

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Communications Department

Course Number and Name

COMM 2503, Small Group

Catalog Description

Small group communication focuses on the process of communication and working effectively in small groups by understanding and studying the dynamics of small group communication and interaction, with emphasis on problem-solving techniques, leadership styles, group roles, and the mechanics of group process. Students will participate in a variety of small group presentations.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

Small Group Communication is designed for communication majors, as well as other students that desire to increase their opportunities in the job market by demonstrating effective problem-solving skills and leadership. The class may transfer as a required course for a communication major and/or as an elective for both communication majors and nonmajors.

General Education Outcomes

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Differentiate between types and purposes of groups in various settings.
- Examine factors affecting the communication climate within groups.
- Apply ethical decision-making processes in various communication contexts.
- Demonstrate inclusive strategies to promote group interaction in cross-cultural environments.
- Engage in collaborative activities to complete group project.

Topics

Small group process, self-perception, listening skills, leadership, group roles, conflict resolution, research skills, ethics and communication.

Assessment

- A minimum of 3 graded group presentations.
- A minimum of one analytical paper.

Required Materials

None