



SPCH-1318-084IN
Interpersonal Communication
Spring 2024
Online Course

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Student hours and location: Online Instruction, Meet by appointment only

Required Textbook/Materials: Beebe, S.A., Beebe, S.J., & Redmond, M.A. (2011)
Interpersonal Communication: Relating to others (8th ed.). Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.

Course Description: This is a course in the theory and practice of human interaction, including the study of self-concept, perception, listening, creating and developing relationships, conflict management, as well as verbal and non-verbal communication. *This course is a 3-credit hour semester course and it is transferable.

Course requirements: Students will be required to log into the online classroom on a regular basis, perform critical thinking, and go online to seek out resources not provided in the textbook.

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:

This course contains a variety of activities to include quizzes, tests, a several written assignments.

Grading Scale:

89.5-100 A

79.5-89.4 B

69.5-79.4 C

59.5-69.4 D

Below 59.4 F

All scored items are equally weighted

Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy:

This is NOT a self-paced course!! It is the student's responsibility to know and keep up with due dates and deadlines. Late assignments may be accepted and makeup tests allowed, IF AND ONLY IF: (a) you make every effort possible to contact me PRIOR TO the due date and time, (b) you provide official documentation to verify your explanation as to why you could not turn in your assignment, and (c) documentation is official (i.e., written on official stationary or letterhead, and signed by the appropriate authority). Informal notes from your mother/father/friend/roommate do not qualify as appropriate documentation. If you do not meet the above criteria, you will receive a ZERO for your assignment or test.

All deadlines are posted on the schedule. Be aware of these deadlines as it is your responsibility to hand in all assignments, submit speeches, and complete tests by the deadline.

Attendance Policy:

This course is designed to enable you to access information and complete assignments at times that are convenient to your schedule. This does not mean you may pop in and out whenever you feel like it. Failure on your part to take online tests, respond to group discussions, or submit any assignment or speech by the deadline, will be recorded as absences. If you have trouble reading and following directions, this class is not for you!

If you miss more than 2 weeks turning in work, you cannot receive full credit for the course. Please remember, your participation will be noted. I will monitor your progress weekly via assignments and the weekly check-in. Even though this is an on-line course, absenteeism still hinders the learning process and may result in your failing this course.

Communicating with your instructor:

ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. (Faculty may add additional statement requiring monitoring and communication expectations via D2L or other LMS)

Academic Dishonesty: Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams, is an extremely serious offense and will result in a grade of zero on that assignment and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

Plagiarism:

The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own. Plagiarism is defined as “the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work” (Dictionary.com). All work must be the original composition of each student. Although you must use outside sources, you must cite them appropriately.

Plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment. Assignments will be checked for plagiarism by any and all means available, including electronic checking services (i.e. Turnitin.com). The College and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Link(s) to resource(s) about ways to avoid plagiarism:

<http://en.writecheck.com/ways-to-avoid-plagiarism/>

Remember – if you are worried about potential plagiarism or if any of this is unclear you can reach out to your instructor anytime. You will never be penalized for reaching out with questions!

Student Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Brian Anderson, Department Chair for the Humanities Department at (409) 933-8186 or banderson@com.edu.

Course Outline:

Week	Unit	Activities	Due Dates
1 (3/18 – 3/22)	Course Introduction Read First Week Overview And Instructions, Read Syllabus, Buy textbook Self-Introductions Watch: Celeste Headlee – 10 ways to Have a better conversation Video Link: https://youtu.be/R1vskiVDwI4?si=e4_feQ5fWGM0td-i	Post, your Self Introduction Video Post, select an illustrated way to have a better Conversation from the video and tell Us what that way is, why you chose that way and how that way is beneficial to interpersonal communication.	3/22 (11:59pm) 3/22 (11:59pm)
2 (3/25 – 3/25)	Unit 1A	Ch 1 Quiz & Complete Johari Window Activity, Ch 2 Activity: Read Chapter 1 & 2 Post a 3-minute video telling us about the Many cultures you are affiliated with and how They impact your life. Watch: Interpersonal Communication in the Future World Celine Fitzgerald https://youtu.be/KI12qDO0J6s?si=K0Zw_1cKtn-OpMkZ Post a response to the video and tell Us how interpersonal communications can Be used to connect different cultures.	3/29 (11:59pm) 3/29 (11:59pm) 3/29 (11:59pm)
3 (4/1 – 4/5)	Unit 1B	Ch 3 Quiz & Complete Johari Window Activity, Ch 4 Activity: Read Chapter 3 & 4 List 5 social roles and how those roles	4/5 (11:59pm)

