Languages, Cultures and Communication
Interpersonal Communication
Communication 170.9
Monday-Wednesday 2:30-3:45 pm
Ferguson Room 373
Fall Semester 2018

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Class Schedule and Office hours:

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READ SYLLABUS BEFORE ASKING QUESTIONS IN CLASS OR BY EMAIL/PHONE
READ ALL MATERIAL ON D2L
Do not use D2L email
If your professor has a Ph.D. call him/her Dr. rather than Mr. or Mrs.

Course Description: Study of communication in the one-to-one situation leading to development of interpersonal communication skills. Emphasis is on positive mental attitude and personal growth.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’S):
1. The student will be able to develop an understanding of theoretical principles.
2. The student will be able to make practical application of the theories.
3. The student will be able to understand the roles that self-awareness, self-concept, perception, adaptation to change, and belief systems play in effective interpersonal communication.

Program Learning Outcomes (PL0’S):
1. Theory Knowledge: Students majoring in Communication studies, should display comprehension of major communication theories.
2. Theory Application: Students majoring in Communication studies, will apply major theories in the field to communicate effectively in a variety of settings.

General Education Core Curriculum Objectives/Outcomes (EEO’S)
1. Understand and demonstrate communication processes through invention, organization, and presentation.
2. Understand the importance of specifying audience and purpose and to select appropriate communication choices.
3. Understand and appropriately apply modes of expression, i.e., descriptive, expositive, narrative, scientific, and self-expressive, in written, visual and oral communication.
4. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.
There are several things to remember:

1. I will treat you like an adult. There are adult decisions to make during the course. There will be adult consequences for good/bad choices. If you choose to purchase a text, it is entitled, *IPC3* by West and Turner.

2. Read Syllabus before asking question in class or by email/phone. Read all materials referenced in syllabus.

3. Consult syllabus to know what will happen in class for that particular day.

4. There will be questions on the exams that we did not discuss in class.

5. There is no attendance policy, but it would be hard to make a good grade without coming to class. Do not be late. The classroom door will be closed and locked at the appointed time for the class to start.

6. There is no provision for extra work to bring up a course grade.

7. I will not discuss grades over the phone or through emails. You must come to office hours to discuss important matters. My office hours are posted in the syllabus.

**Students with Disabilities:**

To obtain disability-related accommodation, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 324, 468-3004 / 468-12004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/). You must meet with your professor concerning some specifics.

**Course Grade**

The exam will be “list and explain” in format. The course grade will be comprised in the following way:

- 25% Exam #1 Ch. 1 & 2 & notes
- 25% Exam #2 Ch. 3 & 4 & 5 & notes
- 25% Exam #3 Ch. 6 & 7 & 8 & notes
- 25% Exam #4 Ch. 9 & 10 & 11 & notes

100% = Course Grade.

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.
# Tentative Fall Semester Schedule

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Oct. 17    Communication and Emotion as related to Personality

Oct. 17    Mid-Semester

Oct. 22    Communication and Emotion as connected to Personality

Oct. 24    Last day to withdraw from a class without making a grade.

Oct. 24    Sharing Personal Information    Chapter 8

Oct. 29    Exam #3 Chapters 6, 7, and 8

Oct. 31    Communicating Conflict    Chapter 9

Nov. 5     Communicating in Close Relationships    Chapter 10

Nov. 7     Communicating in Close Relationships

Nov. 12    Communication in Context: Family, Friends, and Romantic Relationships    Chapter 11

Nov. 14    Communication in Context: Family, Friends, and Romantic Relationships

Nov. 17-25 Fall/Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 26    Interpersonal Crisis Communication    Chapter 12

Nov. 28    Interpersonal Crisis Communication

Dec. 3     Interpersonal Crisis Communication

Dec. 5     Exam #4 Chapters 9, 10, and 11

Dec. 15-Jan. 22 Christmas Holidays

Jan. 21    Martin Luther King Holiday

Jan. 22    Classes begin for spring, 2019