

Welcome to Interpersonal Communication!

I am happy to join you in your educational journey. I look forward to meeting you.

PROFESSOR'S MISSION:

To become a more competent, confident public speaker!

To become aware of the dynamics of Human Communication and its impact on society and ourselves.





Basic Course Information

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Classroom:		Office #:	
Class Dates:	16 AUG 2021-11 DEC 2021	Office Hours:	4-5 pm or by appointment
Class Days:	Online	Office Phone #:	
Class Times:		Emergency Contact:	Email, Pronto
Units:	3	Class Format:	Asynchronous

Course Description

Interpersonal Communication provides an understanding of concepts for examining one-to-one, dyadic communication. This study is on developing a conceptual framework for observing, relating, and modeling various interpersonal relationships through perceptual and adaptable communication. Concepts include self-concept, perception, verbal/nonverbal communication, engagement, and listening are defined in terms of integration of emotions, self-disclosure, relational growth, and conflict resolution. Through participation in class activities and assignments, you are encouraged to develop skills that are appropriate to managing communication problems experienced in your own real-life scenarios. Understanding and practicing the options available will equip you to make more reasoned, reasonable, and effective communicator. The purpose of this class experience is to develop interpersonal competence, which is based on the appropriate and effective behavioral choices one makes at various stage of the communication process and in different communication scenarios. This knowledge will assist you in making more reasonable, ethical, and effective communication decisions that can positively influence your communication processes. (C-ID COMM 130) (CSU, UC)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 009 or ENGL 099 or higher Training in the fundamental processes involved in oral communication with emphasis on organizing material, outlining, constructing, and delivering various forms of speeches. (Formerly SPCH 100) (C-ID COMM 110) (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to: Demonstrate knowledge of basic principles and concepts of interpersonal communication. ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5 Develop and/or improve management of own interpersonal conflicts and relationships. ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5 Identify and analyze individual interpersonal communication strengths and weaknesses. ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5

Course Objectives

When you complete the course, you will:

The main emphasis of this course is to enhance students' understanding of the factors and issues involved in creating, developing, and maintaining interpersonal relationships. Through the combination of theoretical principles and practical application, this class will focus on communication processes, perceptions, self-concepts, language, conflicts, and attitudes.

Students will learn about and discuss how individuals communicate on a person-to- person level and how communication patterns affect all facets of life.

When you complete the course, you will: Understand the principles of ethics in speaking and listening
Sharpen your critical thinking skills.
Improve your presentational skills.

Understand and describe how the process of persuasion works.

Understand and appreciate the importance of audience analysis and adaptation

Gain greater vocabulary

Prepare and deliver an effective oral presentation

Understand and be aware of the process of communication Gain greater vocabulary

Know yourself better

How culture creates issues Interpersonal/Intrapersonal competence Family communication

Online self-presentation

Romantic relationships

Work relationships

Gain greater awareness on the dynamics of the communication process

Understand how people use power, control and motive Learn the various styles of listening

Advocate for yourself and others.

Teaching Philosophy: As an instructor, my first commitment is to you; my intention is to create a vibrant, engaging learning experience. I am accessible to you as a learning resource, confidante, mentor, and guide. Furthermore, I am dedicated to a collaborative and comfortable learning environment, which is a cooperative effort between you and me. This type of atmosphere will serve us well as we experience different types of learning strategies in our course such lecture, discussion, and small group activities. I will ask you to strive toward a greater understanding of this teaching/learning paradigm as we explore communication and communication research together in our course.

Work-Based Learning

Work-based learning (WBL) allows students to apply classroom content in professional settings while gaining real-world experiences. These opportunities will provide you (the student) with a deeper, more engaging, and relevant learning environment. This semester, I will be offering the following activities to provide you with the opportunity to explore career options in the field of Communication.

Applied and work-based learning (WBL) allows students to apply classroom content in professional settings while gaining real-world experience. WBL exists on a continuum that reflects the progress of experiences from awareness-building to training. Students often cycle back through the continuum many times throughout college and throughout their career.

Field of study areas of employment include:

Journalism, Electronic Media, TV & Radio Broadcasting, Intercultural and Multi-linguistic Communications, Politics, Administration, Performing Arts, Speech and Rhetoric, Business, Corporate, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, among others.

