

Fall and Spring 2010-2011 General Education Recommendations

To improve student success in the area of Communication Skills, the General Education Committee suggests the following actions:

1. We continue to provide student opportunities for successful communication skills through Student Life. In November, Professor Jeff Cleek will present a Brown Bag Luncheon Series on Overcoming Fears in a Public Speaking environment.
2. We encourage faculty and students to support the Public Speaking Lab open to ALL students at OCCC to practice speeches before they give them, to record speeches for an online environment, and/or to record speeches with other colleagues for group projects. By the Spring Semester, student workers will be hired to operate the Public Speaking Lab.
3. We encourage the continued success of the Cooperative Learning Training for faculty development. Cooperative Learning Training provides pedagogical approaches to active learning, cooperation, collaborative learning, and various kinds of communication skills (including listening skills) within the classroom. The next training session continues at the end of the Fall 2010 semester.
4. We encourage each Academic Division to review their curriculum to decide how communication skills can be integrated into their current or future syllabi and courses. In line with this goal, our recent Leisure Services Management degree requires COM 2213: Introduction to Public Speaking for the program.
5. We support the actions of the General Education Committee to review the current outcome related to communication skills. This outcome includes the following areas:
 - a. Students will demonstrate effective writing and public speaking skills
 - b. Students will demonstrate analytical reasoning and logic skills by using mathematical methods and tools.