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Hello,

First, I want to thank you for your continued support of our students. Last year, we worked to increase the number of qualified students who tested out of COM 114 and we had incredible success with over 400 students earning COM 114 credit through the test out process. Our department appreciates you continuing to let students know about the test out option. There is no requirement to have previously taken a speech course, but students who have are excellent candidates for test out as well as students with experience in speech and debate. We also thank you for scheduling our students into the many sections of 114. One thing you will want to be aware of as fall registration begins is that we will be offering an equal number of sections in both Fall and Spring next year. Additionally, EDPS 315, which also fulfills the oral communication credit, will be offering 8 sections this fall and 22 sections in the spring, so there will be fewer opportunities for students to fill the oral communication credit in the fall, but plenty of opportunities in the Spring.

The following are some key things to know about COM 114 and Test Out during STAR:

- My name is Dr. Jennifer Hall and I serve as the director of COM 114. You can contact me directly with any questions at jgibb@purdue.edu
- Questions about test out can also be sent to testout@purdue.edu
- If students are attempting test out, we encourage them to wait to enroll in COM 114 until they know their exam results.
- Students who attempt test out in the summer will know if they passed the written portion of the exam within one week of taking the test and will know if they passed the oral exam by the beginning of the second week of classes of the Fall Semester
- The written exam portion of the test (50 multiple choice questions) is a general knowledge test of presentational speaking
- We encourage students to use any college level public speaking textbook to study for the exam including our current text, *Effective Presentational Speaking*
- The learning objectives that the test covers are available for students on the website https://www.cla.purdue.edu/communication/undergraduate/COM_114.html
- A study guide for the written exam is also available on the website
- Students who pass the written exam are invited to give an oral presentation on an assigned topic during the first week of the Fall semester
- Test out during STAR will be held each day from 10 – 2:30 pm in Beering 1260
- No registration is required for test out during STAR (note this is different than test out during the Fall and Spring as registration is required)
- If students are not prepared to take the exam during STAR, there will be two additional test out sessions during the Fall semester
- Fall dates for test out will be posted on the test out website

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- Students must bring a completed Form 231 signed by their advisor to the test out session
- Current students are also welcome to attempt test out during any session during STAR
- We will not be charging a fee for test out during STAR, but we will begin charging a fee in the Fall. This rate has yet to be determined
- Students may only attempt test out one time

We look forward to seeing your students at test out or in class and once again, we appreciate all you do to help our students as you advise them.

Sincerely,

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