SPE Speech

SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3-0) 3 crs.
Theory and practice of oral communications. Development of 
poise, confidence and skill in speech organization and delivery. 
Emphasis on frequent speaking, development of standards of 
criticism and selection and organization of material. IAI C 2900 
Prerequisite: Placement into ENG 101 
https://
www.harpercollege.edu/registration/testing/pdf/ 
ENG_Placement_Grid.pdf

SPE 102 Professional Communication (3-0) 3 crs.
Provides students with advanced practice of oral communication 
in public speaking and communication theory. Topics included 
are: an examination of informative, persuasive and special 
occasion speech preparation and delivery; effective use of 
visual aids; analysis of communication events and the effects of 
communication messages. 
Prerequisite: SPE 101 with a grade of C or better, or consent of 
instructor.

SPE 107 Oral Interpretation (3-0) 3 crs.
Provides the student an opportunity to select, prepare and 
perform various types of literature. Emphasizes the use of body 
and voice in oral reading. IAI TA 916

SPE 180 Applied Forensics I (0-2) 1 cr.
Provides practical experience in the preparation of public 
speeches, oral interpretation programs, acting scenes, group 
performances and/or limited preparation speaking situations for 
public presentation in forensics/speech competition.

SPE 181 Applied Forensics II (0-2) 1 cr.
Continues SPE 180. Provides practical experience in the 
preparation of public speeches, oral interpretation programs, 
acting scenes, group performances and/or limited preparation 
speaking situations for public presentation in forensics/speech 
competition. 
Prerequisite: SPE 180 with a grade of C or better.

SPE 182 Applied Forensics III (0-2) 1 cr.
Continues SPE 181. Provides practical experience in the 
preparation of public speeches, oral interpretation programs, 
acting scenes, group performances and/or limited preparation 
speaking situations for public presentation in forensics/speech 
competition. 
Prerequisite: SPE 181 with a grade of C or better.

SPE 183 Applied Forensics IV (0-2) 1 cr.
Continues SPE 182. Provides practical experience in the 
preparation of public speeches, oral interpretation programs, 
acting scenes, group performances and/or limited preparation 
speaking situations for public presentation in forensics/speech 
competition. 
Prerequisite: SPE 182 with a grade of C or better.

SPE 200 Interpersonal Communication (3-0) 3 crs.
Explores one-to-one, face-to-face communication through 
experience, theory and skill application. Examines communication 
in family, work and social contexts. Stresses satisfying individual 
needs, functioning in appropriate roles, resolving conflicts and 
communicating effectively. IAI MC 901

SPE 205 Small Group Communication/Team Work (3-0) 3 crs.
Studies the theory and practice of effective small group 
communication processes. This is a skills-oriented course that 
engages students in a variety of group discussions and exercises. 
Provides practical experience in group communication, as well 
as providing a theoretical base in small group communication. 
Emphasizes the power of groups as well as the connection 
between being an effective speaker/listener in small group 
situations. Includes consideration of leadership, motivation, 
decision-making, problem-solving and conflict management. IAI 
MC 902

SPE 210 Argumentation and Debate (3-0) 3 crs.
Studies the theories, principles and methods of educational 
debate and formal argumentation. Emphasizes burden of 
proof, the use of research and evidence, case construction 
(including prima facie case) and logic. Students will be expected 
to demonstrate familiarity with both affirmative and negative 
strategies in debate, with the common forms of fallacious 
arguments, and with the procedures and techniques of effective 
debate. Requires students to participate in multiple forms of verbal 
and written educational debate and to act as judges and audience 
members. IAI MC 905

SPE 215 Intercultural Communication (3-0) 3 crs.
Examines how culture influences the communication process 
including values, beliefs, norms, linguistic and nonverbal 
differences between cultures, cultural bias, ethnocentrism, 
globalization and cultural adjustment. Reviews major theories 
of intercultural communication and the practical approaches to 
communicating more effectively with persons from other cultures. 
Allows students to consider the role that communication has in 
creating, maintaining or challenging cultural assumptions, norms, 
rules and power structures. Explores how diverse underlying 
cultural orientations and patterns influence communication 
behaviors within and between cultures. Students will learn to 
evaluate their own and others' communicative behaviors from a 
culturally sensitive perspective. IAI MC 904