

SPCH 1144 and 1145 Forensic Activities

Faculty Information



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| Online Office Hours: | (Online Office Hours Here) |

About Your Instructor

(Enter information about yourself here.)

Preferred Method of Communication:

(Use this section to define what method of communication you would prefer to get from students. If you want them to email you, tell them to use the email address given above. If you want them to call you, tell them to call you on your office phone during the hours you will be in your office, or your cell phone, etc.)

Expectations for Engagement for Instructor:

As an instructor, I understand the importance of clear, timely communication with my students. In order to maintain sufficient communication, I will

- provide my contact information at the beginning of the syllabus;
- respond to all messages within 24 hours if received Monday through Thursday, and within 48 hours if received Friday through Sunday; and,
- notify students of any extended times that I will be unavailable and provide them with alternative contact information (for me or for my supervisor) in case of during the time I am unavailable.

As an instructor, I understand that my students will work to the best of their abilities to fulfill the course requirements. In order to help them in this area, I will

- provide clear information about grading policies and assignment requirements in the course syllabus, and
- communicate any changes to assignments and/or to the course calendar to students as quickly as possible.

As an instructor, I understand that I need to provide regular, timely feedback to students about their performance in the course. To keep students informed about their progress, I will

- post grades for discussion postings within one week of the discussion thread closing.
- provide grades for major assignments within 2 weeks of the due date or at least 3 days before the next major assignment is due, whichever comes first.

Textbook Information and Required Hardware/Software

Textbook(s):

There is no required textbook for this course. Students will utilize one or more the following websites for informational text related to this course:

The National Communication Association www.natcom.org

The Council of Forensic Associations <http://www.collegeforensics.org/>

Toastmaster's International: www.toastmasters.org

The National Forensic League: www.nationalforensicleague.org

Texas Forensic Association: www.nationalforensicleague.org

Software:

Access to Odessa College Library Online Catalog <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/>

Access to Blackboard: <https://blackboard.odessa.edu/webapps/login/>Access to

Technical Support: If you need help learning how to access the OC Portal or any of the above sites, or have issues logging into BlackBoard, WebAdvisor or your student email, please call 432-335-MORE.

Many of my activities require watching speech presentations. For the duration of this course, it will be helpful to you to have access to a streaming NetFlix account (first month is free and subsequent months are about \$9 per month). You will also need to occasionally access YouTube and Vimeo for viewing Speeches.

www.youtube.com

www.vimeo.com

www.netflix.com

Hardware:

Computer: Minimum of 64 MB of RAM, 1 G Free Space, 150 MHz or higher recommended, a monitor capable of at least 800 x 600 resolution.

Peripherals: Speakers to be used to listen to audiofiles.

A camcorder or smartphone or flip cam to be used to record your voice, video and images. You must have access to a device that can create a digital recording up to ten minutes in length. You will also need to be able to take pictures of digital images and upload them. It must also be able to save and then transfer the file or upload the file directly into a website such as YouTube.

A thumb drive or flash drive with 4GB of memory or more to be used exclusively for this class

Internet Connection: Make sure you are using a 56K Modem or better.

Browser Settings: Microsoft IE Explorer works best with Blackboard on computers running

Software:

Email: Students enrolled in Odessa College must use an Odessa College email address. I will only contact you at your OC email account so you need to check your student email at least three times a week. Go to <http://www.odessa.edu> and click on Student Email to set up your email account. You should contact 335-MORE if you are not able to log on using the instructions provided or if you experience any issues with your OC email account.

Microsoft Windows. Java and cookies must be enabled.

Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and Excel.

Anti-virus Software is highly recommended for students. Online courses involve much file sharing which increases your risk of computer virus infection.

You will also need to make sure that your computer is equipped to read Adobe Acrobat files using Acrobat reader. There may be video files requiring you to use Windows Media Player or Quick Time or Real Player.

Websites:

Access to Odessa College Library Online Catalog <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/>

Access to Blackboard: <https://blackboard.odessa.edu/webapps/login/> Access to

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www.youtube.com

www.vimeo.com

www.netflix.com

Information About the Course

Course Description :

This course is a one hour Laboratory experience for students who participate in forensic activities. (From the ACGM).

Please Note: This The term "Forensics" refers to any rhetorical activity that belongs in courts of judicature, public discussion and/or debate.

Course Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this course. In some cases there may be a concurrent enrollment recommended for participation in this course. Please consult with your instructor to ensure that you are enrolled in the proper course.

