

SPEECH/FORENSICS

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

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CURRICULUM

The speech and forensics curriculum emphasizes the ability to speak and perform in front of audiences. Courses teach students the skills required for presenting a speech—analyzing an audience, listening, coping with fear, using visual aids—as well as the skills they will need to prepare a speech—researching a topic, analyzing arguments and texts, and organizing and outlining material. Courses offered through the program meet transfer requirements for general education, and they may be applied toward an Associate in Arts degree with a major in Speech/Forensics.

MAJOR

Students majoring in speech/forensics at the lower-division level concentrate on learning the basics of public speaking and performance. Speech majors learn to communicate well orally and gain the capacity to think critically and analytically. Thus students anticipating careers in law, public service, education, business, or communications may find the major appropriate. Because oral, analytical, and organizational skills are fundamental to most occupations, this major may also be appropriate for students whose career decisions are not yet determined.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

The South Orange County Community College District Speech and Debate Team is one of the most respected and accomplished teams in the nation, competing against colleges and universities throughout the United States. Over the past decade the team has placed first or second at nine state championships and has finished in the top five at nine national tournaments while winning nine league championships. Currently, the team is ranked number one in the country for community college parliamentary teams and number three among all two- and four-year institutions. Interested students may call advisor Gary Rybold at (949) 451-5417.

DEGREE OPTION

• Associate in Arts Degree in Speech

Students must complete a minimum of 60 units of credit, including the courses in the major (“Major Requirements”) and general education requirements (pages 56-61), with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See pages 52–54 for further information.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Irvine Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a baccalaureate degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should (1) refer to the University Studies major (page 182) and “Transfer Planning” (page 63); (2) consult the catalog of their prospective transfer institution (see the IVC Transfer Center for assistance); and (3) schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a plan of study before beginning their program. It may be helpful to meet with the department faculty at IVC.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: SPEECH

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Complete the following course:

	Units
SP 1 Communication Fundamentals	3

Complete 15 units from any of the following courses:

SP 2 Persuasion	3
SP 3 Argumentation and Debate	3
SP 9 Intercultural Communication	3
SP 10 Group Dynamics and Leadership	3
SP 30 Introduction to Oral Interpretation	3
SP 35 Voice and Diction	3
SP 105 Interpersonal Communication	3
* SP 106 Forensics Activity	1-4
TA 1 Acting	3
TA 12 Directing	3
TOTAL UNITS:	18

*** SP 106 is recommended each semester.**

COURSES

SPEECH (PUBLIC SPEAKING)

SP 1: Communication Fundamentals

3 Units

3 hours

Speech 1 is designed to enable the student to understand and use the processes of oral communication. Students develop an understanding of problems and propositions, the organization and development of thought processes, the support of ideas, methods of research, and criticism and evaluation. Platform speaking performance is required. (CAN SPCH 4) NR

SP 2: Persuasion

3 Units

3 hours

Prerequisite: Sp. 1

Speech 2 examines the components of persuasive messages. The course focuses upon ethics, logic, reasoning, and fallacies as they relate to the use of evidence, speaker credibility, and emotional appeals directed toward various types of audiences. UC credit provisions (see UC course list). NR

SP 3: Argumentation and Debate

3 Units

3 hours

Prerequisite: Sp. 1

Speech 3 focuses on the application of argumentative methods, analysis, sound reasoning, and critical thinking. Through participation in various types of debates on current topics, students will conduct research, formulate propositions, and discover issues as they apply to social and personal decision making. UC credit provisions (see UC course list). (CAN SPCH 6) NR

SP 9: Intercultural Communication

3 Units

3 hours

This course is designed to give students a better understanding of the relationship between culture and communication and how the markings of culture and perception impact patterns of interaction. The course will familiarize students with the theory and process of communicating with people whose culture, ethnicity, or race differs from their own. NR

SP 10: Group Dynamics and Leadership

3 Units

3 hours

This course studies the principles of group discussion in learning and problem-solving situations. The course examines selected leadership functions, styles, and approaches. Speech 10 was formerly Speech 100. UC credit pending. NR

SP 105: Interpersonal Communication

3 Units

3 hours

This course introduces strategies and behaviors in all aspects of the communication process, including interpersonal communication and public speaking. The course includes the study of dyadic communication, perception, listening skills, and nonverbal and verbal communication. NR

SPEECH (FORENSICS)

SP 106: Forensic Activity

1 or 2.5 or 4 Units

1 hour lecture, 1 hour lab;

or 2 hours lecture, 2 hours lab;

or 3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab

In Speech 106 students prepare and present materials for college-sponsored speech and forensic activities, tournaments and festivals, high school assemblies, and civic organizations. Events include debate, public speaking, and oral interpretation. Participation is required for credit. This course is offered on an open-entry/open-exit basis, and units may vary according to time and activity involved. R-E-3

SPEECH (ORAL INTERPRETATION)

SP 30: Introduction to Oral Interpretation

3 Units

3 hours

This is a course in the presentation of literature. Students apply basic physical and vocal performance techniques to prose, poetry, and drama. The course includes the study of literary craft, a vital part of oral presentation. Speech 30 is also listed as Theatre Arts 30; credit will be given either area, not both. NR

SP 35: Voice and Diction

3 Units

3 hours

In this course students study the principles and practices of vocal and articulatory development and control. The course provides drills in phonation and drills for clarity, ease in articulation, resonance, and vocal variety. This course is also listed as Theatre Arts 35; credit will be given either area, not both. NR