

Basic Course Information

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Course Title/ #:	SPCH 120 Interpersonal Communication	Email:	sabrina.worsham@imperial.edu
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Class Dates:	2/17/15-6/9/15	Office Hours:	M/W 4:30-5:15, 5:45-6:30 T 4:15-4:45, Th 1:00-1:30
Class Days:	Tues	Office Phone #:	(760) 355-6337
Class Times:	6:30-9:40	Emerg. Contact:	Ms. Maria Sell
Units:	3		

Course Description

This course gives students an opportunity to learn, apply, and improve the practical principles of interpersonal communication. Emphasis is placed on personal, situational and cultural influences on interaction, with attention given to human perception, interpersonal dynamics, listening, conflict management, verbal and nonverbal symbol systems. (C-ID COMM 130) (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic principles and concepts of interpersonal communication. ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5.
2. Develop and/or improve management of own interpersonal conflicts and relationships. ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5
3. Identify and analyze individual interpersonal communication strengths and weaknesses. ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Contrast the nature of communication in general with a specific definition of interpersonal communication.
2. Identify, explain and analyze the psychological, socio-cultural, and linguistic factors that affect interpersonal communication.
3. Describe and utilize specific skills in the following areas of the human communication process: perception, empathy, listening, and conflict management.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Julia T. Wood (2009). *Interpersonal Communication: Everyday Encounters* (6th/e). Wadsworth Publishing. ISBN: 978-0495567646

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Reader’s Notes (RN): (12 at 10 points each, 120 points possible): One FULL page of hand-written notes per chapter in the book. I suggest you define key terms, write down questions, and note how the text content relates to your life. Due at the BEGINNING of class. I WILL NOT take late reader’s notes; please plan ahead.

Weekly Journal (WJ): (14 at 15 points each, 210 points possible): 1-2 pages of reflection on the class and application to your life. Due at the BEGINNING of class. The Journal Prompts for the following week will be given out at the end of each class. If, for some emergency reason, you must miss class, you will need to ask one of your class best friends for the prompt. I WILL NOT take late journals.

In-Class Activity (ICA): (14 at 20 points each, 280 points possible): Each day of class that is not an exam day will feature an activity/engagement. These are fun ways to bring the concepts “to life” in the classroom. Simply participate and receive the points! Please note: arriving late and leaving early will void activity points.

Exams (Ex): (2 at 95 points each, 190 points total): There are two exams, a midterm and a final. The exams cover the assigned readings and class materials. The questions may include true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short-answer, application, and/or essay questions. Exams are closed-book.

5 Out of Class Activities (OU): (5 at 40 points each, 200 points possible): These assignments involve applying the concepts from class to your everyday life. Each assignment involves an interpersonal investigative or experimental action and write-up. Details will be provided in class

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Assignments: It is your responsibility to complete all assignments in a timely matter and submit them via the appropriate channels (in person or electronically, depending on the assignment). In general, NO late work will be accepted, even with documentation. All assignments need to be typed, unless otherwise specified

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Point/Assignment Breakdown:

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Weekly Journal (WJ): (14 at 15 points each, 210 points possible)

In-Class Activity (ICA): (14 at 20 points each, 280 points possible)

Exams (Ex): (2 at 95 points each, 190 points total)

5 Out of Class Activities (OU): (5 at 40 points each, 200 points possible)

There are 1000 points possible

A = 900-1000

B = 800-899

C = 700-799

D = 600-699

F = <599

Attendance

- “A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student’s status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student’s responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as ‘excused’ absences,” IVC: Documentation **MUST** be provided and arrangements made ahead of time. An excused absence does **NOT** excuse the work/activities missed.

REMINDER: scheduled doctor’s appointments, scheduled dentist appointments, school appointments, job interviews, work meetings/etc...are NOT urgent situations. You know your school schedule. Please plan accordingly. Be in class and be prepared. SW

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another’s work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one’s own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help.

- **Cheating** is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **Blackboard Support Site.** The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and El Centro Regional Center provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6310 in Room 2109 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date	Assignment DUE	Score	Poss.
17-Feb	ICA 1: Intro		20
24-Feb	ICA 2: Self-Assessment and Disclosure		20
	WJ 1		15
3-Mar	ICA 3		20
	WJ 2		15
	RN 1 Chapter 1: Defining Interpersonal Communication		10
	OU 1 OUTSIDE ACTIVITY 1: Those that we know?		40
10-Mar	ICA 4		20
	WJ 3		15
	RN 2 Chapter 2: Communication and Personal Identity		10
17-Mar	ICA 5		20
	WJ 4		15
	RN 3 Chapter 3: Perception and Communication		10
24-Mar	ICA 6		20
	WJ 5		15
	RN 4 Chapter 4: The World of Words		10
	OU 2 OUTSIDE ACTIVITY 2: Humyns of Imperial Valley		40
31-Mar	ICA 7		20
	WJ 6		15
	RN 5 Chapter 5: The World Beyond Words		10
7-Apr	Spring Break		

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14-Apr	ICA 8		20
	WJ 7		15
	RN 6 Chapter 6: Mindful Listening		10
	OU 3 OUTSIDE ACTIVITY 3: Friends: Old and New		40
21-Apr	Midterm		95
28-Apr	ICA 9		20
	WJ 8		15
	RN 7 Chapter 7: Emotions and Communication		10
5-May	ICA 10		20
	WJ 9		15
	RN 8 Chapter 8: Comm. Climate & Personal Relationships		10
12-May	ICA 11		20
	WJ 10		15
	RN 9 Chapter 9: Managing Conflict in Relationships		10
	OU 4 OUTSIDE ACTIVITY 4: Social Media Group Project		40
19-May	ICA 12		20
	WJ 11		15
	RN 10 Chapter 10: Friendships in our lives		10
26-May	ICA 13		20
	WJ 12		15
	RN 11 Chapter 11: Committed Romantic Relationships		10
2-Jun	ICA 14		20
	WJ 13		15
	RN 12 Chapter 12: Communication in Families		10
	OU 5: "Family" interview		40
9-Jun	Final		95
	WJ 14		15
	TOTAL		1000

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****