

**COMM 103- 209 | SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION | BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING|
Spring 2018**

CLASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:30-9:45
Water Tower Campus | Room SOC 010

INSTRUCTOR

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REQUIRED MATERIAS

Textbook: Talk Like Ted, by Carmine Gallo, St. Martin's Griffin,
ISBN 978-250-06153-9

COURSE OVERVIEW

If getting up in front of people makes you a little anxious, you are not alone. This course will allay those fears and give you the confidence you need to inform and persuade others---exactly the skill you need to succeed in both business and life. You will learn how to research, organize, write and deliver speeches with an emphasis on business communications and the presentation of ideas. You'll learn how to present your ideas inspiring others to understand your point-of-view. You will learn about using vivid words; the importance of body language and eye contact; and how to connect with your audience, building mutual trust. You will also learn to be an intelligent, thoughtful and critical listener, offering up helpful suggestions to your classmates.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Public speaking gives each of us the opportunity to connect with others---and with ourselves. As we speak, we discover a new power inside of us.

You will learn to:

- Build your confidence
- Improve your vocal delivery, articulation and poise
- Logically organize your thoughts to motivate and persuade
- Analyze and engage your audience
- Convey your passion on a subject
- Understand how to critique the presentations of others
- "Sell" your ideas to a client
- Communicate clearly and vividly
- Establish a position and influence others to join with you
- Work in partnership

GRADING SCALE BASED ON POINT PERCENTAGES

A	100-94
A-	93-90
B+	89-88
B	87-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-78
C	77-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-68
D	67-63
D-	62-60
F	59-0

RELATIVE WEIGHT OF COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

35 % - Individual presentations/other class assignments

20% - Class participation and attendance (*Participation points: 10 possible for each class (actively engage in the class with undivided attention and respect, graciously give and accept critiques, no side conversations or doing other work.)*)

20% - Midterm: Present a new business idea to your client

25% - Student final presentation (Pure Persuasive: move to action)

STUDENT GRADE OPTIONS

- Pass/Fail: Must be declared by end of week two of classes.
- Auditing: Students may participate in class discussions and sit in on meetings. They pay tuition for the course, but are not required to do homework.
- Withdrawal: **Students may withdraw from a class during the first week of the semester without receiving a W on their transcript.** After that, they have until late March to withdraw without having the dropped class affect their grade point average. If they miss the last date to withdraw, they receive a WF, which will negatively affect their grade point.
- Incomplete: **An incomplete grade must be initiated by the student.** Appropriate reasons for granting an incomplete (usually within the last two weeks of the semester) include unforeseeable, unavoidable delays in completing work or other disastrous events over which a student has no control. The instructor may require verifiable supporting evidence to grant the request, such as doctor's notes, obituaries or police reports. It is up to the instructor to weigh compassion for the student with fairness to class members who met deadlines and completed all coursework.

If an incomplete is granted, a written contract regarding what work is to be completed and the deadline for finishing it should be kept on paper by both student and instructor. A copy of the contract should be given to the Dean's office. The "I" will automatically convert to an "F" the following semester if the student does not complete the work and/or the instructor does not assign a grade to replace the incomplete. Grade changes are implemented by going in to LOCUS and submitting the request change of grade request.

FINAL GRADES

Semester grades will be recorded through LOCUS within 72 hours of the final exam period. Students are entitled to a clear and timely explanation of grades assigned during the semester and afterward. The instructor will be available via email for 30 days after final grades are recorded to provide such explanations.

GRADE GRIEVANCES

Students are expected to discuss grade grievances with the instructor first. Students have 30 days after the end of a semester to express their concerns. If the grievance cannot be resolved, students should contact the SOC's Dean's office, who will determine if resolution can be reached or whether to initiate a formal department grievance process. A burden of proof rests with the student to demonstrate why they believe their grade was assigned inaccurately or with capriciousness.

Policy on late work, incompletes, and make-ups:

On-time Work:

Assignments must be on time and sent to my email address on the required date. All assignments must be free of all spelling/grammar errors (use your computer review). If you are absent from class, the assignment is STILL due via email by class start time on the due date. All final projects are due by 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 3, 2018, no exceptions.

Re-do's: Students who earn an initial grade below 70% on an assignment may rewrite that assignment to earn back deducted points. The final assignment grade for a rewritten assignment will be an average of the original grade and the "new" grade. It must be submitted by the start of the following class period along with the original.

ATTENDANCE

You are expected to act like a professional and attend every class. Your input, energy, critiques and generous support of your classmates is invaluable. If a crisis makes attendance impossible, you must contact me before class day. If you are absent, you will receive no participation points for that day. (You can't participate if you aren't there, right?) If you are absent more than 2 times, your grade will drop a letter. If you miss 4 or more classes, you will not pass the course. If you are late more than 2 times to class, your grade will drop to a minus. If you are late 4 times or more, you will not pass the course.

