

**AMBERTON UNIVERSITY**  
**e-COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COM3401.E1 Public Speaking**  
**Winter 2022**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

COM3401.E1 Public Speaking  
Level: Undergraduate  
Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, December 4, 2021  
Ending Date of Session: Thursday, February 24, 2022  
**Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, December 4, 2021**  
**Last date to submit all assignments February 21, 2022, at noon**

**Winter Holiday Break:**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**  
**(Classes resume on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)**

*Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.*

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:**

None

**TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Title: Practically Speaking  
Author: J. Dan Rothwell  
Publisher: Oxford  
Year Published: 2020  
Edition: 3rd  
ISBN: 10: xxxxxxxxxx or 13: 9780190921057  
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, [www.Amberton.edu](http://www.Amberton.edu). There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

**APA Requirement**

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA

research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

### **COURSE COMPETENCIES:**

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

The course helps students develop effective verbal and nonverbal skills for public speaking. Students will learn how to deliver informative, persuasive, and inspirational speeches.

### **UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:**

1. Organizing a speech with an introduction, body, and conclusion.
2. Writing an introduction for a speech which captures the attention of the audience, includes a thesis statement, and gives an overview for the speech.
3. Writing a thesis statement with clarity, comprehensiveness, and completeness.
4. Composing a conclusion which summarizes the speech and ends the speech with impact.
5. Locating appropriate research material for a speech using an on-line library.
6. Selecting an appropriate organizational pattern for a speech: problem/solution, topical, spatial, or chronological.
7. Using effective nonverbal skills such as eye contact, postures, gestures, and movement.
8. Demonstrating how to use visual aids effectively.
9. Developing and delivering an informative and a persuasive speech.
10. Delivering an informative speech which is intellectually stimulating, relevant, creative, and memorable.
11. Selecting and utilizing effective illustrations for a speech.
12. Choosing language for the speech that includes clarity, precision, specificity, and vividness.
13. Speaking fluently, energetically, and communicatively.
14. Delivering impromptu and prepared speeches.
15. Listing and describing methods of audience analysis: demographics, gender, socio-economic status, education, etc.
16. Discussing the different types of speeches: extemporaneous, impromptu, speeches of introductions, tributes, and awards.

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

- 1) All speeches will be videoed and posted on YouTube. The assignments must include both an outline as prescribed by the course for the assignment to be graded.
- 2) You must submit your assignments through the Moodle Portal in order for them to be accepted. I must be able to open those assignments and view the YouTube in order for you to receive credit. The YouTube Link must be posted on the top of the page. If the link is not included or if it does not work, you will not receive credit for that speech until both parts are received. You must save the file in Microsoft Word. I must receive both parts of the speech before you will be given credit.
- 3) All assignments must be completed by the deadline. Late speeches will be penalized 5%. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day you will lose 10%, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day you will lose 20%, etc. No assignment will be accepted if it is more than two weeks late.
- 4) The discussion board should be responded to in the week it is assigned. You must respond to question one in the first two weeks to be considered present in class. The last question must be answered by Monday of the last week of class. Your discussion grade will be determined at that time. It will be final. I will evaluate your responses based on the quantity and quality of your answers. You need approximately 200-300 words per question including responses. You do not have to respond to each other.
- 5) All assignments and discussion questions must be completed before Monday of the last week of class. The deadline is noon on Monday of the last week of class.

### **Student's Responsibilities**

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be dropped at the discretion of Amberton University.

### **Plagiarism Policy**

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas, or information, or if you use material from a source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge the source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University's code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton University students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based anti-plagiarism services and applications at any time.

Students agree that by taking this course, all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to TurnItIn.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the TurnItIn.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in such papers. Use of TurnItIn.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the TurnItIn.com site.

### **COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:**

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
1	Introduction	Read Chapter 1	7 & 13	Discussion Board
2	Presenting the speech	Read Chapter 2,10	7 & 13	Impromptu speech due on December 13 <sup>th</sup> due at 8 am, CST
Holiday Break				
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3	Outlining	Read Chapter 4,5,7,8	1-5	Discussion Board
4	Informative speeches	Read Chapter 9,14	1-7,9,10,12, &13	Informative speech due January 10 <sup>th</sup> , at 8 am, CST
5	Visual aids	Read Chapter 11	8	Discussion Board
6	Visual aid speech		1-7,8,12, &13	Visual Aid speech due January 24 <sup>th</sup> , at 8 am, CST
7	Persuasion	Read Chapters	11&15	Discussion Board

		3,13, 15, & 16		
8	Persuasive speech		1-7,9,11,12, &13	Persuasive speech due February 7 <sup>th</sup> , at 8 am CST
9	Evaluating different kinds of speeches	Read Chapter 17	16	Discussion Board
10	Ethics	Read Chapter 12	16	Discussion Board must be completed by noon on Monday of the last week of class, February 21 <sup>st</sup> , noon.

