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 C2 900
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