COM 150S.03: Interpersonal Communication

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Course Description and Objectives
The purpose of this course is to understand the role we play in communication in order to contribute to success in personal and work relationships. This course provides an introduction to communication strategies and concepts that can help build healthy relationships on an interpersonal level. We will view communication from both a verbal and nonverbal perspective.

The course is designed to promote several student learning objectives:

- You will understand communication patterns from family of origin
- You will understand the relational meaning of communication and the effect this has on personal and professional relationships
- You will practice listening styles
- You will learn basic conflict management skills
- You will identify practical strategies for improving communication in personal and professional relationships
- You will understand the role of emotion in communication

Student Responsibilities and Expectations
In order to achieve these objectives, students need to do the following:

- Attend all class sessions and arrive on time.
- Read the textbook and packet.
- Turn in assignments on time. Late assignments will not be accepted without a documented excuse such as a doctor’s note or jury duty notice, etc.
- Do your own work. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty will result in penalties ranging from failure of the assignment to expulsion from the University.
- Respect your instructor and your colleagues. This subsumes all of the above items. It is absolutely necessary for a positive educational experience.
Students with Disabilities
If you have a disability that may require modification of the course, please obtain the appropriate documentation and then see me to make arrangements.

Drop/Adds, Withdrawals, Incompletes, and Grading Options
Please read the University catalog for the details regarding these matters, and if you have any further questions, please see me.

Requirements and Grading
Exams (3) – 40% of grade
Movie Paper – 15% of grade
Interpersonal Relationship Paper – 20% of grade
Reading Quizzes – 10% of grade
Research Abstracts (2) – 15% of grade

Grading Scale
90-100% (A)  80-89% (B)  70-79% (C)  60-69% (D)  <60% (F)

Late Policy
You will not be allowed to make up a missed exam unless:
1. You are in good standing in the class, have no previous late assignments, and have a passing grade on all completed assignments
2. You notify me prior to the test and provide documentation to support your explanation for missing the test
3. You schedule a makeup appointment with the Academic Support Center within 24 hours of missing the test

You will not be allowed to make up a missed presentation or paper unless there is a dire emergency for which you provide documented proof.

Academic Misconduct
As a student at the University of Montana, you must practice academic honesty and need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. It is available for review online at:

http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPSAindex.dfm/page/1321

As the code explains, academic misconduct includes plagiarism, cheating, and deliberate interference with the work of others. It is the intellectual equivalent of fraud—a crime against the codes of the academy. As an academic crime, plagiarism merits academic punishment, subject to an academic penalty by the instructor (F on the assignment or for the course) and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University.
ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE
Com 150, Interpersonal Communication
University of Montana-Missoula
College of Technology
Applied Arts and Sciences Department
Fall 2006 – TTH 3:40-5:00pm

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AUGUST

29 Introduction to the course
31 Chapter 1

SEPTEMBER

5 Chapter 1 Continued
7 Chapter 2
12 Chapter 2 Continued
14 Chapter 3
19 Chapter 3 Continued
21 EXAM #1 (Ch.1-3)
26 Chapter 4
28 Chapter 4 Continued

OCTOBER

3 Chapter 5
5 Chapter 5 Continued
10 ABSTRACT 1 AND PRESENTATIONS (1/2 THE CLASS) DUE

12 Chapter 6

17 Chapter 6 Continued

19 EXAM #2 (Ch.4-6)

24 MOVIE

26 MOVIE

31 Chapter 7

NOVEMBER

2 MOVIE PAPER DUE, Chapter 7 Continued

7 Election Day Holiday – NO CLASSES

9 Chapter 8

14 Chapter 8 Continued

16 ABSTRACT 2 AND PRESENTATIONS (1/2 THE CLASS) DUE

21 Chapter 9

23 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO CLASSES

28 Chapter 9 Continued

30 Relationships in Context

DECEMBER

5 Relationships in Context, RELATIONSHIP PAPERS DUE

7 Relationships in Context

11-15 FINALS WEEK, EXAM 3 (Ch 7-9) WILL BE DURING THE PRESCRIBED FINAL TIME