Course Topics:

- *Understanding yourself as a communicator
- *The Communication Model and it's application to audience analysis and/or rhetorical criticism.
- *Creating and producing public presentations.
- *Using team collaboration to refine and perfect public presentations
- *Ethics in public communication

Grading

| Type of Assignment | Percentage/Points | Learning Objective |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Presentations and Projects | 50% | 1,3,4 |
| Class Assignments and Participation | 25% | 1,2,3,4,5 |
| Quizzes, Exams and /or Portfolio Reviews | 25% | 1,2,5 |
| | 100 % | TOTAL |

Grading Scale:

"A" = 90-100

"B" = 80-89

"C" = 70-79

"D" = 60-69

"F" = 0-59

Grading Policy:

Quality work and active participation is expected and not to be negotiated. As a general policy, grades will be taken in class. Any written assignments or tests will be graded outside of class. You can generally expect feedback on assignments within a week's time. For online classes, some major assignments such as speeches will require two weeks of time in grading.

Student Course Participation

As a student, I understand that I am responsible for keeping up with the course. To help with this, I will

- identify alternative computer and internet access in case my primary computer crashes or my internet service is unavailable;
- recognize that the college provides free wi-fi and computer labs during regular campus hours to help me with accessing my course; and,
- Understand that my instructor does not have to accept my technical issues as a legitimate reason for late or missing work if my equipment or service is unreliable.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate quickly with the instructor any issue or emergency that will impact my involvement with or performance in the class. This includes, but is not limited to

- getting "kicked off" of the system during tests or quizzes;
- having trouble submitting assignments; and
- dealing with a traumatic personal event.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to understand course material and requirements and to keep up with the course calendar. While my instructor is available for help and clarification, I will

- seek out help from my instructor and/or from tutors;
- ask questions if I don't understand; and
- access my course several times during the week to keep up with assignments and announcements.

Course Policies

Disclaimer

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in timely manner.

Original Effort

The work submitted for this course must be original work prepared by the student enrolled in this course. Efforts will be recognized and graded in terms of individual participation and in terms of ability to collaborate with other students in this course.

Course Alignment with Industry Standards

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Digital Protocol

Cell phones must be placed on either *vibrate* or *silent* mode and are to be accessed in emergency cases only. The use of laptops or any other digital device is permitted in order to facilitate note-taking relative to instruction. Any written assignments will be submitted electronically on Blackboard. **The electronic recording of the time on Blackboard will be considered the time of assignment submission. Take necessary steps to ensure that your assignments are submitted on "Blackboard" time.** Back-up and/or additional copies of all assignments submitted is encouraged. **Computers/printers are available to OC students in the LRC (301-303); therefore, not having access to a computer due to technical issues (crash; corrupted files) will not be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing assignments.** If there is a loss of server connection with Odessa College due to maintenance, then an email will be sent to student with pertinent information and status reports. Assignments submitted electronically need to be **WORD documents (doc or docx).**

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Attendance will be recorded.—Excessive absences will be grounds for disciplinary action, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If you are more than 15 minutes late to class or leave class early without notifying the instructor, this will count as an absence. Students are permitted _____ absences before _____.

Grade Inquiry Policy

It is the responsibility of the individual taking this course to maintain accurate track of assignment submissions and grades. There will be opportunities during the semester to meet with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor to schedule an appointment. Class time will not be used for grade inquiries. All grades are final.

General Course Requirements

1. Attend class and participate.
2. Contribute and cooperate with civility.

- 3. Submit assignments on time. Late work will not be accepted. Medical and/or family circumstances that warrant an extension on assignments need to be presented to the instructor. Extensions will be allowed at the instructor's discretion.**

Incomplete Policy

An 'Incomplete' grade may be given only if:

1. The student has passed all completed work
2. If he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of an "I" will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

Core Objectives (COs)

Description of Core Objectives (CO's)

Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Therefore, with the assistance of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, the Coordinating Board has approved guidelines for a core curriculum for all undergraduate students in Texas.

Through the application and assessment of objectives within the institution's core curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world; develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world; and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. Appropriate Odessa College faculty periodically evaluates all of the courses listed in the descriptions on the following pages of this catalog and keys them to Odessa College's Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs), as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 73*)

Odessa College's Core Objectives (COs):

1. *Critical Thinking Skills (CT)* - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. *Communication Skills (COM)* - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
3. *Empirical and Quantitative Skills (EQS)* - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
4. *Teamwork (TW)* - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
5. *Social Responsibility (SR)* - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
6. *Personal Responsibility (PR)* - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

Discipline Core Statement

Speech Communication

SPCH 1144, SPCH 1145, SPCH 1146, SPCH 2144 and 2145 meet the Communication Foundation component area because they focus on formal oral presentations and/or writing skills to develop ideas and express them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. These three courses primarily focus on oral literacy as a tool for communication, but include written, aural and visual literacy skills as well.

