SPE1079 Public Speaking and Communication Fundamentals

Attendance Policy

Due to the demanding nature of the course and the amount of material that is covered in the first class, students will not be allowed to enroll or continue in SPE1079 if they are not able to be in attendance for the first class meeting. Attendance is highly encouraged for every class session thereafter. The professor may use his or her discretion to determine the appropriateness of an absence after the first class.

There are several reasons for this policy:

- SPE1079 is a demanding course that requires a considerable amount of group work both in and outside of class. The first class period involves the assigning of the group project and planning for topic choice, meeting times, and role assignments.
- SPE1079 is a largely skill-intensive course. While reading the assigned material gives background, much of the material is conveyed in lecture the first night of the class. This provides a foundation for every oral assignment for every night of the class. The first night lecture is extensive and difficult to apply without being present.
- SPE1079 has two speech assignments due the second week of class. Missing the first week makes it extremely difficult to accomplish this with the grading expectations of the course.

This decision was approved by the Communication Department on November 15, 2011.