ELECTRONICS USE

I do not allow the use of cell phones in class. Period. You must silence your cell phone when class begins and put it away for the duration of the class. Using your cell phone in class will result in a loss of participation points. Laptops and tablets must be put away unless specifically allowed by me for the taking of notes.

CHANGES IN SYLLABUS OR COURSE WORK

There may be modifications or changes in our coursework, including readings and assignments to optimize learning and increase your opportunities in the class.

HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER: Together, we will build a safe and respectful environment, so we need some straight-forward rules we'll all adhere to. Be on time and complete all assignments on time. Be original, ethical and honest. Be fair and open-minded. Encourage your classmates as they present. Pay attention; be generous; no distractions or side conversations. Always ask for clarification or direction. Enjoy this journey: it will change your life.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

A basic mission of a university is to search for and to communicate truth as it is honestly perceived. A genuine learning community cannot exist unless this demanding standard is a fundamental tenet of the intellectual life of the community. Students of Loyola University Chicago are expected to know, to respect, and to practice this standard of personal honesty.

Academic dishonesty can take several forms, including, but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, copying another student's work, and submitting false documents. Academic cheating is a serious act that violates academic integrity. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, such acts as:

- Obtaining, distributing or communicating examination materials prior to the scheduled examination without the consent of the teacher;
- Providing information to another student during an examination;
- Obtaining information from another student or any other person during an examination;
- Using any material or equipment during an examination without consent of the instructor, or in a manner which is not authorized by the instructor;
- Attempting to change answers after the examination has been submitted;
- Unauthorized collaboration or the use in whole or part of another student's work, on homework, lab reports, programming assignments and any other course work which is completed outside of the classroom;
- Falsifying medical or other documents to petition for excused absences or extensions of deadlines; or

- Any other action that, by omission or commission, compromises the integrity of the academic evaluation process.

Plagiarism is a serious violation of the standards of academic honesty. Plagiarism is the appropriation of ideas, language, work or intellectual property of another, either by intent or by negligence, without sufficient public acknowledgement and appropriate citation that the material is not one's own. It is true that every thought probably has been influenced to some degree by the thoughts and actions of others. Such influences can be thought of as affecting the ways we see things and express all thoughts. Plagiarism, however, involves the taking and use of specific words and ideas of others without proper acknowledgement of the sources, and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Submitting as one's own material copied from a published source, such as Internet, print, CD-ROM, audio, video, etc.;
- Submitting as one's own another person's unpublished work or examination material;
- Allowing another or paying another to write or research a paper for one's own benefit; or
- Purchasing, acquiring and using for course credit a pre-written paper.

The above list is in no way intended to be exhaustive. Students should be guided by the principle that it is of utmost importance to give proper recognition to all sources. To do so is both an act of personal, professional courtesy and of intellectual honesty. Any failure to do so, whether by intent or by neglect, whether by omission or commission, is an act of plagiarism. A more detailed description of this issue can be found at <http://luc.edu/english/writing.shtml#source>.

In addition, a student may not submit the same paper or other work for credit in two or more classes. A student who submits the same work for credit in two or more classes will be judged guilty of academic dishonesty, and will be subject to sanctions described below. This applies even if the student is enrolled in the classes during different semesters. If a student plans to submit work with similar or overlapping content for credit in two or more classes, the student should consult with all instructors prior to submission of the work to make certain that such submission will not violate this standard.

Plagiarism or any other act of academic dishonesty will result minimally in the instructor's assigning the grade of "F" for the assignment or examination. The instructor may impose a more severe sanction, including a grade of "F" in the course. All instances of academic dishonesty must be reported by the instructor to the appropriate area head and to the office of the Dean of the School of Communication.

The office of the Dean of the School of Communication may constitute a hearing board to consider the imposition of sanctions in addition to those imposed by the instructor, including a recommendation of expulsion, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct. In the case of multiple instances of academic dishonesty, the Dean's office may convene a separate hearing board to review these instances. The student has the right to appeal the decision of the hearing board to the Dean of SOC. If the student is not a member of the SOC, the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled shall be part of the process. Students have the right to appeal the decision of any hearing board and the deans of the two schools will review the appeal together. Their decision is final in all cases except expulsion. The sanction of expulsion for academic dishonesty may be imposed only by the Provost upon recommendation of the dean or deans.

Students have a right to appeal any finding of academic dishonesty against them. The procedure for such an appeal can be found at:

http://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg_academicgrievance.shtml.

