**Louisiana State University**

**CMST 2060 – Public Speaking**

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CMST 2060 is a *General Education Humanities Course* designed to familiarize students with the study of public speaking. The act of public speaking is the culmination (and often the beginning) of a long process of critical dialogue between oneself, language, and the imagined responses of the audience. In other words, it takes being confident in who you are, what you want to say, how you are going to say it, who you want to say it to, and why you should say anything at all. Throughout the semester, students will be introduced to the fundamental concepts of rhetorical public speaking.

As a General Education Humanities Course, CMST 2060 will enable students to demonstrate an understanding of historical, cultural, and philosophical complexity that supports sophisticated discourse*.*

**Course Description:** CMST 2060 is structured to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for effective communication. The course focuses on concepts related to the communication process and on ways of improving your oral communication, with special emphasis on public speaking and presentation skills. Students will be required to complete peer speech evaluations.

As a result of this course, students should:

* Improve strategic reading skills through the analysis of research sources used in public speeches.
* Research, develop and organize ideas for oral presentations with ethical responsibility.
* Deliver speeches with a measure of poise and confidence.
* Understand own speaking ability.
* Present speeches extemporaneously-practiced and rehearsed but delivered from limited notes.
* Use the voice as a creative instrument in the communication process.
* Give a rationale for the use of Standard American English in spoken language and be able to demonstrate this skill in a speech.

**Text: The Art of Public Speaking**, eleventh edition, Stephen E. Lucas. Connect is not required for this course.

**Grading:** Grading for this course will be as follows:

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| **Grade** | **Percentage** |
| A+ | 98-100 |
| A | 94-97 |
| A- | 90-93 |
| B+ | 87-89 |
| B | 84-86 |
| B- | 80-83 |
| C+ | 77-79 |
| C | 74-76 |
| C- | 70-73 |
| D+ | 67-69 |
| D | 64-66 |
| D- | 60-63 |
| F | 59 and below |

**Speeches:**

Introductory 7% 2-3 minutes

Informative 15% 5-6 minutes

Persuasive 25% 6-8 minutes, plus 2 minute Q&A

Special Occasion 10% 2-3 minutes

**Exams:**

Midterm 10%

Final 10%

**Daily Participation:** 20%

Attendance, peer evaluations, audience, group work/presentations, impromptu speech, classroom discussion.

**Research Project:** 3%

The material you learn in this course is the product of research. The goal of the research learning requirement is to help you gain knowledge about the process by which scholars attempt to understand human behavior. All students taking CMST 1061, 2010, 1150 and 2060 must complete a research learning requirement. For each course in which a student is enrolled, he or she must complete two research credits. Students can fulfill this requirement by:

1. Participating in research studies conducted in the Department of Communication Studies. All studies that last between 0 and 30 minutes will count as one credit. Any study that lasts between 31 and 60 minutes will count as two credits. Each study will specify the number of credits a student can earn for completion. There will be several survey and experimental studies conducted throughout the semester. These studies are held on campus at various times and in various locations or are administered through online survey software. All available studies are improved by the Institutional Review Board at LSU.
2. Participating in an organized departmental function such as debate or public speaking competition. Only departmental sanctioned events will count toward a student’s research learning requirement; thus, no credit will be given for a student attending an outside speaker or performance.
3. Serving as a research assistant for a faculty member in the Department of Communication Studies. The number of units and requirements for those units will be set by the researcher and either accepted or rejected by the student.

\***All research learning credits must be completed by** **Monday, April 23.**

\*\*All available options to earn credits are posted at:

<http://lsuhumanresearch.sona-systems.com/> Students will need to request an account then log on to see the options available. Check the system regularly for updated information to fit interests and availabilities. Information about how to navigate the system (once logged in) can be found on the homepage of the Department of Communication Studies. Please create an account within the first week of classes.

Students must be sure to attend options once chosen. Failure to show up twice during a semester will result in restrictions to the system and inability to complete research learning requirements.

**Classroom Expectations:**

1. Please turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones.

Texting during class will result in student dismissal from class.

Students using laptops in a manner that is distracting to students and/or instructor will be asked to discontinue use.

