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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:

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. 10 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. Work must be written directly in the Workbook unless otherwise specified.

Chapter 1
Read Chapter 1
Communication Questionnaire…pages 5-6
Getting to Know Me…pages 7-8
Communication Quiz…page 10
Julie & Mr. Conroy…pages 16-17 (type out these answers on a separate sheet)
Things to Work On…pages 19-20
Course Goals…pages 21-22
Reactions to Chapter 1…pages 23-24

Chapter 2
Read Chapter 2
Instructional and Grading Methods:
This class will utilize the workbook for its primary resource. Students will complete assigned activities from the workbook and will utilize large and small groups for in class discussion. Grading will be heavily weighed on attendance and participation. Students will also be required to give a final presentation.

Students may use their cell phones to take emergency calls only. Texting will not be tolerated in class. Participation points will automatically be deducted if a student is found to be texting during class. Students will not be allowed to use their laptops or other electronic devices during class.

Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussion. Missing one class will result in the loss of points. Missing 2 classes will result in the loss of one full letter grade off of the earned grade. Missing 3 classes will result in an automatic failing grade for the course.

Incompletes are not given for this class.

Late assignments will only earn 50% of the available points. Students are to complete the assignments directly in the workbook. Assignments that need to be typed separately will be noted as such. No exceptions.

Academic Integrity Policy:
The Doane College Academic Integrity Policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others’ ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of undergraduate studies.