

M442 as an Oral Communications (C) Course

M442 is being offered this semester as an Oral Communications (C) Course. This option is described at the following site:

writingcenter.tamu.edu/Undergrads/W-C-Courses

The primary requirements for such a course are given below. The course will:

- Require writing and speaking or other forms of oral communication related to the students' major;
- Provide instruction in writing and speaking and feedback that allows for the improvement of major assignments;
- Base a percentage of the final course grade on writing and speaking quality (at least 25% for a 4-credit course, 33% for a 3-credit course, and 75% for a 1-credit course);
- Require a minimum of 1250 words of writing and 5 minutes of oral communication;
- Base less than 30% of the writing percentage on collaborative writing.

The midterm and final exams for M442 will not be affected by the C designation. The remaining assignments will be affected as follows:

- **Group presentation:** The group presentation will account for 5% of each student's final grade, and this entire 5% will be based on communication quality.
- **Homework:** Individual homework assignments will account for 10% of each student's final grade, and half of that grade will be based on writing quality.
- **Individual Project:** The individual project will account for 10% of each student's grade, and half of that grade will be based on writing quality.
- **Group projects:** The group projects will account for 36% of each student's grade, and half of that grade will be based on writing quality. Students will be responsible for their own part of the write-up, so these will not be collaborative points.

In total, 33% of each student's grade will be based on communication. Students will have the option to re-submit each project once to improve their communications score. Students can also take a mulligan on the group presentation.