Date or Month WBL Activity Name

WBL Activity Description

August-December	WBL Activity 1- Speeches/Presentations	We will be studying on to connect with your audience. This includes professional attire and the nonverbal cues that can impact your message.
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Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

References: College Dictionary Merriam Webster/Thesaurus Required: Textbook:

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman. Northfeld Publishing 2015. ISBN: 978-0-8024-1270-6



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Crucial Accountability by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan and Al Switzler. 2013
VitalSmartsLLC 2013. ISBN: 978-0-07-182931-1 A Journal/Diary and a Notebook to be used exclusively for
this class.
Notecards

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Read assigned materials. Use journal/diary for your notes; turn in essays, reflections, etc. Participate in class discussions and exercises. Discuss and present a story about “us.” Work in groups

Class Activities

Oral Assignments

Group Presentations

Exams Skill Demonstration

Journaling

Movie Presentation about Relationships

Written Assignments

Do research on topics selected for presentations

Demonstrate ethical behavior in the classroom

Take daily/weekly exams. Participate in class discussions and exercises

Discuss and present Storytelling

NO chewing gum when giving your speech or Presentation!

Participation Students will come to class prepared to engage the topic and respond to class discussion questions or assignments. Students will respect the instructor and other student’s opinions. Participation is not simply agreeing or disagreeing with a premise. It is explaining, defining, and sharing experiences, clarifying terms or perspectives. Do not just tell us you agree but explain your reasoning or experiences. Do not feel intimidated by your fellow Students. Everyone has something of significance to share! Your experiences and perception are an integral part of who you are. Texting in class will cut into your participation points! 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.

1. *To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or another electronic device, please submit your request here:*

<https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Evaluation Procedures



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Grading is determined on the following criteria:

Discussion/Participation/homework typed assignments/Journals/Essays/ 30%

Speeches/ 40%

Exams/Final 30%

(Not taking the Final exam can cause you to fail the class!) The points you EARN determine grades. The total points possible will be determined as the semester concludes. Usually, the amount ranges between 200-250 points, depending on the size of the class. All grades will reflect level of scholarship, initiative, attitude, cooperation, and individual improvement demonstrated throughout the course. Your homework assignments are to be typed and doubled spaced.

Late assignments or tests are rarely accepted and if done so are on a case by case. More information on rubric of each assignment will be explained as it is given out.

The following percentages illustrate the breakdown.

100-90% =A Superior

89-80% =B Above average

79-70% =C Average

69-60% =D

Below Average 59% or > = F

Course Policies

- 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 absence 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.*

What does it mean to “attend” an online class?

Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:

- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam
- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference
- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction via modules
- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor
- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters
- An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.
- **Logging onto Canvas alone is NOT adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.**

• *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, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.*

• IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DROP THIS COURSE!

- **Class Work** • Students are expected to work effectively in diverse groups and groups to achieve tasks. They must collaborate and function well in team settings as both leaders and followers. They should respect human diversity and behave in a committed, tolerant, respectful, and professional manner toward colleagues and peers. Skills developed through learning team collaboration include communication (both written and oral), critical thinking, interpersonal skills, active listening, organization/time management, and conflict resolution. There will be homework assignments. All homework assignments are to be typed, doubled spaced and with font twelve. Some assignment will require research. •
 - **Do not use Wikipedia as your source!**

How do I act differently if I have an on-ground class during COVID?

1. **DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS OR ATTEND AN OFF-CAMPUS CLASS IF YOU FEEL SICK, HAVE A FEVER, OR HAVE A COUGH**
 1. *Even if your symptoms are mild, stay home.*
 2. *Email your instructor to explain why you are missing class.*



3. *If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have COVID-19, provides CDC guidance.*
4. *If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must self-quarantine for 14 days and then be without symptoms for at least 72 hours. Clearance is required prior to returning to any face-to-face interaction. It is recommended that you undergo a final COVID-19 test to confirm that you are no longer infected.*
5. *If you are exposed through direct contact with a person known to be COVID-19 positive, then you must submit negative COVID-19 test results prior to returning to any face-to-face interaction.*

2. ARRIVE AT CAMPUS EARLY (at least 15 minutes early is advised).

a. All people entering the IVC campus will need to pass a screening process, which will occur at the gates as your drive onto campus. You will need to take a short questionnaire and get your temperature taken (the screening is completely touchless and will take place while you remain in your car).

