

Speech 2 Interpersonal Communication

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Objectives:

1. Learn the basic principles of effective interpersonal communication in a variety of social settings.
2. Learn the basic principles of communication within families.
3. Develop an understanding of both verbal and nonverbal messages.
4. Develop confidence in interacting on an interpersonal level.
5. Develop a sense of responsibility about one's communication.
6. Become sensitive to cultural differences (including gender differences) in interpersonal communication.

Grading:

Grades are based on the following assignments

Book Review	100 points
Midterm	100 points
Final	100 points
Group Project	100 points
Oral Report	100 points
Term Paper	200 points
Grand Total	600 points

A=450-500

B=400-449

C=350-399

D=300-350

F=Under 300

Attendance:

Yes, I want you to attend class. I will give you three free unexcused absences to use any way you want. After that, every unexcused absence loses you five points.

Valid excuses:

1. Death in the family. (Remember I can count. I'll allow two grandmothers, after that I get suspicious.)
2. Personal illness. (And if it contagious, just call, don't come to class to tell me in person.)
3. Auto accidents, car troubles, etc. (But please if you have an accident a week, you might consider walking to school.)
4. Family emergencies. (I know it's flu season, that means sick children and possibly a sick parent. If the latter refer to #2)
5. Giving Birth (No comment necessary. There are limits to being a conscientious student)

Invalid excuses:

1. Too tired. (Aren't we all)
2. Had to clean my house. (I don't have time to clean mine, why should you have time to clean yours.)
3. Wanted to leave early for Spring Break. (Why? Afraid they'd run out of beer?)
4. Came back late from Spring Break (I see you found the beer was plentiful)
5. Had to study for an "important" class. (And this isn't?)
6. Anything which implies you were having more fun than the rest of us.

Late Assignments:

Five points will be deducted for late midterms, finals, oral reports and book reviews.

Ten points will be deducted for late term papers.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit is available to a maximum of 75 points from the following list

- Turn in Book Review one week early -- Five Points
- Turn in Term Paper before two weeks early -- Ten Points
- Turn in Term Paper one week early - Five Points
- Extra Credit Questions on Midterm and Final -- 20 points
- Collage on a Communication Topic -- 10 points
- Two-Page Book Review -- 15 points
- Four-Page Book Review -- 30 points
- Four-Page Research Report -- 30 points
- Five minute Oral Presentation -- 30 points
- Five minute A-V Presentation -- 30 points
- Ten minute Oral Presentation -- 50 points
- Ten minute A-V Presentation -- 50 points
- Original Research Study -- Variable up to 50 points

Important dates

January 19 - Martin Luther King Holiday

February 13-16 Presidents Holidays

February 21 - Book Review Due

March 1 - Midterm

April 6 - 10 Spring Break

April 15 - Term Papers Due

May 11 - Group Projects Begin

May 13-15 Oral Reports Due

May 18 - Finals

Bold Faced Dates Subject to Change

Topics to be covered:

What is Interpersonal Communication?

Effectiveness in Communication

Perception

Social Anxiety and Shyness

Assertiveness

The Development and Anatomy of Relationships

Friendship

Love Relationships

Family Systems

Gender Differences

Business Relationships

Abusive Communication and Ethics in Communication