COMM 5175.001 – Advanced Graduate Studies in Communication
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Student Hours via Zoom: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:45-11:45
Department: Languages, Cultures and Communication
Class meeting time and place: TBA

Course Description: Individual instruction in selected topics concerning contemporary issues in communication.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will
1. Improve written expression
2. Demonstrate improved communication skills relative to interdisciplinary arguments

Texts: N/A

Grade Distribution: Grades will be distributed among the following categories:

Analysis of sample essays 30%
Outline of Concepts 30%
Writing sample(s) 40%

A (100-90%), B (89-80%), C (79-70%), D (69-60%), F (59% and below)

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)
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.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.
Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (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/.

Credit hour justification statement: This course is 1 hour and may meet 50 minutes per week for the full semester. Students complete a variety of formal and informal assignments, which require, on average, six hours of work outside the classroom each week and may include outside readings, data analyses, written responses, projects, and/or exams.