

C-ID Descriptor

Survey of Human Communication

Descriptor Details

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General Description

This introductory communication course focuses on the basic foundations of interpersonal communication, small group communication and public speaking. Students will be introduced to the breadth of the communication discipline. Additionally, students will examine and practice human communication principles and theories, at a basic level, to develop critical thinking and communication competencies in a variety of contexts.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

No information provided

Content

1. Principles of human communication
2. Ethics and communication
3. Listening skills in a variety of contexts

4. Interpersonal communication in various contexts, including personal, professional, intercultural, computer mediated, and family interactions.
5. Role of communication in perception of self and personal identity.
6. Small group communication including leadership, decision making and conflict management.
7. Elements of effective public speaking, including analysis of communication situation, ethics and diversity, audience, occasion, purpose, selection of subject matter, research, evidence evaluation, organization, presentation skills, and evaluation of communication effectiveness
8. Demonstrate an understanding of the role communication plays in creating a culture of inclusion.

Lab Activities

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify similarities and differences between the fields of Interpersonal Communication, Small Group Communication and Public Speaking
2. Demonstrate, at an introductory level, interpersonal concepts of perception, self-concept, nonverbal communication, verbal communication, listening and conflict management
3. Participate in small group activities to demonstrate a basic understanding of leadership communication, problem solving, role orientation and conflict management strategies to achieve group goals
4. Research, organize, and deliver an effective public address

Evaluation Methods

Exams, quizzes, group and individual presentations in front of a live audience, papers.

Textbooks

University of Minnesota Libraries Publishing. Communication in the Real World: An Introduction to Communication Studies. (Latest edition). LibreTexts. (OER)

Rice. Process of Communication. (Latest edition). College of the Canyons. (OER).

Adler, R.B. and G. Rodman, Understanding Human Communication. (Latest edition.) Oxford University Press.

Wood, J., Communication Mosaics: An Introduction to the Field of Communication. (Latest edition.) Cengage.

Beebe, Stephen and Susan Beebe, Communication: Principles for a Lifetime. (Latest edition.) Pearson.