SYLLABUS FOR COMMUNICATION 140

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course, students will translate basic communication theory into practical methods for developing effective communication skills. Major communication variables and their impact on the human communication process will be studied. Principles of message development and delivery will also be examined with opportunities for students to present speeches before an audience. Students will work on enhancing their interpersonal skills through role playing in dyads and group discussions.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Promote human growth through quality communication
- 2) Understand the process of communication
- 3) Develop the ability to stir up intended meanings in others
- 4) Better understand the "self" as a communicator
- S) Appreciate the role of **nonverbal** cues in a communication setting
- 6) Effectively organize informative and persuasive speeches
- 7) Develop effective public speaking delivery skills
- 8) Use appropriate listening and response behaviors
- 9) Develop interviewing techniques
- 10) Become a more effective group participant and leader

TEXTBOOK: Communicate! By Rudolph F. Verderber (9th Edition)

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday 12:30-1:00

COMMUNICATION 140 POLICIES

- Attendance and promptness at all class sessions is expected.
- 2. If you are unable to attend class, you are still responsible for all information presented during that session.
- Assignments must be completed on the specified due date. Work that is one day late will be assessed a 50% point reduction. Late outlines may be evaluated, if you wish, but will NOT be graded.
- 4. You may make up a test or a speech with verification that circumstances were beyond your control. In such a case, please notify me before class, if possible. (Nursing a common cold, doing an errand, meeting with a professor or advisor, or not being ready for an assignment are not considered legitimate excuses.)
- 5. Any assignment or exercise based on in-class activity with other class members cannot be made up if you are not present for the activity.
- 6. Assignments will be graded based on timeliness, completeness, and content quality.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE		TOPIC	READINGS
Week 1 Ja	n 11-15	Course Introduction Introduction Speeches	
Week 2 Ja	an 20-22	The Communication Process Verbal Communication	Chapters 1, 3
Week 3 Ja	an 25-29	Public Speaking	Chapters 12, 13, 14
Week 4 Feb 1-5		The Informative Speech	Chapter 17
Week 5 Feb 8-12		Public Speaking Delivery Skills	Chapters 15, 16
Week 6 Feb 17-19		Informative Speech Presentations	
Week 7 Feb 22-26		Informative Speech Presentations Mid-Term Examination	
Week 8 N	Mar 1-5	Interpersonal Communication	Chapters 2, 4
Week 9 N	Mar 8-12	Interpersonal Communication	Chapters 5, 6
Week 10 N	Mar15-19	Interpersonal Communication	Chapters 7, 8
ľ	Mar 22-26	SPRING BREAK	
Week 11 N	Mar 29-31	Persuasive Speaking	Chapter 18
Week 12 Apr 5-9		Interviewing Techniques	Chapter 9
Week 13 Apr 12-16		Group Discussion	Chapters 10, 11
Week 14 Apr 19-23		Group Discussion Exercises	
Week 15 Apr 26-30		Persuasive Speech Presentations	
Week 16 May 3-5		Persuasive Speech Presentations Course Wrap-up	

COMMUNICATION 140 ASSIGNMENTS

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES	DUE DATE	°/. OF GRADE
Oral Presentation Introduction and Impromptu Speeches Informative Speech Persuasive Speech	January 15 February 17, 19, 22, 24 April 26, 28, 30 and May	5% 15% 3 15%
Written Assignments Informative Outline Interviewing Assignment Persuasive Outline Group Discussion Evaluation	February 5 April 12 April 16 April 23	10% 5% 10% 5%
Examinations Mid-Term Final	February 26 TBA	15% 15%
Supplementary Exercises Speech critiques, evaluations, etc.		5%
Topic Selections Informative Speech Persuasive Speech	January 29 March 31	