		Effective society. Watch: Changing perception can lead to amazing adventures and opportunities Fabian Dittrich https://youtu.be/SrZReO8nJ7s?si=beiTk7cW8EMwggDa Post a response to the video and tell Us how perception can cause conflict in Communities.	4/5 (11:59pm) 4/5 (11:59pm)
4 (4/8 – 4/12)	Research Paper	Research Paper Title Mid Term	4/12 (11:59pm) 4/12 (11:59pm)
5 (4/15 – 4/19)	Unit 2A	Ch 5 Quiz Activity: Read Chapter 5 & 6 Post a 3-minute video illustrating 5 channels Of non-verbal communication and how they Connect with people. Watch: Nonverbal Communication in Leadership Father Dr. Dr. Justinus Pech https://youtu.be/q03U5Kfsxt0?si=8OAGvDht6LvGTnC- Post a written response to the video and tell Us how non-verbal communications can Be used to effect leadership in the workplace	4/19 (11:59pm) 4/19 (11:59pm) 4/19 (11:59pm)
6 (4/22 – 4/29)	Unit 2B	Ch 7 Quiz Activity: Read Chapter 7 & 8 Choose any emotion that you relate to and Post a 5-minute video giving a persuasive speech Trying to convince the class why the emotion you Chose is most impactful. Watch: Why you feel what you feel Alan Watkins https://youtu.be/h-rRgpPbR5w?si=RB9nTXEb8bOH2eX Post a written response to the video and tell Us about a time your emotions affected how someone Treated you in that moment.	4/29 (11:59pm) 4/29 (11:59pm) 4/29 (11:59pm)
7 (4/29 – 5/3)	Research Paper	Research Paper Ch 9 Quiz Activity: Read Chapter 9 & 10 Write a post explaining the different levels of relationships And how interpersonal communication is used to Navigate those relationships. Watch: Breaking Down Communication Barriers Angela Graves https://youtu.be/bFuvuvxC-WA?si=2hgxz6QKBZRvVvFJ Post a video response to the video and tell Us how interpersonal communications can Helps break down barriers for effective communication.	5/3 (11:59pm) 5/3 (11:59pm) 5/3 (11:59pm) 5/3 (11:59pm)
8 (5/6 – 5/10)	Final Exam	Read the study review 5-minute video presentation “How Interpersonal Communication helps Resolve conflict. Final Exam Open	 5/8 (11:59pm) 5/8 (11:59pm)

Exams

- A. You are required to successfully complete understanding of material
- B. Your instructor may require more than two exams.

Assignments

- A. You are required to successfully complete assignments that apply course concepts to your interpersonal communication interactions. These assignments may be written and/or oral. Your instructor may require more than three assignments.
- B. Assignments may include the following:
Papers that apply course concepts to your interpersonal communication Interactions, Demonstrations of communication skills (e.g. I-language, perception checking, paraphrase, assertive message, etc.)
- C. You are required to successfully complete any other projects as assigned

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [Student_Handbook_2022-2023_v4.pdf \(com.edu\)](#). An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.

Academic Success & Support Services:

College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement:

Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

Textbook Purchasing Statement:

A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Withdrawal Policy:

Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a “W” grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is March 1. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 24. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is May 3.

FN Grading:

The FN grade is issued in cases of failure due to a lack of attendance, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program:

The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.