

SPEECH IN A FREE SOCIETY

COMM 45007 (001)

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To develop an understanding of speech and the maturing individual, freedom of speech, nature and responsibilities, socio-legal-rhetorical issues.
2. To develop an awareness of specific issues and current controversies regarding freedom of speech in the United States and elsewhere.
3. To develop an awareness of specific issues regarding local and regional free speech issues as well as those issues specific to various organizations and institutions.

Note: At times material will be presented which may be considered offensive to some members of the class. I will try to indicate beforehand when possibly offensive material will be presented. If you are sensitive to such things you may leave the classroom before or during presentation of said material without penalty or embarrassment.

REQUIRED TEXT

Tedford, T. L., & Herbeck, D. A. (2001). Freedom of speech in the United States (4th Edition). State College, Pennsylvania: Strata Publishing Inc.

Speech in a Free Society is a senior-level course with senior-level expectations. In particular, this is a writing-intensive course in which you are expected to develop as a writer as well as know the topical material. That being the case, there are items which are essential to your writing efforts. Students are required to use APA style for all writing assignments. Not using this style consistently throughout a paper could result in a reduced grade for that assignment. I recommend you purchase the following:

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: APA.

EXAMS

There will be three exams, including a final exam. The exam dates and topics are as follows.

Exam One: October 4, Over Chapters 1-5.

Exam Two: November 8, Over Chapters 6-10.

Final Exam: December 10, Comprehensive.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments must be neatly typed and must use APA style of citation. Aside from content, written assignments will be graded on grammar, usage, spelling, and style. Assignment grades will be lowered one letter grade if they are late. However, assignments more than 7 days late will not be accepted.

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance. Attendance is expected. Failure to be here for all classes will be hazardous to your final grade.

Plagiarism. Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated. University policy with regard to plagiarism and/or cheating is applicable in this course. **A student who plagiarizes could receive a zero for that assignment, a lowering of the final grade, and/or failure for the course. Probation, suspension, and/or dismissal from the university is also possible.**

Please see me for any questions regarding plagiarism or refer to your student handbook as even "unintentional" plagiarism can result in a penalty. Remember, plagiarism and cheating rules also apply to speeches.

Course Registration. It is the policy of Kent State University that students are not permitted to attend classes for which they are not officially enrolled. It is the student's responsibility to ensure proper enrollment in classes. You are advised to review your official class schedule during the first two weeks of the semester to ensure proper enrollment. Should you find an error in your class schedule, you have until Friday of the second week of classes to correct it. If registration errors are not corrected by that date and you do continue to attend and participate in classes for which you are not officially enrolled, you are advised now that you will not receive a grade at the conclusion of the semester.

Students with Disabilities. In accordance with University policy, if you have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this course, please contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester or when given an assignment for which an accommodation is required. Students with disabilities must verify their eligibility through the Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) in the Michael Schwartz Student Services Center (672-2972).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Four Written Free Speech Assignments	100 Points _____
Research Project	150 Points _____
Exam 1	100 Points _____
Exam 2	100 Points _____
Final Exam	100 Points _____

Total Course Points = 550 Points _____

GRADES

A = Excellent Scholarship	495-550 points
B = Good, Above Average	440-494 points
C = Fair or Average Attainment	385-439 points
D = Poor, Below Average	330-384 points
F = Failure	0-329 points

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Everything you hand in must be typed unless otherwise noted.
- Always keep up with reading assignments for class. Book readings in this class are far more than supplementary.
- No talking, reading, or sleeping while an instructor or student is addressing the class.
- This syllabus and everything on it is subject to change.

Fall Semester Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READING/TOPIC</u>	
Aug. 28 Aug. 30	Introduction Chapter 1 Early Free Speech Appendices (I, II, III)	
Sept 4 Sept 6	Chapter 2 Chapter 2 Free Speech before WWI	Written assignment due
Sept 11 Sept 13	Chapter 3 Political Heresy (Cont.)	
Sept 18 Sept 20	Chapter 4 Defamation/Invasion of Privacy (Cont.)	Topic Proposal for Research Project due
Sept 25 Sept 27	Chapter 5 Religious & Moral Heresy (Cont.)	Written assignment due
Oct 2 Oct 4	Chapter 6 Provocation to Anger (Cont.)	Exam 1 (Chs. 1-5)
Oct 9 Oct 11	Chapter 7 Commercial Speech (Cont.)	Written assignment due
Oct 16 Oct 18	Chapter 8 Prior Restraint (Cont.)	
Oct 23 Oct 25	Chapter 9 Freedom of the Press (Cont.)	Draft of Research Project due

Oct 30 Nov 1	Chapter 10 Time/Place/Manner (Cont.)	
Nov 6 Nov 8	Chapter 11 Institutional Constraints Veteran's Day -- No class	Exam 2 (Chs. 6-10)
Nov 13 Nov 15	Chapter 11 (Cont.) Chapter 12 (Copyright Law) (Copyright cont.)	
Nov 20 Nov 22	Chapter 13 Broadcasting/Cable/Internet Thanksgiving – No class	Final Research Project due
Nov 27 Nov 29	(Broadcasting/Cable/Internet cont.) Chapter 14 Approaches to Free Speech	
Dec 4 Dec 6	(Approaches to Free Speech cont.) The future Review for final exam	Written Assignment
Dec 10	Final Exam 7:45-10:00 a.m.	