● = Required Core Objectives

| Foundational Component Area | SCH | CT | COM | EQS | TW | SR | PR |
|---|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Component Area Option | # | ● | ● | | ● | | ● |
| <p>This course meets the criteria for inclusion in the Communications Component Area. It is being offered as a Component Area Option in order to provide an accessible one hour course for students who will benefit from perfecting skills in oral literacy and communication.</p> <p>These courses focuses on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively.</p> <p>These courses involve the command of oral, aural, written and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience.</p> | | | | | | | |

Course Objectives

From the ACGM: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Apply the principles of human communication including: perception, verbal communication, nonverbal communication, listening, and audience analysis.
2. Demonstrate how to establish and maintain relationships through the use of interpersonal communication.
3. Apply small group communication skills including: problem solving, group roles, leadership styles, and cohesiveness.
4. Develop, research, organize, and deliver formal public speeches
5. Recognize how to communicate within diverse environments

Learning Outcomes

| Outcome | CO |
|---------|---|
| 1 | <i>Critical Thinking Skills</i> - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information |
| 2,4,5 | <i>Communication Skills</i> - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication |
| | <i>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</i> - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions |
| 3 | <i>Teamwork</i> - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared |

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| | purpose or goal |
| 2,5 | <i>Personal Responsibility</i> - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making |
| | <i>Social Responsibility</i> - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities |

Odessa College Policies

Tuition Discounts

The **“First Course is Free”** discount waives standard tuition and fees for the first 3 credit hours taken at Odessa College. The discount applies to high school graduates taking their first class at Odessa College as well as transfer students taking their first class at Odessa College.

The **“Academic Progress Discount”** provides a 10% tuition discount upon completion of 30 credit hours until reaching 45 credit hours. It provides a 20% discount upon completion of 45 credit hours until reaching 60 credit hours. Student must maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible for the discount.

Academic Policies

Note that the OC Student Handbook states (page 32) that “[i]n cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to impose appropriate scholastic penalties. Complaints or appeals of disciplinary sanctions may be filed in accordance with the college due process procedure. Copies of the college due process procedure are available in the office of The Director of Student Life (CC104).”

For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a student at Odessa College, please refer to the following: *The 411 of OC: Student Handbook 2012-2013; Student Rights & Responsibilities* <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/studenthandbook/handbook.pdf>

Scholastic Dishonesty

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion.

"Cheating on a test" shall include:

- Copying from another student's test paper
- Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
- Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
- Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.
- Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.

- "Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.
- "Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. (Source: *Odessa College Student Handbook 2012-2013, page 29-30*)

Special Populations/Disability Services/Learning Assistance

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Odessa College affirms that it will provide access to programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with known disabilities as required by **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)**, unless doing so poses an undue hardship or fundamentally alters the nature of the program or activity. Disabilities may include hearing, mobility or visual impairments as well as hidden disabilities such as chronic medical conditions (arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, lupus, seizure disorders, etc.), learning disabilities or psychiatric or emotional disabilities. A student who comes to Odessa College with diagnosed disabilities which may interfere with learning may receive accommodations when the student requests them and submits proper documentation of the diagnosis. A Request for Accommodations form and guidelines for beginning the request process are available in the OC Help Center or on the Odessa College web site at <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm>. The college strives to provide a complete and appropriate range of services for students with disabilities such as assistance with testing, registration, information on adaptive and assistive equipment, tutoring, assistance with access and accommodations for the classroom where appropriate. For information regarding services, students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services in the OC Help Center located in Room 204 of the Student Union Building or call 432-335-6433. (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 52*)

Dropping a Course or Withdrawing from College

Students wishing to drop a non-developmental course may do so online using WebAdvisor, at the Wrangler Express, or Registrar's Office. A student wishing to drop a developmental course or withdraw from college should obtain a drop or withdrawal form from the Wrangler Express or the Registrar's Office. Students are encouraged to consult with instructors prior to dropping a class. Students may not completely withdraw from the college by use of the Web. Students must drop a class or withdraw from college before the official withdrawal date stated in the class schedule. Students who are part of the Armed Forces Reserves may withdraw with a full refund if the withdrawal is due to their being ordered into active duty. A copy of the student's orders must be presented to the Registrar's Office at the time of the withdrawal. For details, please contact the Office of the Registrar. **No longer attending class does not automatically constitute withdrawal from that class, nor does a student's notification to an instructor that the student wishes to be dropped. Failure of a student to complete the drop/withdrawal process will result in a grade of "F."** (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 36*)

Student Support Services and Technical Support

Blackboard Support

I can't log into my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at

https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. The SSC can provide you with your Blackboard login name. If you are not sure what your password is, they can reset your password.

I'm having a problem in my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

For any problem that you have in your online course, always contact your Instructor first. Refer to the Instructor's Contact Information area of the Syllabus for their preferred method of contact and the expected response time.

