Languages, Cultures and Communication
Interpersonal Communication
Communication 170.8
Monday – Wednesday 1:00-2:15
Ferguson Room 373
Spring Semester 2019

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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 as an adult. There are adult decisions to make during the course. There will be adult consequences for good/bad choices.
2. If you choose to purchase a text, it is entitled, IPC3 by West and Turner.
3. Read Syllabus before asking question in class or by email/phone. Read all materials referenced in syllabus.
4. Consult syllabus to know what will happen in class for any particular day.
5. There will be questions on the exams that we did not discuss in class.
6. There is an attendance policy.
7. The door may be closed and locked at the appointed time for the class to start.
8. There is no provision for extra work to bring up a course grade.
9. I will not discuss grades over the phone or through emails. You are always welcome to view your exams in my office. You must come to office hours to discuss important matters. My office hours are posted in the syllabus.

Students with Disabilities: All responsibility for procedures resides with the student.
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/. 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
Monday- Wednesday

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Feb. 4-6  Communication, Culture, and the Self  Chapter 2
Feb. 11  Dr. Towns speaking at National African American Association of Scholars.
Feb. 13  **Exam #1 Chapters 1 and 2. (List and Explain Exam)**
Feb. 18  Communication, Perception, and the Self  Chapter 3
Feb. 20  Communicating Verbally  Chapter 4
Feb. 25  Communicating Nonverbally  Chapter 5
Feb. 27  **Exam # 2 Chapters 3, 4, and 5 (List and Explain Exam)**
Mar. 1-2  Dr. Towns speaking at International Social Science Convention.
Mar. 4-6  Listening and Responding Effectively  Chapter 6
Mar. 11-13-25 Communication and Emotion  Chapter 7
March 16-24  Spring Break
March 25  Communication Theories
March 27  Mid-Semester
March 25-27  Communication and Emotion as connected to Personality  Last day to w out of a class without making a grade.
April 1-3-8  Sharing Personal Information  Chapter 8
Apr. 10  **Exam # 3 Chapters 6, 7, and 8 (List and Explain Exam)**
Apr. 15-17  Communicating Conflict
Apr. 18-19  Dr. Towns speaking at Popular American Culture/ National Convention.
Apr. 21  Easter Holiday
Apr. 22-24  Communicating Conflict  Chapter 9
Apr. 29  Communicating in Close Relationships  Chapter 10
May 1  Communication in Context: Family, Friends,
and Romantic Relationships

Chapter 11

May 6  Interpersonal Crisis Communication

Chapter 12

May 8  Exam # 4 Chapters 9, 10, 11 and 12. (List and Explain Exam)

May 13-17  Final Exams