

So a student walks into a classroom...



...and
this is
the
teacher..



...and
this is
what they
study.

No Joke!

COMM 3500

Humor Communication

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Mr. Drye is the recipient of the 2013 Dalton State Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 2016 Dalton State Foundation Award for Excellence in Service.

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COMM 3500- Humor Communication -01H Professor Jerry Drye

Catalog Description: Explores humor as a communication device in a variety of contexts including, but not limited to, interpersonal communication, public address, organizational communication, language, health communication, humor theory, intercultural communication, and humor in the media. Focuses on theoretical moorings and application to real-world settings. 3.000 Credit hours

Prerequisites: COMM 1110 and ENGL 1101

The teacher will seek to create an environment in which humor can be both *studied and experienced*.

Students will study communication as a humor device in the following areas:

Humor Theory- Scholars from a variety of fields including, but not limited to, Communication, Psychology, Sociology, Medicine, Literature, and Philosophy have made contributions to the field of Humor Studies.

Humor and Language- How does our choice of words and symbols affect the transmission and reception of humor?

Humor Styles and Types- How are people funny and how do they send and receive humor?

Interpersonal Communication- conversation, conflict management, relationship building, etc.

Intercultural Communication- Differences in humor styles of different cultures and people groups.

Public Address- How humor is used to heighten message acceptance from audiences, etc.

Organizational Contexts- How different organizations and institutions use humor to tell their stories.

Humor and the Media- How media outlets use humor, including the benefits and risks of such use, etc.

Health Communication- How humor affects the relationship between health care providers and patients, etc.

The class will examine humor theory and will take a particularly application oriented approach.

About Your Instructor



Laughter is not a luxury: It is a necessity.

Jerry Drye: *Celebrating over three decades as a professional communicator...*
(Raised by wolves, stolen by gypsies, sold to truckers)

Educator

- Associate Professor of Communication, Dalton State College: 2009-present (Classes include Humor Communication, Organizational Communication, and Public Speaking)
- Lecturer, Communication Studies Department Clemson University: 2006-2009
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Murray State University: 2005-2006
- 2013 Recipient of the Dalton State Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- 2016 Recipient of the Dalton State Foundation Award for Excellence in Service.

Public Speaker

- Motivational Humorist
- Standup Comic
- Storyteller
- After Dinner Speaker
- Conference and Workshop Leader

Broadcaster (Radio and Television)

- On air talent
- Creative Director/ Account Executive
- Program Director/ News Director
- Station Manager

Education

Ed.S. Degree in Adult Education: The University of Georgia

B.S. and M.S. degrees in Organizational Communication: Murray State University

Publications

- Drye, J. (2011). The humorous address. In C. R. C. Coleman's *The presentation book: From the classroom to the boardroom*. Dubuque: Kendall-Hunt.
- Drye, J. (2011). The roast. In C. R. C. Coleman's *The presentation book: From the classroom to the boardroom*. Dubuque: Kendall-Hunt.

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