



Course Syllabus
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Class Sessions: COM 101 Online 2026

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Required Text: Verderber, Verderber, Sellnow. *COMM 6 Student Edition*

Course Number: COM 101

Course Title: Basic Communication Skills

Department Name: Communication Department

College/School/Division Name: School of Humanities and Art Design

Term: Fall 2023

Course Credits: 3

Class Hours: 45 hours

Class Location: Online

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Emails will be responded to within 1 to 2 days.

Course Overview

Introduction to major forms of communication. Activities for students to learn effective communication skills for two-person, small groups and public situations. Examinations and application of basic principles of message development for personal and public speech.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the term students should be able to:

After completion of Communication 101, the student will be able to:

1. Research, organize and outline an effective speech
2. Deliver a well-planned presentation of ideas through effective oral delivery
3. Use the tools and concepts covered in the textbook and lecture to create effective communication in group settings
4. Use at least three different oral communication strategies in one-on-one, group and class communication settings.

Course Policies:

Class Submissions

This is an oral presentation-oriented class; therefore, presentations are expected. Points will be deducted for late submissions and submissions that are delayed for a week will receive a 0 grade unless excused. There are NO MAKE-UP EXAMS OR SPEECHES (unless delayed performances/submissions are excused and prior arrangements have been made with the Professor).

If there is a major emergency and you cannot take an exam or deliver a speech it is standard policy that you MUST: 1.) Email BEFOREHAND to let the instructor know about the emergency, and 2.) Provide valid documentation. (A slight cold, picking up someone at the airport or not being ready for an assignment do not constitute an emergency).

Attendance Policy

The following attendance policy is from the 2019-2020 Academic Catalog (p. 54-55). This is for face to face classes but ON TIME submission of drafts and final assignments count as participation grades.

Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's division office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade.

Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes may lead to a grade reduction for the course. Any unexcused absence of two consecutive weeks or more may result in being withdrawn from the course by the instructor, although the instructor is not required to withdraw students in that scenario. Repeated absences put students at risk of failing grades.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu Tutor Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes.

Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

Student Conduct Policy

Campus life is a unique situation requiring the full cooperation of each individual. For many, Chaminade is not only a school, but a home and a place of work as well. That makes it a community environment in which the actions of one student may directly affect other students. Therefore, each person must exercise a high degree of responsibility. Any community must have standards of conduct and rules by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website under Student Life.

For further information, [please refer to the Chaminade Catalogue.](#)

Speeches

Presentations are expected to be performed with an audience in mind. a) Dress appropriately for class on the day of your speech presentation/recording. b) No gum chewing or wearing of hats during presentations. c) All outlines must be uploaded to CANVAS/mailed or handed on time.

Assignments and Grading

Your homework is written in your daily schedule on CANVAS. Read ahead of the week assignment. Some of the work you need to do include online CANVAS submissions, outlines and research you turn in on assigned dates. Homework will include online discussions, library work and outline preps. **ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE TYPEWRITTEN.** Your points on CANVAS does not reflect your final grade.

Late Work Policy.

Late homework will receive 10 % deductions. When absences are excused (with medical certificates or official school function documentation handed with appropriate signatures) the student should schedule exams or make up for late work with the instructor. All make-up work should be completed within the week following the excused absence only. There is no make-up for unexcused absence for tests, homework and presentations.

All written assignments must be typed with attention to spelling and grammar. Adhere to standards set by acceptable Reference and Citation Format (i.e. MLA, Chicago, and APA).

Reading your Textbook.

You are required to read assigned materials and take notes so you are prepared to contribute to class discussion. Guides to your reading are also exam guides. Reading in advance will allow everyone to share ideas and ask questions regarding the material. Please access CANVAS on the web and log into your COM 101 time schedule. Enter your student number and log in with your school password. Access through the Chaminade Web or go to www.chaminade.ecollege.com

Participation.

This is based on your attendance and contribution to ***building a positive classroom*** climate and community. No full attendance/participation points can be achieved if you do not participate in class, even if you are always present in class. You will be evaluated on your disposition of openness and active participation in dialogues and discussions. Aim to elevate critical inquiry into the topics discussed in class. This does not mean that you have to agree with the instructor or your classmates, but you conduct yourself in a manner that is positive and constructive rather than negative, demeaning or confrontational. Developing full paragraph responses/recitations and basing information on research are goals to aim for in speaking discussions. Reading/Listening is another form of classroom participation. Positive Mental Attitude and a cooperative spirit will be observed as part of your class participation. This includes dressing up professional for your audience on the day of your speech.

Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith
2. Provide an integral, quality education
3. Educate in family spirit
4. Educate for service, justice and peace
5. Educate for adaptation and change

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Olelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Olelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Olelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Olelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same schools.

Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes

	CLO 1	CLO 2	CLO 3
Marianist Values	3,4	4,5	1, 2 & 4
Program Learning Outcomes	1,3	1,2	1, 2 & 3

Gen Ed Learning Outcomes (if applicable)	Oral Com	Written Com	Oral Com
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Make-up work for Excused Absences: Guide to Reading Notes:
Must be typewritten.

1. Read the assigned Chapter that you missed and submit your reading notes in the form of paragraphs. Submit assigned number of concepts from each chapter. Write and label your paragraphs according to the following:

- a) Write the name of the element/concept and book definition
- b) Explain our own understanding/definition of the element/concept and
- c) A sample from a communicative event: participants and messages are sent, received and responded to from your own experiences. You can also find examples from other readings outside of your textbook.

Required Learning Materials

COM 6 by Verderber and Verderber

Technical Assistance for Canvas Users:

- Search for help on specific topics or get tips in [Canvas Students](#)
- [Live chat with Canvas Support for students](#)
- Canvas Support Hotline for students: +1-833-209-6111
- Watch this [video to get you started](#)
- [Online tutorials](#): click on “Students” role to access tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4855

Tutoring and Writing Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua ‘Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua ‘Ike’s website](#) for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click Account – Notifications – TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua ‘Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Assessment

Provide a listing of assessments and their weighting. In addition to (or even in lieu of) tests, you may wish to consider creating “authentic” assessments, which are aligned to experiences that students will encounter in their careers. You also may wish to include service learning assignments and connect with the CUH [Service Learning Center](#).

Grading Scale

Letter grades are given in all courses except those conducted on a credit/no credit basis. Grades are calculated from the student's daily work, class participation, quizzes, tests, term papers, reports and the final examination. They are interpreted as follows:

- A Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
- B Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner
- C Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter
- D Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite course work
- F Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given

Graded Requirements

GRADED REQUIREMENTS	Percentage	Possible points	Your scores
Group Discussion Problem Solving	15%	50	
Public Speech: Informative/Persuasive Speech	25%	100	
One on One Conversation Analysis	15%	25	
Assignments: Research, Outlines/Written Reflection	15%	75	
Paired and Group Presentation Participation	10%	50	
Midterm and Final	20%	100	
TOTAL	100%		

Instructor and Student Communication

Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor at eva.washburn@chaminade.edu. Online, in-person and phone conferences can be arranged. Response time will take place up to 1 to 2 days.

Disability Access

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Kōkua 'Ike Coordinator at (808) 739-8305 for further information (ada@chaminade.edu).

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Credit Hour Policy

The unit of semester credit is defined as university-level credit that is awarded for the completion of coursework. One credit hour reflects the amount of work represented in the intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement for those learning outcomes. Each credit hour earned at Chaminade University should result in a minimum of 45 hours of engagement, regardless of varying credits, duration, modality, or degree level. This equates to one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester. Terms that have alternative lengths, such as 10 week terms, should have an equivalent amount of faculty instruction and out-of-class student work to meet each credit hour. Direct instructor engagement and out-of-class work result in total student engagement time of 45 hours for one credit. The number of engagement hours may be higher, as needed to meet specific learning outcomes.

Specific Credit Situations

The minimum 45 hours of engagement per credit hour can be satisfied in fully online, internship, or other specialized courses through several means, including (a) regular online instruction or interaction with the faculty member and fellow students and (b) academic engagement through extensive reading, research, online discussion, online quizzes or exams;

instruction, collaborative group work, internships, laboratory work, practica, studio work, and preparation of papers, presentations, or other forms of assessment. This policy is in accordance with federal regulations and regional accrediting agencies.

How This Course Meets the Credit Hour Policy

1. Seat time: 75 minutes TR= 150 minutes weekly X 15 weeks = 2,250 minutes or 37.5 hours

2. Time Spent on Key Assessments

- One on one Role Play= 8 hours viewing, studying, researching + 5 hours practicing and performing and shared analysis= 13 hours
- Group Discussion = 5 hours establishing synergy, studying, researching and writing agenda + 10 hours performing, zoom meetings and individual reflection= 15 hours
- Public Speech = 10 hours viewing, studying, researching and conferencing on outlines + 12.5 hours rehearsal, performing and group and individual reflections= 22.5 hours
- Midterm and Finals = 8 hours studying and 2 hours during finals + 8 hours studying = 18 hours

TOTAL: 106 hours with 29 hours remaining for #3 to complete 135 hours

3. Homework (Reading, Experimenting Non-Verbal Messages, Studying and Home Rehearsals: 29 hours

About 2 additional hours each week