**SPC1017 Interpersonal Communications (Online) Summer 2022**

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**Office Hours**: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 11:00am (virtual)

**Expectations for email:**  When you send an email, remember to include your full name. Use capital and lowercase letters, correct punctuation, and good grammar. **All email will be answered** quickly if sent during office hours. If it is sent outside of that time, you should still receive a response within 24 hours unless it is the weekend.

**Credit Hours**: 3

**Objective:** Students explore a range of communication concepts and topics from interpersonal communication, to small group communication, to public speaking. Students develop skills to put the communication principles to work.

**Required Text and Supplemental Resources:**

1. *Communication in the Real World: An Introduction to Communication Studies* (2016), University of Minnesota Publishing. <https://open.lib.umn.edu/communication/>

*(free online textbook)*

1. Reliable access to Canvas via Firefox Mozilla or Google Chrome <https://online.valenciacollege.edu>
2. Microsoft Word and PowerPoint- you have free access to the Microsoft Office suite

through the Live.edu email link in Atlas

1. An active Valencia email account, checked regularly!

**Grading Scale:** A= 90 to 100 B = 80 to 89 C= 70 to 79 D= 60 to 69 F= 0 to 59

1. Weekly Discussion Posts = 200 points (20pts/week x 10 weeks)
2. Weekly Chapter Activities = 235 points
3. Cultural Influences Speech = 100 points
4. Introductory activities = 30 points
5. Final = 50 points

**Total Possible Points = 615 points**

**Expectations for discussion forum:**

1. A new discussion post/question will be given at the beginning of each week. Your initial response needs to be substantive and reflective in nature. It should be at least 150 words in length. This will be worth 10 points and is due by Wednesday each week**. If your initial post is not made by Wednesday, it will not receive any credit.**
2. You are also required to respond to at least **2** of your classmates’ posts. These responses must be more than “I agree” or “I can see what you are saying” in order to receive credit. Examples of a strong response are asking questions, elaborating on what they said or adding your own experience to their point. The required length for these responses should be at least 100 words in length. This will be worth an additional 10 points (5 points for each response).
3. Please make your posts as early in the week as possible so that everyone can read your thoughts and respond to them in a timely fashion. When you wait until the end of the week (Thursday-Sunday), it is harder to be fully engaged in the meaningful dialogue between your classmates. Therefore, **if you post in the discussion forum after the Sunday deadline, your post will not receive any credit.**

**Expectations for attendance: Attendance is necessary**. Weekly participation in the discussion forum is necessary and will influence your grade. If you fall behind in your discussion posts, it will be hard to keep up, so please complete your weekly readings and be engaged in discussing the weekly course topics.

Please note, you may be dropped from this course for excessive absence/lack of engagement. You are expected to withdraw yourself by the withdraw deadline, 07/01/22, or ask the professor to withdraw you. However, it is important that you always speak with an advisor before withdrawing from the class for any reason.

**Expectations for Cultural Influences speech:** You are required to give a minimum of 1 speech presentation in this class. This semester, we will be focusing on how culture impacts our perceptions of ourselves and others in regards to our communication practices. More specific details about the assignment can be found on our Canvas page. **Failure to complete this assignment may result in failure for the course.**

**Expectations for final video essay:** The video essay will be your final for this course. You will be giving a 2-3 minute speech about the interpersonal concepts that impacted you the most during this semester. You will be expected to explore that topic in depth and use effective presentational skills to convey this information to your audience. The video must be uploaded as an unlisted YouTube link. More details will be given in the weekly modules of our class’ Canvas page.

**Late Assignments:**

1. Weekly discussion posts must be made by Sunday at 11:59pm. After this point, they will **not** be counted for credit.
2. Chapter activities will not be accepted late unless there is a documented reason. Please note that any late assignment is subject to a 25% penalty.

**24 hour Grade Dispute Policy**: Students who wish to discuss any of their grades should contact the instructor within 24 hours of grades availability. Do not wait until the end of the semester to question grades or request special considerations. After the twenty-four hour mark ***ALL*** grades are final.

**Canvas:** All announcements and course assignments will be listed on our class’ Canvas page.

**No Show Policy:** It is assumed that a student who has not attended the first week of classes (completed the week 1 assignments) of the course is a ‘no show’ and will be dropped from the roll.

**Withdrawal Policy:** The withdrawal deadline is July 1, 2022. You may withdraw yourself from the course until that date. However, consider speaking to the instructor about your options before withdrawing. Please note that the instructor will NOT withdraw you for absences without your consent unless you are a no-show.

**Core Competencies**: The faculty of Valencia College has identified four core competencies that define the learning outcomes for a successful Valencia graduate. These competencies are at the heart of the Valencia experience and provide the context for learning and assessment at Valencia College. You will be given opportunities to develop and practice these competencies in this class. The four competencies are:

1. **Think** - think clearly, and creatively, analyze, synthesize, integrate and evaluate in the many domains of human inquiry
2. **Value** - make reasoned judgments and responsible commitments
3. **Communicate** - communicate with different audiences using varied means
4. **Act** - act purposefully, effectively and responsibly.”

**Speech Communication Department Academic Honesty Policy:**

 All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (purposeful and accidental), cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or miscue of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.

All speeches and assignments must be your original work. Any sources used in any assignment must be properly cited (this includes both direct quotes as well as information that you synthesize and report in your own words). Consequences according to Valencia Policies and Procedures ([http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=193&volumeID\_1=8&navst=0](https://webmail.valenciacollege.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=XJnKsZqZlEO6_k82Sz6Mfzvo0_-7c9AIWtG0ojJtDpXxywXQxmE4WzoSs2LFcgIsy5JekgMLRgw.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fvalenciacollege.edu%2fgeneralcounsel%2fpolicy%2fdefault.cfm%3fpolicyID%3d193%26volumeID_1%3d8%26navst%3d0)) include:

·         1.  Failure of the assignment

·         2.  Failure of the course

·         3. Being reported to the Dean of Communication which may result in expulsion from the college

**Students with Disabilities: “** Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities (SSB 102, ext. 1523).”

**Syllabus Disclaimer**: Having read and gone over this syllabus and by remaining enrolled in the course, you are entering into a contract to complete the course requirements and respect classroom policies. The above information, as well as the course calendar, is subject to written or verbal change at the discretion of the professor. Changes made to course requirements or the course schedule will be announced in class.

Part of exercising the Act Core Competency at Valencia is taking full responsibility for yourself and for your work. Communication with your instructor is of the utmost importance should you encounter personal issues, computer problems, or health problems that prevent your regular attendance or timely work. I am happy and eager to help you succeed in this course, but ultimately you and only you are responsible for your success in this course.