

**KINGS RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**SPEECH COMMUNICATION 2/ SPRING 1998**  
**INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**  
**SANGER AND CLOVIS CAMPUSES**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is an introduction to the process of interpersonal communication. The purpose of this course is to help you understand the human communication process and acquire effective communication skills to establish and maintain interpersonal relationships. We will examine various interpersonal elements through lectures, discussions, activities, role playing, readings, films, and writing assignments that will enhance your ability to be an effective communicator. Some of the areas to be emphasized include: perception, nonverbal communication, listening, cultural and gender differences, assertiveness, and conflict.

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**DAYS & TIMES:**  
**CLOVIS T-TH 1-2:15P**  
**& SANGER THUR 6-8:00P**

**TEXT:** DeVito, J.A. (1998). The Interpersonal Communication Book, 8th Ed.  
New York: Harper Collins.

**ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED!** Excused absences require a physician's verified medical excuse. More than one unexcused absence will result in a reduction of ten attendance points for each additional absence. A grade of "0" will be assigned if you miss exams, presentations, or papers without a physician's verified medical excuses. Work related excuses are not accepted. The attendance policy will be strictly enforced.

**READINGS:** Reading assignments from your text are posted on the course schedule. Additional assignments will be handed out when applicable. Read all material before you come to class. Quizzes can be given at any class meeting!

**EXAMS:** Two exams (Mid term and Final) will be given. The exams will consist of true/false, multiple choice, matching, fill in, short answer, and essay questions. Each exam will cover readings from the text, lectures, and activities. The final is not cumulative.

**REACTION PAPERS:** Two 5-7 page, typed, double-spaced paper will be required. Your task will be to analyze a film showcasing interpersonal relationships. The films will be shown in class and the criteria for the paper will be provided at a later date.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** You may propose a project of any form (written, oral, or other). You and I will agree before you start as to what point total the project will be worth and when it will be due. You cannot turn anything in that has not been discussed with the instructor before hand.

### COURSE GRADE DISTRIBUTION

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| 900-1000 Points | A |
| 800-899         | B |
| 700-799         | C |
| 600-699         | D |
| 599 and below   | F |

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| Week 1/January 12  | Introductions/Course Procedures                                       |
| Week 2/January 19  | Universals and Axioms of Interpersonal Communication<br>Units 1 & 2   |
| Week 3/ January 26 | Culture and The Self<br>Units 3 & 4                                   |
| Week 4/February 2  | Apprehension & Perception<br>Units 5 & 6                              |
| Week 5/February 9  | FILM/Ethics<br>Unit 7   |
| Week 6/February 16 | Effectiveness & Non-Verbal messages<br>Units 8 & 9                    |
| Week 7/February 23 | Verbal Messages<br>Units 10 & 11                                      |
| Week 8/March 2     | REVIEW  |
| Week 9/March 9     | Mid Term Examination<br><b>NOTE: Last day to drop course 3/13/98!</b> |
| Week 10/March 16   | Mid Term Results<br>Nonverbal Messages<br>Units 12 & 13               |
| Week 11/March 23   | Messages and Relationships<br>Units 14 & 15                           |
| Week 12/March 30   | Relationships Part 2<br>Unit 16<br>Film                               |
| Week 13/April 6    | <b><u>NO CLASSES/SPRING BREAK</u></b>                                 |

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| Week 14/April 13 | Maintaining Relationships<br>Units 17 & 18                     |
| Week 15/April 20 | Power and Conflict<br>Units 19 & 20                            |
| Week 16/April 27 | Power and Conflict pt. 2<br>Film                               |
| Week 17/May 4    | Dysfunctional Relationships &<br>Friends and Lovers<br>Unit 21 |
| Week 18/May 11   | Primary and Family Relationships<br>Unit 22/Review             |
| Week 19/May 18   | Final Examination  |

**POINT AREAS**

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| <b>QUIZZES</b>                  | <b>150</b> |
| <b>PAPER 1</b>                  | <b>150</b> |
| <b>MID TERM</b>                 | <b>160</b> |
| <b>PAPER 2</b>                  | <b>150</b> |
| <b>ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION</b> | <b>150</b> |
| <b>FINAL</b>                    | <b>240</b> |

**TOTAL POSSIBLE 1000**