The School of Communication maintains a permanent record of all instances of academic dishonesty. The information in that record is confidential. However, students may be asked to sign a waiver which releases that student's record of dishonesty as a part of the student's application to a graduate or professional school, to a potential employer, to a bar association, or to similar organizations. *(The School of Communication policy is based entirely on and is consistent with the Academic Integrity Policy of the College of Arts & Sciences.)*

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Any student with a learning disability that needs special accommodation during exams or class periods should provide documentation from Services for Students with Disabilities confidentially to the instructor. The instructor will accommodate that student's needs in the best way possible, given the constraints of course content and processes. It is the student's responsibility to plan in advance in order to meet their own needs and assignment due dates.

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY POLICY FOR STUDENTS MISSING CLASSES WHILE REPRESENTING LOYOLA

Students will not be penalized for being absent while representing Loyola if proper documentation is provided. This includes students participating in intercollegiate athletics, debate, model government organizations, etc. Make-up assignments and handouts missed will be available. It is the student's responsibility to obtain lecture notes from a peer and to properly document absences.

MILITARY SERVICE

Students who have been called into the armed services of the United States and who are consequently withdrawing from the university before the end of the withdrawal period will receive a refund of all tuition and fees paid for the period in question but no academic credit. If they withdraw after the end of the withdrawal period, they will receive full academic credit for the semester with grades as of the date of withdrawal but no refund of tuition.

HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION AND ABUSE

It is unacceptable and a violation of university policy to harass, discriminate against or abuse any person because of his or her race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religious, age or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Such behavior threatens to destroy the environment of tolerance and mutual respect that must prevail for this university to fulfill its educational mission. Discrimination is adverse treatment of a person or group based on protected categories and not on individual merit. Abuse is oral, written or physical conduct directed at a person based on characteristics protected by law, where the offensive behavior is intimidating and/or demeaning. It may include verbal slurs, invectives or epithets. Harassment differs from abuse insofar as it is repeated and persistent behavior of a similar nature. It also includes unwanted physical advances or intimidations and the display of visual materials that defame, demean or humiliate. Behavior of this kind is not tolerated by Loyola University Chicago and should be reported to the School of Communication dean's office. Such complaints will be treated in confidence to the extent feasible, given the need to conduct an investigation and take corrective action. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Loyola University Chicago will not tolerate it by faculty, students or other employees, and will attempt to take prompt corrective action against any sexual harassment by or of its students, faculty and employees. Persons who believe they have been harmed by harassment of this kind should bring the conduct to the attention of the School of Communication dean's office. All complaints are taken seriously and no one reporting them will suffer reprisal or retaliation from the university. Such complaints will be treated in confidence to the extent feasible, given the need to conduct a thorough investigation and take corrective action.

Course Calendar

Every week, we will cover the material indicated on the calendar below with some flexibility given that we have two sessions. Every week, I will write an email reviewing what we've learned and the assignments that are due. Believe my email over the calendar! If there are major changes in the calendar, I will let you know.

WEEK # / DATES	WEEKLY CLASS ACTIVITIES AND AGENDA	IN CLASS GRADED ITEMS & HOMEWORK
<p>WEEK 1 Jan. 16</p> <p>Jan. 18</p>	<p>Welcome! We'll review the course, the syllabus and expectations/outcomes of the course; discuss the presentation rubrics and our textbook: "Talk Like TED".</p> <p>We'll watch one of the TED talks so you understand the level we are seeking.</p> <p>Introduce yourself: Your Passion Speech</p>	<p>Prepare 2-minute speech. Topic: My Personal Passion. The secret is to deliver it with passion. Read Intro and Chapter 1: "Unleash the Master Within." I will call on you randomly during discussion. Be prepared.</p>
<p>WEEK 2 Jan. 23</p> <p>Jan. 25</p>	<p>Present "Passion" speeches Critique Discuss how to critique; the fear of presenting ;four basic parts of any speech: Intro, Transition, Body, Conclusion.</p> <p>Review various types of speeches from Informative and Persuasive to Presenting an Idea to your client. Discuss Process speech for next week.</p>	<p>Prepare a 2-minute speech that demonstrates a process. Anything from cooking an egg to tying a shoe. Objective: clarity.</p> <p>Read Chapter 2: "Master the Art of Storytelling." This chapter is key to persuading an audience!</p>