#### GRADING CRITERIA:

<b>Impromptu Speech</b>	A topic will be released one day before this speech is due and students are to write a one-minute speech based on the topic.	December 13th, 8 am	10
<b>Informative Speech</b>	Students are to present an informative speech on YouTube and submit an outline.	January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am	100
<b>Visual Aid Speech</b>	Students are to submit a speech with a visual aid on YouTube on submit an outline.	January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am	100
<b>Persuasive Speech</b>	Students are to submit a persuasive speech via YouTube and submit an outline.	February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am	100
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	Students are to respond to the discussion questions; an excellent response would include about 300 words.	Must be completed by February 21 <sup>st</sup> at noon) weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, & 10	18
<b>Total</b>			328

#### Undergraduate

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

#### GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

A successful distance learning experience requires a flow of communication between instructor and student throughout the session. Instructor comments are considered essential to the learning process. Therefore, each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded, and returned to the student in a timely manner along with the appropriate commentary. Students should carefully review all comments.

Final grades are mailed approximately one week after the last day of the session to the student's address of record. Amberton University staff will not post or release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their university email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in *Professor Information* area.

### ***Incomplete Grades***

An “I” (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an “I” be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An “I” which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an “F” grade.

### ***How To Withdraw from a Course***

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the “Schedule of Classes” (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

### **COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:**

This course is offered as a distance-learning course through the Moodle Learning Platform. Amberton’s distance learning courses, called e-Courses, are identical to classroom courses in terms of learning outcomes, competencies, and instructor expectations. A student choosing to take an e-Course must have the following skills and technical capabilities:

1. Access to the Internet
2. General knowledge in:
  - Internet browser settings and configuration
  - e-mail and file attachments
  - Uploading and downloading files
  - Using a word processing package
3. Ability to conduct on-line research

Students who have not mastered these skills should not enroll for this course but should consider enrolling in MIS2110 Computer Concepts and Internet Technologies for instruction in these areas.

### **HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:**

#### ***Through the Amberton University Student Portal***

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may access the course through the Amberton University Student Portal. The site may be accessed through the University’s main page (<http://www.Amberton.edu>) or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>. After selecting the “Student Portal” link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password.

Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below to enter the AU Student Portal:

**Username** = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

\* Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University’s records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789  
Username: JJonesJr789

**Password** = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including your individual E-Course, email account, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi, Research Tutorials and Electronic Instructor Folders (FTP).

If you are accessing the Student Portal from a public or shared computer, close the browser completely when finished, or click on the Logout button. For security purposes, no other person should have access to

your Username or Password. If you feel your information has been compromised or if you experience technical difficulties, contact the e-course system administrator at: [e-sysop@amberton.edu](mailto:e-sysop@amberton.edu)

If you have lost or do not know your Amberton ID#, please contact the Student Services Office 972/279-6511 or [advisor@Amberton.edu](mailto:advisor@Amberton.edu) for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send email to your professor.

### **Through the Amberton University Moodle Website**

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may also access the course by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's University email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

### **Moodle Tutorial:**

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

### **COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system ([my.Amberton.edu](mailto:my.Amberton.edu)). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for university news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

The student's assigned email address would be [Username@my.Amberton.edu](mailto:Username@my.Amberton.edu)

Example: [LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu](mailto:LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu)

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith    SSN: 123-45-6789

Email Address = [LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu](mailto:LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu)

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: [LJones-Smith789](mailto:LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu)) and your Amberton ID# (including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current account. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your [my.Amberton.edu](mailto:my.Amberton.edu) email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>

**Students are responsible for reviewing the "Communication Guidelines" provided on the individual E-Course for specific instructor requirements.**

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodle system. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

#### **FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:**

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate assignment Drop Box in the Moodle system. Specific directions and guidelines for submission of assignments are located on-line in the "Communication Guidelines" of the e-course. Due to compatibility issues, Office 2007 files cannot be read by earlier versions of Microsoft Office. Before submitting an exercise file, confirm the file is in the proper format for grading by the instructor.

#### **INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:**

Each session, all Amberton students are provided with the opportunity to evaluate their courses and instructors. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. All information provided is anonymous.

The Instructor/Course Evaluation will be open for completion during week 9 of the session. An evaluation assignment will be placed in week 9 of the Moodle course, along with the instructions on how to complete the evaluation. Prior to week 9, the University will send out an email containing instructions and dates for the evaluation period.

#### **RESEARCH RESOURCES:**

The library provides access to full-text, and peer reviewed articles, and digital research tools. Students can search Library holdings through the online catalog and databases search engines available on the library website or browse the physical library space and holdings located at the Garland campus.

Research items not contained in the Amberton Library collection can be located through interlibrary Loan (ILL) or through the TexShare program with the help of the library staff. Students with questions about available services, resources, or research, may contact the library via email at [Library@amberton.edu](mailto:Library@amberton.edu).

#### **RESEARCH ACCESS:**

Databases can only be accessed by authorized users, and students at Amberton must enter their Amberton ID credentials-same as Moodle login-to gain access when off-campus. Use an Amberton website, such as the University site ([Amberton.edu](http://Amberton.edu)) or the library site ([Library.amberton.edu](http://Library.amberton.edu)) to find links to databased and digital books. Online resources are available all day, every day.

#### ***Library Live Chat Feature***

Library staff are available to assist students with research problems or questions during Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, email, "How-to" videos, or in person. The library telephone is (972-279-6511 ext. 136, 137, or 138. You can email questions to [library@amberton.edu](mailto:library@amberton.edu) or visit the library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.