded speeches
10. Demonstrate active listening skills
11. Recognize the elements of and demonstrate effective techniques for reducing communication apprehension

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Various Authors. *Public Speaking: The Virtual Text*. The Public Speaking Project, 2011. (www.publicspeakingproject.org)

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Lecture, discussion, group work, speeches, critiques of speeches, quizzes, homework

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

1. Speeches	60%
2. Public speaking exercises, group presentations, quizzes, homework, participation	40%

Attendance

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details. Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student with continuous, unexcused absences that exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. *Attendance is particularly necessary in COMM 100, because there is no way to make up a speech or speaking exercise at home or online.* Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class discussions, lectures, speeches and speech critiques.
- Talking: Students are expected to refrain from talking privately to other students during lectures, group discussions and speeches.
- Latecomers: Students who are late to class should refrain from walking in front of a speaker at the podium.
- Food and Drink: prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the exception.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property. There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism: taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. Students should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, ask for help.
- Cheating: fraud, deceit, and/or dishonesty in an academic assignment; using or attempting to use materials or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an 'F' in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper services

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- CANVAS LMS. Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The Canvas Student Guides Site provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- Learning Services. There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your Campus Map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center.
- Library Services. There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resource

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC Student Health Center at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the IVC Military and Veteran Success Center is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC General Catalog.

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC Library provides numerous Information Literacy Tutorials to assist students in this endeavor.

Tentative Schedule*		
Week	Monday	Wednesday
1	HOLIDAY (no class)	Course Introduction
2	Interview Classmate	Speeches of Introduction
3	Speeches of Introduction	Presentation on Style
4	Presentation on Style	Presentation on Style
5	Group work on TED Talk (intro & conclusion)	Group work on TED Talk (intro & conclusion)
6	Impromptu Speaking	Impromptu Speaking (prepare “Three Things”)
7	Impromptu Speaking / “Three Things” Speech	“Three Things” Speech
8	“Three Things” Speech	“Three Things” Speech
4/13 4/15	SPRING BREAK (no class)	SPRING BREAK (no class)
9	<i>ethos, pathos, logos</i>	<i>12 Angry Men</i> film
10	<i>12 Angry Men</i> quiz and discussion	Focus on <i>logos</i>
11	Group work on evidence	<i>ethos, pathos, logos</i> in advertisements
12	Presentation on advertisements	Work in groups on Sell It! speech
13	Sell It!	Sell It!
14	HOLIDAY (no class)	Sell It!
15	Reflection and Critique	Presentations on ideas from critique and reflection
16	FINAL	FINAL

*Please do not rely on this proposed schedule! This is a proposed calendar of activities and is subject to change.