

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPRING SEMESTER 2008 TERM A  
HUMAN COMMUNICATION 1100**

**Professor:** Maris Cato [mscato@valdosta.edu](mailto:mscato@valdosta.edu)

**Evening and Time:** Wednesday 5:30pm - 10:15pm

**Course Content:** Communication is the social glue that bonds people together in relationships, groups, communities, and countries. The strength and quality of those bonds depends on our ability to understand and use communication well. The better students can think and communicate, the more likely they will be able to effectively and ethically guide the ways that the world is changing.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Plagiarism (using someone else's work and calling it your own) will result in an "F" for the assignment and the course.

**Attendance Policy:** Please see the university catalog. One absence is excused, but a three page paper on a relevant topic is required. A second absence requires proof of emergency or TAD orders. Three "tardies" count as one absence. Being present in class means being on time for the full time.

**Grading Procedures:** There will be an opportunity for speaking during seven class periods. There will also be a comprehensive exam on the last day. Each of the seven speeches and the final exam count as 12.5% of the grade. So if a student is absent for one class, the speech must be made up or it will lower the grade one letter grade.

**Student Responsibilities:** Students must come to class prepared to speak and listen well. Students must come to class with paper and blue or black pens.

**Classroom Decorum:** Students must turn off all sound producing gadgets (cell phones, beepers, pagers, music, etc.) Classroom discussion is strongly encouraged, expected, and required. However, discussions must remain on track. Disruption of the learning process will not be tolerated.

**ADA:** VSU wishes to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Students must contact the office personnel and the professor if they need special arrangements. VSU does not discriminate based on race, sex, religion, color, or handicap.

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**SPRING 2007 A: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

- 1. Wednesday January 9 - Introductory Speech**
- 2. Wednesday January 16 - Chapter Speech and Outline (assigned)**
- 3. Wednesday January 23 - The History of \_\_\_\_\_Speech & Outline**
- 4. Wednesday January 30 - Personal Interest & Demo Speech & Outline**
- 5. Wednesday February 6 - Social Problem Speech & Outline**
- 6. Wednesday February 13 - Exotic Speech & Outline**  
(animal, culture, food, location, person)
- 7. Wednesday February 20 - Farewell Speech & Review for Final**
- 8. Wednesday February 27- Comprehensive Final Exam (vocabulary)**

\* A typed outline (and other handouts if you choose) for each student in the class  
REQUIRED for speeches on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> night of class.

\*In the past, the library has allowed students to make class-required copies in the library for free.

\* Ask the desk for the key to the copy machine since the copies are for class.

\* Again, an outline must accompany your speech on 2nd-6th night. Make copies so that each student and the professor has one. Other handouts are a help sometimes, but not required.