Additional Blackboard Help Resources:

| Service | Assistance Provided | Available |
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| Blackboard Help for Students | Website with a searchable list of topics on how to navigate and use Blackboard for online courses. | Online Click here. |
| Blackboard On Demand Learning Center for Students | This website provides an extensive list of short tutorial videos for student activities performed in Blackboard. | Online Click here. |
| Blackboard Collaborate: First Time Users | If you have never used Blackboard Collaborate before, this website provides a system requirements check, configuration instructions, and training and resources area. | Online Click here. |
| Blackboard Collaborate: Essentials for Participants | This website provides essential information for Participants of Collaborate sessions. Any Collaborate user, whether first-time or experienced, would benefit from reviewing the information here. | Online Click here. |

Student E-mail Support

How do I set up, access, or update my Odessa College Student E-mail account?

Go to this website and follow the directions on the page: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>.

I can't access my student email! I forgot my password!

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. They can provide you with assistance in accessing your student email (created by OC) and can also assist with resetting your student email password. Make sure to have your student ID number available!

Your Blackboard login name is associated with your OC created student email account. All Correspondence for this course will be submitted using your Odessa College student email address.

Support for Students with Disabilities

How do I contact the Office of Special Populations?

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| Main Number | 432-335-6861 |
| Campus Location | SUB 204N in the Student Union Building |
| Email | Becky Rivera-Weiss - brivera@odessa.edu |
| Website | To find out more about services provided by the Special Populations office, please visit: http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm |

Learning Resources Center (LRC; Library)

How do I contact the Learning Resource Center?

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| Main Number | 432-335-6640 |
| FAQ Service | LibAnswers: http://libanswers.odessa.edu |
| Contact a Specific OC Librarian | Pat Quintero at 432/335-6350 or pquintero@odessa.edu Donna Clark at 432/335-6645 or dclark@odessa.edu Carolyn Petersen at 432/335-6641 or cpetersen@odessa.edu |
| LRC Services and Guidelines Website | https://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/services/index.htm |

Equipment and Services Provided:

The Murry H. Fly Learning Resources Center (LRC) supports the college's curriculum resulting in a primary emphasis on each student's individual study and research needs. The faculty and staff work with the LRC's Technical Services and Public Services Departments in choosing materials to support all college programs. More than 59,000 books, 50,000 electronic books, 350 current periodicals, 6,700 media holdings, eight newspapers, and 60 databases are available to enhance the educational process.

| Equipment/Services Available | Used For | Available |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Books, videos, CDs | Research | On Campus and Online |
| Specialized databases not available online for free | Research | On Campus and Online |
| Magazines, newspapers, & scholarly journals | Research | On Campus and Online |
| Computers | Research & word processing | On Campus |
| Selected textbooks for short-term use | Course work | On Campus |
| Trained staff | Answer "where do I find?" | On Campus and Online |
| Tutorials | Tips for research strategies | On Campus and Online |

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| Photocopiers, VHS/DVD players, FAX service | For course work | On Campus |
| Quiet study areas | For course work | On Campus |

Student Success Center (SSC) / AVID Center

How do I contact the Student Success Center?

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be served as soon as possible.

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| Main Number | 432-335-6673 |
| Campus Location | 1st floor of the Library |
| Website with Additional Help and Information | http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/ |
| Live Online Assistance / Chat | Click Here <i>(If no one is currently available, please put your email and question(s) in the appropriate areas of the form and hit 'send.' Your question(s) will be addressed as soon as an SSC staff member becomes available.)</i> |

Equipment and Services Provided:

The purpose of the Odessa College Student Success Center is to provide assistance to students in meeting their academic and career goals. The SSC strives to continually provide new and updated resources that will empower all Odessa College students to succeed at OC and beyond.

| Equipment/Services Available | Used For | Available |
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| Tutoring by CRLA & Avid trained tutors | Understanding course work and motivation | On Campus and Online Click here for more information. |
| Student Information Seminars (SIS) | Demo email, Blackboard and SSC resources | On Campus and Online Click here for more information. |
| Study Skills | Tools needed to succeed | On Campus and Online Click here for more information. |
| Basic Technology | To navigate classes, email, etc. | On Campus and Online |
| Plato Web | Practice for TEAS test and basic math, science, etc. | On Campus and Online Click here for more information. |

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| Project T.I.E. | Practice for GED/COMPASS | On Campus and Online Click here for more information. |
| Student Orientation/Tour | Show individual students where their classes will be. SIS presentation | On Campus |
| M.O.R.E. Mentoring Program | Networking, tips to navigate college life successfully | On Campus Click here for more information. |
| Smart thinking | Online tutoring service. Connect with an e-structor and interact with a live tutor. | Online Click here for more information. |

Veterans Support

How do I contact the office for Veteran's Outreach?

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| Main Number | 432-335-6833 |
| Campus Location | 204M (Help Center) in the Student Union Building |
| Email | Gloria Rangel - grangel@odessa.edu |
| Website | To find out more about services provided by the Veteran's Outreach office, please visit: http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/veterans/index.htm |