

SPC 2300 – INTRODUCTION TO INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Section 2781 – Tuesday per. 4, Thursday per. 4/5

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OBJECTIVES of Interpersonal Communication Course

- Foundations of interpersonal communication
- Creating and responding to messages
- Improving personal interpersonal communications skills within different contexts

REQUIRED TEXT: Adler, R., Rosenfeld, L and Proctor II, R. (2013). Interplay, the process of interpersonal communication., 12th Ed. New York: Oxford.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

Exams 3 @ 200 points	600
Intercultural interview	100
Class activities & participation	100
Group concept presentation	200

(Attendance: 20 pt. deducted for each missed class period over 3)

POINT SYSTEM

- A 930 – 1000
- A- 900-929
- B+ 870-899
- B 830-869
- B- 800-829
- C+ 770-799
- C 730-769
- C- 700-729
- D+ 670-699

IMPORTANT UF DATES

- January 20 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day – no classes
- March 1- 8 Spring Break
- April 11 – Last day to drop or withdraw
- April 22 – Last day of class (All classes end April 23)

COURSE POLICIES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Attendance and Participation: A combination of lecture, discussion and exercises are necessary to understand and analyze interpersonal communication. Thus, attendance and participation are mandatory. Three class hours of absences are allowed throughout the semester in case of illness, death in the family, etc. University of Florida sport team members or UF activity conference attendees must have proper letter documentation to be excused. Other absences the student feels should be excused such as interviews for a job after graduation or for graduate school must be sanctioned by the instructor and have documentation.

Attendance will be recorded during each class by a sign-in sheet. YOU are responsible for making sure you sign the attendance sheet. If your name is not signed on the sheet, you will be marked absent. This is a departmental policy that is enforced. Do not come at a later date and state that you were sure that you were present. Signing the sheet is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Twenty points will be deducted from the total points for every absence over three class hours. Points may be deducted for habitually being late or leaving early.

Missing and Making up an Assignment: All papers must be turned in by the due date. You cannot miss your group project. Missed exams will have 24 points deducted off the grade you earn. A missed exam must be made up in one week or the grade will be a 0. You can only miss one exam and have points deducted, the grade will be 0 if other exams are missed.

Assignments:

1. Three films will be shown that illustrate good and poor interpersonal communications skills. There will be class discussion on the film and questions on each of the three exams.
2. Interview a person from another culture. Prepare questions before the interview and allow about 45 minutes for the interview. Write a paper on cultural differences based especially on chapters 2 and 6. Paper should be two to three pages, double spaced, and typed.
3. There will be group work for points in two ways.
 - First, some of the questions for each exam will be written by assigned groups. More instructions will be given in class. The points are part of participation.
 - Second, as a review of the semester, each group will illustrate an interpersonal communication concept in a creative way such as skits, game exercises, videos, etc. to inform the class audience. An outline should be given to the professor of exactly which points will be illustrated by each part of presentation. Maximum time is 15 minutes. Everyone in group will receive the same grade. A chart of each person's responsibilities as well as the outline will be turned in on day of presentation.
4. Every student is expected to read assignments and participate in class discussion and activities. Points for activities during class cannot be made up.

INTRERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

WEEK	TOPIC	CHAPTERS & DUE DATES
1/7	Introduction to the course	
1/14	Interpersonal Process & film (A)	1
1/21	Culture and Social Networking	2
1/28	Communication and the Self & group work	3
2/4	Perceiving Others	4 Test questions by group due 2/6
2/11	Exam I (covers ch. 1-4 & film (A). Film (B)	
2/18	Language & Nonverbal communication	5 & 6
2/25	Listening	7
3/1-3/8	SPRING BREAK	
3/11	Emotions and group work	8 Intercultural paper due 3/13
3/18	Group work on Final Project	Class questions due 3/20
3/25	Exam II (covers ch. 5-8 & film (B). Film (C)	
4/1	Dynamics of Interpersonal Relationships & Communication Climate	9 & 10
4/8	Conflict & Contexts	11 & 12 Class questions due 4/10
4/15	Exam III , covers ch. 9-12 & film (C) Start Final Projects	
4/22	Complete Projects	

Professor may change information on dates with announcement. There is no Final.

