

## **STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE**

### **COMM 2323 INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND ARTS**

**CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION:** In-depth study of the principles of interpersonal communication in the context of classroom, workplace, family, and other personal situations. Frequent use of simulations and other exercises.

**NO PREREQUISITE FOR THIS COURSE**

**CREDIT/CONTACT/LOAD HOURS: 3**

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE AND TRANSFER:**

This course is designed for both communication and noncommunication majors. The course may transfer to other institutions toward a communications degree and/or as an elective.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Learn skills in self-assessment in order to set interpersonal communication goals for improvement.
2. Improve clarity and understanding of verbal and nonverbal messages sent and received.
3. Practice and implement effective skills in conflict resolution.
4. Increase understanding of cultural differences.
5. Increase understanding of perceptual skills of self and others.
6. Understand and define concepts and principles of one-on-one communication.

#### **REQUIRED TEXT**

"Looking Out/Looking In" Adler and Towne, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, 1999. Holt, Rinehard, and Winston.

#### **TOPICS**

Communication process, self-concept, perception, stereotyping and prejudice, Gender and communication, verbal, nonverbal, conflict resolution, ethics in communication, listening skills, and interviewing skills.

#### **REQUIRED INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Students will keep a journal throughout the course, describing and analyzing day-to-day interactions.
2. Students will participate in on as well as off-site exercises and simulations.
3. Students will write a minimum of four analytical papers.
4. Students will participate in a minimum of one graded interpersonal conflict resolution exercise.
5. Students will participate in mock graded job interview exercise.

#### **REQUIRED FORMS OF ASSESSMENT**

Assessment is not required at this time, as this course is offered only once per academic year.

#### **RESOURCES**

Videos on text chapters, exercises, simulations, guest speakers, handouts, overheads.