<p>WEEK 3 Jan. 29</p> <p>Feb. 1</p>	<p>Present Process Speeches Critique Discussion: How to Analyze and Inspire an audience. Who are they? What do they need to learn from you?</p> <p>Watch and discuss and MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech. Discuss the homework assignment and the power of a story in engaging your audience.</p>	<p>Prepare 2-minute personal story. Telling a story unites you with your audience. Watch Isabele Allende: "Power of a Story." Write a one-page essay telling what you learned from this speech. Email to me and post on Moodle.</p>
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<p>WEEK 4 Feb. 6, Feb. 8</p>	<p>2-minute Speech: A personal story. Critique How to choose a relevant topic; how to create a theme/idea throughout the speech; how to organize a speech; create an outline and audience analysis.</p> <p>Discuss information speeches.</p>	<p>Prepare for a short quiz on Chapter 2.</p> <p>Read Chapters 3 & 4: "Have a Conversation"; "Teach me Something New"</p> <p>Email me your Information Speech outline and audience analysis.</p>
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<p>WEEK 5 Feb. 13</p> <p>Feb. 15</p>	<p>Chapter 2 Quiz Extemporaneous Speech: I will give you a topic and 10 minutes to prepare. This will help you think on your feet and answer audience questions.</p> <p>Discuss Persuasion. First, you change a feeling, then a thought, then an action. Your Midterm Speech will be to Persuade your audience to be an advocate for a cause. Discuss assignment. Watch scenes from Henry V who was a master at inspiration and persuasion. Discuss Persuasion/Cause</p>	<p>Prepare for your Information Speech</p>
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	Midterm speech and outline.	
WEEK 6 Feb. 20,22	Deliver your 3-4 minute Information Speech. Teach something new to the class, <u>using PowerPoint for visuals only.</u> Discussion and critiques Review Persuasion Cause Speech	Send me your outline for the Persuasion/Cause Speech

WEEK 7 Feb. 27, Mar. 1	Still afraid to speak? Today, we'll talk like the animals! Discuss how to paint a mental picture with words. Important to inspiration which leads to persuasion. Prepare a 1-minute description in class that paints a mental picture. Use words that conjure images.	Read Chapter: "Paint a Mental Picture" Rehearse your Persuasion/Cause Speech so it doesn't sound rehearsed
WEEK 8 March 6,7 Spring Break	Rest. Relax. Rehearse. Repeat.	See above
WEEK 9 March 13,15	5-minute Midterm: Persuasion/Cause Speech Dress for success	Read Chapter 5: Jaw-Dropping Moments.

		Watch Bill Gates' "Malaria Speech" Prepare a Jaw-Dropping Speech. This is not about a jaw-dropping moment that happened to you, but delivering information in a way that makes your listener's drop their jaws.
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<p>WEEK 10 March 20, 22</p>	<p>Present Jaw-Dropping Speeches Critique.</p> <p>Learn how to present an idea. This is one of the most important skills in life and business. Learn how to inspire/ persuade people to "buy into" our ideas. Hint: Include your audience in your thinking process.</p>	<p>Prepare to present an idea in 4 minutes. We will be whatever audience you wish us to be. Are we aldermen? Are we clients? Are we the PTA? It all depends on your idea.</p> <p>Send outline to me in 2 days so I can help you.</p>
<p>WEEK 11 March 27 March 29 (No class; Easter Break)</p>	<p>4-minute Idea Presentations. Dress for success. Critiques Discussion Intro to Final assignment: Shark Tank. Persuasion/ Action. This is a big time presentation of an Idea.</p>	
<p>WEEK 12 April 3 (No class; Easter Break) April 5</p>	<p>Finish Idea Presentations Critique</p>	<p>Read chapters 7 "Stick to the 18-minute rule";</p>

<p>WEEK 13 April 10, 12</p>	<p>Discuss 18-Rule. Watch TED Talks that apply. Review Shark Tank Assignment. Pick Shark Tank Partners.</p>	<p>Read final chapter in book. Send me your Shark Tank Topic for approval.</p>
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	Watch 2 Shark Tank Episodes.	
WEEK 14 April 17,19	How do you present yourself in an interview? We will switch off from interviewee to interviewer, using listening skills and confident body language we learned all semester to make the right impression.	Email me your Shark Tank outline and audience analysis for approval.
WEEK 15 April 24,26	Work on Shark Tank in class.	Rehearse with your partner. Make sure you each have an equal part in your Shark Tank presentation.
WEEK 16 May 3	Final Shark Tank Presentations points. My special presentation to you.	Relax. You did it!

About your Instructor

I have had a long, successful career in the advertising business going from copy cub all the way up to Vice President/ Group Creative Director. I have created ideas and held leadership positions for clients from Japan Air Lines to Toni Home Permanents, Sears to the United States Postal Service.

My dream to become a force in the advertising business began when I was 8 years old, while watching TV with my parents. A commercial came on and I turned to them I said, "That's what I want to do when I grow up." And that's what I did.

The award I am most proud of winning is the coveted David Ogilvy Award given each year at Ogilvy & Mather for the campaign that made the most difference in sales to a client. I learned that it's always about our clients; or our audiences. Focusing on that will be a big part of what we do in this course.

In addition to being a successful business person, I have a strong background in theater and have taught Presentation Skills at the college level for many years. I always find that this course can change student's lives. I will share all of my experience with you, you can be sure. I look forward to sharing this journey with each one of you.

Here's to a great semester ahead!

Susan

