

Speech 1318: Fall 2023

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TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1. Textbook

We will use an online textbook *Interpersonal Communication: A Mindful Approach to Relationships*. You can access the free textbook online as needed or you can download a PDF format to use from your tablet or laptop. The link is <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/906>

You will also need a tablet, laptop, or computer for accessing D2L and turning in assignments.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Speech 1318, Interpersonal and Small Group Communication, examines on an introductory level the theory and research behind interpersonal communication. It is not a public speaking class. We will learn about the communication process, self-concept, perception, language, nonverbal communication, listening, types of relationships and the influence of culture, sex, and gender on relationships. Hopefully, we will learn to improve our communication and thus our lives.

Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the communication process and how it affects understanding and misunderstanding
2. Exhibit understanding of interpersonal theories, principles, and vocabulary
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills by applying theories to communication situations in written and oral assignments.
4. Reflect in writing on our own interpersonal communication for understanding and improvement
5. Identify types and barriers to effective listening
6. Develop mindfulness about our relational communication in personal, professional, and societal settings

Grading:

1. Unit tests.....	40%	3 total
2. Interpersonal journal assignments.....	30%	11 total (I will drop the lowest)
3. Term paper.....	10%	
4. Attendance.....	5%	
5. Final exam	15%	

100-90= A

89-80=B

79-70=C

69-60=D

59 and below is failing

Attendance: Attendance is an important part of this class. As such, attendance will be taken for each class. Students who miss 5 days of class will be asked to drop the course for their own benefit. I can grant special permission to continue if there are special circumstances but documentation may be required.

Office Hours: As an adjunct instructor, I do not have an office or posted times to meet with students. I can stay after class on Mondays or Wednesdays to meet with you, but we would need to plan for those times. Please feel free to contact me through email.

Assignment Submissions:

Assignments will be turned in to D2L online except for tests which will be turned in class.

Make-Up Work. Journal activities and the final term paper will not be accepted late. You will have a due date and time to submit the assignment online, so even if you are absent, you can turn in the work. If you are not in class for a unit test, a make-up can be given with my approval for extreme cases. Make-ups will be essay exams.

Electronic Devices. Electronic devices are potential distractions to learning, yours and your classmates. Please make sure devices are put away except when we are accessing the textbook or using them for information gathering.

Academic Honesty Policy:

Brazosport College assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at <http://www.brazosport.edu>. Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication, and may, at a minimum, result in a zero for the assignment in this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.

Title IX Statement:

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COURSE SCHEDULE:

The following schedule is a plan for the semester. It is subject to change, but I will do all I can to follow it accurately.

All due dates (except exams) are open until 12:00 am on the date posted.

Day	Activity	Assignments
1 8/28	Course introduction/Review syllabus/Discuss social sciences research/	Read chapter 1 Syllabus "quiz" due by 8/30
2 8/30	Discussion and application Chapter 1	Read chapter 1
3 9/6	Discussion and application chapter 1	Journal assignment #1 due by 9/6 Read chapter 2
4 9/11	Discussion and application chapter 2	Read chapter 2
5 9/13	Discussion and application chapter 2	Journal assignment #2 due 9/13
6 9/18	Discussion and application chapter 2	Read chapter 3
7 9/20	Discussion and application chapter 3	
8 9/25	Discussion and application chapter 3	Journal assignment #3 due by 9/25
9 9/27	Unit 1 Test chapters 1-3 Discussion and application chapter 4	Unit 1 test Read chapter 4
10 10/2	Discussion and application chapter 4	Journal assignment #4 Due by 10/2
11 10/4	Discussion and application chapter 4	Read chapter 5
12 10/9	Discussion and application chapter 5	
13 10/11	Discussion and application chapter 5	Journal assignment #5 Due by 10/11
14 10/16	Discussion and application chapter 6	Read chapter 6
15 10/18	Discussion and application chapter 6	Journal assignment #6 Due by 10/18
16 10/23	Unit test 2 chapters 4-6 Discussion and application chapter 7	Unit test 2 Read chapter 7
17	Discussion and application chapter 7	Read chapter 7

10/25 Day	Activity	Assignments
18 10/30	Discussion and application chapter 7	Journal assignment #7
19 11/1	Discussion and application chapter 8	
20 11/6	Discussion and application chapter 8 Give term paper assignment	Read chapter 8
21 11/8	Discussion and application chapter 8	Journal assignment #8
22 11/13	Discussion and application chapter 9	Read chapter 9
23 11/15	Discussion and application chapter 9	Journal assignment #9
24 11/20	Discussion and application chapter 10	Read chapter 10 Term paper due D2L
25 11/27	Discussion and application chapter 10	Journal assignment #10
26 11/29	Unit test 3 chapters 7-10 Discussion and application chapter 11	Read chapter 11
27 12/4	Discussion and application chapter 11 Discuss semester exam	Journal assignment #11
28 12/6	Semester Exam chapters 1-11	Semester exam