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## SYLLABUS

### COURSE DESCRIPTION: GROUP LEADERSHIP AND DISCUSSION

This course is designed to provide you with the theory and practice of communication roles and effective behavior in small groups with stress on the dynamics of participation and leadership in problem solving discussions. It is structured for learning through a variety of experiences, i.e. role-playing exercises, case studies, simulated group discussions and video analysis.

### OBJECTIVES

1. To provide you with comprehensive knowledge of small group communication processes.
2. To provide you with the ability to apply conceptual ideas about effective group discussion techniques to practical **communication** situations.
3. To develop communication competence in small group settings.
4. To provide you with guidelines for managing conflict effectively in group situations.
5. To learn how different types of leadership work in various group situations.
6. To provide evaluation **techniques** to use in analyzing group communication.

TEXTBOOK: IN MIXED COMPANY by J. Dan Rothwell. Third Edition

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required because of the participatory nature of the course and, therefore, will impact on your final grade.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1	Course Overview/Introductory Exercises
Week 2	Communication Competence (Chapter 1) Groups As Systems (Chapter 2)
Week 3	Group Development (Chapter 3) Semester Assignment Introduced
Week 4	EXAM I (Chapters 1-3) Symposium Preparation
Week 5	Developing Group Climate (Chapter 4) Symposium Preparation
Week 6	Roles and Leadership in Groups (Chapter 5) /Symposium Presentation
Week 7	\ <b>Defective</b> Decision Making & Problem Solving (Chapter 6)
Week 8	EXAM II (Chapters 4-6) Effective Decision Making (Chapter 7)
Week 9	In-class Meeting of Semester Groups Project II Preparation
Week 10	Power in Groups (Chapters 8,9) Conflict Management in Groups (Chapter 10)
Week 11	<b>EXAM</b> III (Chapters 7-10)
Week 12	Progress Report-Project I Presentation of Project II
Week 13.	Presentation of Project III Group Project I - Final Meeting
Week 14	Project I - Presentation
Week 15	Project I - Presentation

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT

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ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Semester Long Project. Group **assignments** will be made the third week of class and meetings (other than the first) will be held outside of class. Occasionally classtime will be provided for these groups to meet.
2. A Symposium. The symposium is a public discussion forum in which group members present short prepared speeches on a central discussion question or topic. The audience will participate in a question and answer session following the formal presentation.
3. A Class Project. An activity that is planned and executed in class.
4. Two Papers. One paper based on the Semester Project and the other based on the movie: Twelve Angry Men.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON EACH ASSIGNMENT WILL BE **MADE AVAILABLE** AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES - GRADE ASSESSMENT

Exams .....	30%
Project I and Paper .....	25%
Symposium .....	10%
Project III.....	10%
Twelve Angry Men Paper .....	15%
Other assignments, <b>participation, attendance</b> .....	10%

Because of the participatory nature of the course, and because the dynamics of a group changes when membership changes, absence not only robs students of the learning experience but hampers their classmates' group activities. Any assignment based on class activities cannot be made up if the student was not present for the activity.