

**Interpersonal and Small Group Communication**  
**Speech 1318**  
**Monday 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Syllabus**

**Instructor Information**

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**Speech 1318 Interpersonal and Small Group Communication**

This course examines communication on a personal level from both the speaker's and the listener's points of view. The study includes self-awareness exercises as well as the techniques of effective communication between individuals and among the members of small groups.

**Textbook and Materials**

Verderber, & MacGeorge. *Inter-Act, Interpersonal Communication Concepts, Skills, and Context*. 14<sup>th</sup> edition, New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Print. ISBN # 978-0-19-939801-0.

*"Required course materials are available at the Brazosport college bookstore, on campus or online at <http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore>. A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer."*

**Cell Phone Policy**

No. Put it away. It is not possible to effectively communicate while engaged in activities on your phone. I reserve the right to ask students who do not follow this policy to leave, resulting in an absence for the class meeting. I understand that it is necessary, at times, to text or place a call; please step out of the room to do so.

**Student Evaluation & Grading Formula**

Attendance	10%	90% or better	A
Participation	10%	80%-89%	B
Journal	20%	70%-79%	C
Journal Presentation	10%	60%-69%	D
Analyses (10% each)	20%	59% or lower	F
Unit Tests (10% each)	20%		
Final Exam	10%		

**Attendance**

This class is discussion driven; therefore attendance is critical. Classroom activities and group work cannot be recreated; any absence will result in a loss of points that cannot be recovered, i.e. group discussion, participation, etc. No late work will be accepted. Students may be withdrawn by the faculty member for absences of 3 or more class meetings. In the event of an absence, email me the day of your absence, to get the questions that are due for the next class meeting and attach assignments that are due that day.

**Assignment Schedule**

1. Jan 14	Ch. 1, An Orientation to Interpersonal Communication
Jan 21	(NO CLASS – DR. KING DAY)
2. Jan 28	Ch. 2, Social Cognition: Understanding Others & Ourselves
3. Feb 4	Ch. 3, Intercultural Communication
4. Feb 11	Ch. 4, Verbal Messages
5. Feb 18	Ch. 5, Nonverbal Messages.
6. Feb 25	<b>Unit 1 Test Chapters 1-5</b> <b>Media Analysis due by MIDNIGHT to: <a href="mailto:kelly.griffith@brazosport.edu">kelly.griffith@brazosport.edu</a></b>
7. Mar 4	Ch. 6, Communication in the Life Cycle of Relationships
Mar 11	(NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK)
8. Mar 18	Ch. 7, Holding Effective Conversations
9. Mar 25	Ch. 8, Supporting Others
10. Apr 1	Ch. 9, Using Interpersonal Influence
11. Apr 8	<b>Unit 2 Test Chapters 6-9</b> <b>Relationship Analysis due by Midnight to: <a href="mailto:kelly.griffith@brazosport.edu">kelly.griffith@brazosport.edu</a></b>
12. Apr 15	Ch. 10, Managing Conflict
13. Apr 22	Ch. 11, Communicating in Intimate Relationships
14. Apr 29	Ch. 12 & Ch 13 <b>JOURNAL DUE</b>
15. May 6	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>

### **Academic Honesty**

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 failure in this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.

### **Students with Disabilities**

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. For student to receive any accommodation, documentation must be completed in the Office of Disability Services. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor at 979-230-3236 for further information.

### **Learning Outcomes for Speech 1318**

1. Demonstrate competency in the writing process

Assessment: Invent, draft, and present documents such as communication improvement plans which concern students own communication issues (passing with at least 70%)

2. Demonstrate competency in selecting appropriate communication choices

Assessment: Engage in class assignments such as role playing exercises that reflect effective application of interpersonal communication principles (passing with at least 70%)

3. Demonstrate competency in understanding and appropriately applying interpersonal communication skill builders

Assessment: Submit written skill practice exercises that reflect an understanding of interpersonal skills such as perception checking (passing with at least 70%)

4. Demonstrate competency in group problem solving with emphasis on listening, reflecting, understanding, thinking critically, and responding

Assessment: Participate in cooperative class discussions and small group projects (passing with at least 70%)

### **Title IX Statement:**

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If you experience an incident of discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are "Responsible Employees" and must report what you tell them to college officials. You can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at [www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct](http://www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct).

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