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Course Description:
This course focuses upon the nature and influence of communicative behavior in close, personal relationships. Interpersonal communication structure and processes will be explored as they relate to the development and maintenance of identities, friendships, romantic, and family relationships.

Course Objectives:
Through thorough examination and discussion of theoretical study and practice of communication exercises, at the end of this course, each participant should:
1. Establish effective interpersonal, intrapersonal, and group communication
2. Know the techniques for improvement of communication skills
3. Be able to assess his/her communication skills
4. Become aware of barriers to effective communication
5. Be aware of different perceptions and possibilities for interpretation of communication

Text:
Communicate! A Workbook for Interpersonal Communication.
ISBN: 0-7575-1332-8

Workbooks must be purchased new.
Used workbooks will not be acceptable for this course.
You must have your workbook with you for every class meeting!

The following assignments must be completed prior to the first class meeting.
5 points will be deducted from the workbook if the work is not done in advance.
Read the instructions carefully and complete each of the individual assignments.
Interpersonal Communication Dates, Time and Assignments
Sun, July 26th - (1pm - 7pm)
Mon – Friday, July 27th – July 31st (6pm – 10:30pm)
Saturday, August 1st (9am - 5pm)

SUNDAY, July 26th ASSIGNMENT:  (1pm – 7pm)

Complete CHAPTERS 1 & 2 *Prior to class*
You will hand in the completed chapters every night

1pm – 1:50pm
Introductions & Name Tags
*Stuff to go over*
*Attendance, participation and workbook = grade*
Doane email
Weather
Workbook - discussion
Plan A and Plan B answers
Classroom Rules – NO CELL PHONES, communication rules, confidentiality
Breaks will be given but always based on where we are at in the activities
and discussion

2pm – 2:50
Read Chapter 1...*Due prior to class*
*Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class*
Communication Questionnaire...pages 5-6
Getting to Know Me...pages 7-8
Julie & Mr. Conroy...pages 16-17
    Things to Work On...pages 19-20
Course Goals...pages 21-22
Reactions to Chapter 1...pages 23-24

3pm - 3:50
Read Chapter 2...*Due prior to class*
*Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class*
Listening Quiz...pages 32-33
Listening Questionnaire...page 36
Listening Skills Self Inventory...pages 39-41
Testing for Listening Power...pages 44-45
Reactions to Chapter 2...pages 59-60
4pm – 6pm MOVIE
Must be present to see movie. We will refer to movie throughout the week. If you miss movie...need to make up before 2nd class.

MONDAY, July 27th ASSIGNMENT: (6p – 10:30p)

CHAPTERS 3 & 4 (Complete Before Class)
Hand in at end of class

Read Chapter 3...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
Perception: Agree/Disagree...pages 66-67
Perception...pages 69-73
Quiz: Common Perception...pages 74-75
The Way I See Things...page 76
Count the Squares...page 81
The Way We See Me (Self)...pages 85-86
The Whole Truth...pages 91-92
Now the Rest of the Truth...pages 93-94
Reactions to Chapter 3...pages 95-96

Read Chapter 4...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
Non-verbal Rules...page 106-107
Reactions to Chapter 4...pages 111-112

TUESDAY, July 28th ASSIGNMENT: (6p – 10:30)

Chapters 5 & 6 (Complete Before Class)
Hand in at end of class

Read Chapter 5...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
Semantic Reactions...pages 120-121
Hidden Assumption Test...pages 122-123
The Uncritical Inference Test...pages 124-125
Polarization...page 126
Owning My Communication...page 127
The Slang Test...pages 128 – 129
Reactions to Chapter 5...pages 133-134

7:30 – 7:45 Tentative Break

7:45 – 9:00
Read Chapter 6...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
Exercising Compliments...page 139
Turning Points in My Life...page 141
Comfort Survey...pages 142 – 143
Rate Your Self Confidence...pages 144 – 145
Role Analysis...pages 147 – 149 (look over, we will complete in class)
Reactions to Chapter 6...pages 155-156

WEDNESDAY, July 29th ASSIGNMENT: (6p – 10:30)

Chapters 7 & 8 (Complete Before Class)
Hand in at end of class

Read Chapter 7...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
Complete the Thought...pages 169-170
Self Appraisal...pages 171-172
Lost in a Lifeboat...pages 175-176
Reactions to Chapter 7

7:30 – 7:45 Tentative Break

7:45 – 9:00
Read Chapter 8...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
Conflict Quiz...page 184
Feelings About Conflict...page 185
Identifying Conflicts Activity...pages 186-187
How Assertive Are You?...pages 198-202
Five Sample Situations...pages 205-206
Reactions to Chapter 8...pages 209-210
THURSDAY, July 30th ASSIGNMENT: (6p – 10:30)

Chapter 9 (Complete Before Class)
Hand in at end of class

Read Chapter 9...Due prior to class
Complete the following pages prior to class, we will discuss in class
   - Skills 1 – 5...pages 219-223
   - How Well Do We Know Women & Men? Pages 224-225
   - Diagnosing Your Relationship...pages 229-230
   - Self Disclosure Questionnaire...pages 231-235
   - Relationship Roles...pages 236-237
   - Reactions to Chapter 9

Read Chapter 10...Optional Work
   - Exploring Resumes and Cover Letters...pages 245-250
   - Optional: Create a Resume
   - Do not need to complete reactions to chapter 10
   - Susan Rocker Visit if Available

FRIDAY, July 31st ASSIGNMENT:
TO BE DETERMINED ~ WILL DEPEND ON CLASS SIZE

SATURDAY, August 1st ASSIGNMENT:
TO BE DETERMINED ~ WILL DEPEND ON CLASS SIZE

PRESENTATIONS
FOOD IS WELCOME !!!!!!
Grading:

Attendance: 5pts x 7 class days = 35 pts (Must be present entire class time)
IF YOU DO MISS MORE THAN ONE CLASS, THIS COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE COURSE. THIS WOULD BE UP TO THE INSTRUCTOR. ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.

Participation: 5pts x 7 class days = 35 pts (Must be present entire class time)

Workbook: 100 points (End of chapter assignments turned in nightly)

Final Presentation: 30 points

Total: 200 points

195-200 (+perfect attendance) = A+
190-195 = A
180-189 = B
170-179 = C
160-169 = D
Below 159 = F

If you will be absent, please notify me prior to class by email at Deb.savage@doane.edu