



## COMM 2125: Interpersonal Communication

2023 Summer Session	
<b>Total Class Sessions: 25</b> <b>Class Sessions Per Week: 5</b> <b>Total Weeks: 5</b> <b>Class Session Length (Minutes): 145</b> <b>Credit Hours: 4</b>	<b>Instructor: Staff</b> <b>Classroom: TBA</b> <b>Office Hours: TBA</b> <b>Language: English</b>

### Course Description:

Human-beings are social animals. Thus, interpersonal communication is important and inevitable. This course will introduce students the basic theories and practical methods of interpersonal communication. Topics includes self, perception, emotions, verbal and nonverbal communication, listening, conflict and relationships with romantic partners and family members. The class enables students to explore the complexities of interpersonal communication and to enhance their skills in interpersonal communication.

### Course Materials:

#### **Optional Textbook**

**1.Reflect & Relate: An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication**, Fourth Edition, by Steven McCornack (Author) , 2015

**2.Interpersonal Communication: Putting Theory into Practice**, 1st Edition, by Denise Solomon (Author), Jennifer Theiss (Author), 2013

### Course Assignments:

#### **Presentations**

Students are required to give 2 individual presentations and 1 group presentation. The individual presentation shall be about 3-4 minutes in length and the group presentation shall consist of 2-3 group members with each student presenting for 3-4 minutes. All presentations will be assessed by: 1. selecting an appropriate topic 2. Audience analysis and adaptation 3. Preparing an outline when required 4. Providing appropriate transitions and summaries 5. Developing effective intros and conclusions 6. Using an appropriate organizational pattern 7. Using supporting material and research properly and effectively h. using visual aids effectively, and 8. Displaying appropriate verbal and nonverbal behaviors when presenting the material.

#### **Papers**

There will be three paper assignments, including two activity reports based on learned chapters and a literature review on topics about interpersonal communication. The papers together will count for 30% of your grade for the course. Each paper will count equally to 10%. Topics will be made available two weeks before papers are due. All papers must be double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1” margins all around.

#### **Midterm Exam**

An in-class, close-book and non-cumulative midterm exam will be given through this course.



The midterm exams will be based on the knowledge covered in class. No excuse will be accepted if students do not have legitimate excuses for absence. Physician Statement is required for missing the exam due.

### **Final Exam**

The final will be close-book, consisting of multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, short-answer and essay questions, covering material from the entire term, including in-class discussion content. Note that the final will not be taken during the normal class times. Exact time and location for final will be announced later.

### **Course Assessment:**

Presentations	15%
Paper 1	10%
Paper 2	10%
Paper 3	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Grading Scale (percentage):**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
98-	93-	90-	88-	83-	80-	78-	73-	70-	68-	63-	60-	<60
100	97	92	89	87	82	79	77	72	69	67	62	

### **Academic Integrity:**

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Chengdu University of Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*. Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

### **Special Needs or Assistance:**

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.

**Course Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Week One	Go through syllabus Course overview Introducing Interpersonal Communication Considering Self Perception	Group Activities Activity Report
Week Two	Experiencing and Expressing Emotions Understanding Culture	Group Activities Activity Report Individual presentation
Week Three	Communicating Verbally Communicating Nonverbally	Group Activities Review Individual presentation Midterm
Week Four	Listening Actively Managing Conflict and Power Relationships with Romantic Partners	Group Activities Literature Review Individual presentation
Week Five	Relationship with Family Members Course summary Review for final	Group Activities Literature Review Group Presentation Final Exam