1. Discussion materials will not be repeated for students absent when the materials were presented. Ask fellow classmates for notes.
2. Students are responsible for all material and assignments announced in their absence.
3. Each unexcused absence will reduce participation grade by 5%. Being late to class three times will equate to one absence. If tardiness is unavoidable due to bussing or class across campus, it is up to the student to inform the instructor.
4. Do not schedule any appointments during class time. They are not excused.
5. Do not enter class during a speech if you are late. Wait for applause then enter.
6. Eating in class is strictly prohibited.
7. No late work will be accepted, including missed speeches, without a documented university excuse. This includes arriving late to class and turning in an assignment that is due before class. It is up to the student to discuss make-ups with instructor.
8. Students must dress appropriately, business casual, on speech days.
9. Respect is not an option. Disrespectful behavior toward fellow students or instructor will result in dismissal from class.
10. Grades will not be discussed over email. You may discuss grades with instructor before or after class or during office hours.

**Attendance:** This is an interactive class where participation is required. Much of what is learned is through discussions in class. It is important that students attend. Some material taught in this class are not in the textbook or PowerPoints.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic dishonesty, including any form of plagiarism and/or cheating, will not be permitted. If there is evidence of any deliberate violation of academic integrity, such as cheating or plagiarizing, the student will fail that assignment. A second violation will result in course failure.

**Buckley Amendment:** Student grades will not be disclosed. They will NOT be: discussed in class, visible on papers or tests, or released over the phone or via email.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office of Disability Affairs (112 Johnson Hall) so that accommodations may be arranged. After receiving accommodation letters, please contact the instructor to discuss the provisions as soon as possible.

**Course Calendar \*Subject to Change**

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| **Date** | **Course Material** | **Assignment** |
| **W Jan 10** | **Syllabus, Speech Grading Standards, Awareness Model** | **Sign up for research**  **Read Ch 1, 2** |
| **F Jan 12** | **Introductory Speech Assignment, Ch 1, 2** | **Read Ch 3, 4** |
| **M Jan 15** | **MLK Day – No Class** | **Read Ch 10** |
| **W Jan 17** | **Ch 3, 4** |  |
| **F Jan 19** | **Ch 10, TED Talk** |  |
| **M Jan 22** | **Introductory Speeches** |  |
| **W Jan 24** | **Introductory Speeches** |  |
| **F Jan 26** | **Introductory Speeches** | **Read Ch 15, 5** |
| **M Jan 29** | **Informative Speech Assignment/Evaluation,**  **Ch 15, 5** | **Read Ch 6, 7, 8, 9** |
| **W Jan 30** | **Ch 6, 7, 8, 9** | **Topics due Friday,**  **Ch 13, 12, 13** |
| **F Feb 2** | **Topics due, Ch 14, 12, 13** |  |
| **M Feb 5** | **No class** | **Outlines due Wednesday** |
| **W Feb 7** | **Sample Outline, Outlining activity** |  |
| **F Feb 9** | **Outlines due, peer review, review midterm** | **Prepare speeches** |
| **M Feb 12-Wed Feb 14** | **Mardi Gras Break** |  |
| **F Feb 16** | **Work day** |  |
| **M Feb 19** | **Informative Speeches** |  |
| **W Feb 21** | **Informative Speeches** |  |
| **F Feb 23** | **Informative Speeches** |  |
| **M Feb 26** | **Informative Speeches** |  |
| **W Feb 28** | **Informative Speeches** |  |
| **F Mar 2** | **Midterm** |  |
| **M Mar 5** | **Persuasive Speech Assignment/Evaluation**  **Rhetoric** |  |
| **W Mar 7** | **Ch Argument Model, 16, 17** | **Topics due Friday** |
| **F Mar 9** | **Topics due, Work on**  **Group Presentations** |  |
| **M Mar 12** | **Group Presentations** |  |
| **W Mar 14** | **Impromptu Speeches** |  |
| **F Mar 16** | **Impromptu Speeches** | **Outlines due Monday** |
| **M Mar 19** | **Outlines Due, Peer Review** |  |
| **W Mar 21** | **Work day** |  |
| **F Mar 23** | **Persuasive Speeches** |  |
| **M Mar 26-F Mar 30** | **Spring Break** |  |
| **M Apr 2** | **Persuasive Speeches** |  |
| **W Apr 4** | **Persuasive Speeches** |  |
| **F Apr 6** | **Persuasive Speeches** |  |
| **M Apr 9** | **Persuasive Speeches** |  |
| **W Apr 11** | **Persuasive Speeches** |  |
| **F Apr 13** | **Special Occasion Speaking**  **Ch 18** |  |
| **M Apr 16** | **Special Occasion Speeches** |  |
| **W Apr 18** | **Special Occasion Speeches** |  |
| **F Apr 20** | **Special Occasion Speeches** |  |
| **M Apr 23** | **Make up speeches** |  |
| **W Apr 25** | **Make up speeches** |  |
| **F Apr 27** | **Optional Exam** |  |
| **Final Exam** | **See Moodle** |  |