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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 emphasis 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 learn how small groups work effectively and efficiently.
2. To learn to use **concepts** about **group** discussion techniques in practical situations.
3. To develop communication competence in small group settings.
4. To provide guidelines for **managing** conflict **effectively** in group **situations**.
5. To **learn** how **different** types of leadership work in various group settings.
6. To **develop** evaluation **techniques** to use in **analyzing** group communication.

BOOK: IN **MIXED COMPANY** by Rothwell Edition

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is required in this course and, therefore, **absences** will impact your final grade.

Because of the participatory nature of the course, and because the **dynamics** of a group change so drastically **when membership** changes, absences not only rob fellow students of the learning experience **but** hampers group activities. Any assignment based on class activities cannot **be** made up if the student is not present for the activity.

0-2 absences: A 3 absences: B
4 absences: C 5 absences: D
6 absences: F

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1	Course Overview/ Introductory Exercises Communication Competence (Chapter 1)
Week 2	Groups as Systems (Chapter 2) Group Development (Chapter 3)
Week 3	Semester Assignment Introduced Symposium Preparation
Week 4	EXAM 1 Developing Group Climate (Chapter 4)
Week 5	Symposium Preparation Roles and Leadership In Groups (Chapter 5)
Week 6	Symposium Presentations
Week 7	Defective Decision Making & Problem Solving (Chapter 6)
Week 8	EXAM 11 (Chapters 4-6) Effective Decision Making (Chapter 7)
Week 9	in-class Meeting of Semester Groups Project Report --- Project 1
Week 10	Power In Groups (Chapters 8&9) SPRING BREAK
Week 11	Power Carnival
Week 12	Conflict Management (Chapter 10)
Week 13	EXAM III (Chapters 7 -10) Final Preparations for Project 1
Week 14	Introduction of In-Class Project III Twelve Angry Men
Week 15	Preparation of Project 111 Presentation of Project III

EXAM PRESENTATION OF SEMESTER PROJECT

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BASED ON CLASS NUMBERS

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **Semester Long Project.** Group Assignments will be made early In the semester. **Meetings** (other than the first) will be held outside of class. Occasionally class time 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 based on the Semester Project and the other based on the movie: Twelve Angry Men.

BOMB ... ACTIVITIES -- GRADE ASSESSMENT

Exams.	30%
Project 1 and Paper	25%
Project 2 (Project 2).	10%
Project 3	10%
Twelve Angry Men Paper	15%
Other Assignments , participation and attendance.....	10%

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