3. BRING A MASK TO CLASS (and always wear it).

a. Be sure that your mask covers both your nose and mouth. If your mask is cloth, then wash it each day. If your mask is disposable, then use a new one each day.

4. GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR CLASSROOM.

a. The IVC campus is mostly closed so you should not visit other areas or seek any face-to-face services. Services are available to students online and can be accessed through www.imperial.edu.

5. WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY (and use the provided sanitation supplies).

a. Your classroom is equipped with cleaning supplies. Use them as needed.

6. BE SURE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE (stay at least 6 feet from other).

a. The number of students in a classroom at any one time is very limited so you have plenty of space to spread and ensure that you stay at least 6 feet from others.

7. DO NOT BRING FOOD AND DRINKS.

a. There is no food service currently offered on campus. **No food in class.**

NETIQUETTE

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages



promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

How am I expected to act in an online “classroom” (especially Zoom)?

Attending a virtual meeting can be a challenge when there are many students on one conference call. Participating in such meetings may count as class attendance, but disruptive behavior may also result in you not being admitted to future meetings. Follow the tips below for best results:

1) Be RESPECTFUL

a. Your written, verbal, and non-verbal communications should be respectful and focused on the learning topics of the class.

2) Find a QUIET LOCATION & SILENCE YOUR PHONE (if zooming)

a. People walking around, and pets barking can be a distraction.

3) EAT AT A DIFFERENT TIME.

- 1. Crunching food or chugging drinks is distracting for others.*
- 2. Synchronous zoom times are set in advance so reserve meals for outside class meetings.*

4) ADJUST YOUR LIGHTING SO THAT OTHERS CAN SEE YOU

- 3. It is hard to see you in dim lighting so find a location with light.*
- 4. If your back is to a bright window, you will be what is called “backlit” and not only is it hard on the eyes (glare), but you look like a silhouette.*

5) POSITION THE CAMERA SO THAT YOUR FACE AND EYES ARE SHOWING

- 5. If you are using the camera, show your face; it helps others see your non-verbal cues.*
- 6. You may be at home, however, meeting in pajamas or shirtless is not appropriate so dress*

suitably. Comb your hair, clean your teeth, fix your clothes, etc. before your meeting time to show self-respect and respect for others.

6) Be READY TO LEARN AND PAY ATTENTION

- 7. Catch up on other emails or other work later.*
- 8. If you are Zooming, silence your phone and put it away.*
- 9. If you are in a room with a TV – turn it off.*

7) USE YOUR MUTE BUTTON WHEN IN LOUD PLACES OR FOR DISTRACTIONS

*a. Pets barking, children crying, sneezing, coughing, etc. can happen unexpectedly. It's best if you conference in a private space, but if you can't find a quiet place, when noises arise **MUTE** your laptop.*

8) REMEMBER TO UNMUTE WHEN SPEAKING

- 1. Follow your instructor's directions about using the "raise hand" icon or chat function to be recognized and to speak, but make sure you have unmuted your device.*
- 2. Do not speak when someone else is speaking.*

9) REMAIN FOCUSED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

- 3. Especially when the camera is on YOU, we can all see your actions. Engage in the meeting. Look at the camera. Listen to instruction. Answer questions when asked.*
- 4. Do not use the Zoom meeting to meet with your peers or put on a "show" for them.*

10) PAUSE YOUR VIDEO IF MOVING OR DOING SOMETHING DISTRACTING

a. Emergencies happen. If you need to leave the room or get up and move about, stop your video.

Academic Honesty

is the advancement of knowledge requiring 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 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.



How do I show academic honesty and integrity in an online “classroom”?

- ***KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS CONFIDENTIAL.***

- *You have a unique password to access online software like Canvas. Never allow someone else to log-in to your account.*

- ***COMPLETE YOUR OWN COURSEWORK.***

- *When you register for an online class and log-in to Canvas, you do so with the understanding*

that you will produce your own work, take your own exams, and will do so without the assistance of others (unless directed by the instructor).

Examples of Academic Dishonesty that can occur in an online environment:

- *Copying from others on a quiz, test, examination, or assignment.*
- *Allowing someone else to copy your answers on a quiz, test, exam, or assignment.*
- *Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you.*
- *Conferring with others during a test or quiz (if the instructor didn't explicitly say it was a group*

project, then he/she expects you to do the work without conferring with others).

- *Buying or using a term paper or research paper from an internet source or other company or taking any work of another, even with permission, and presenting the work as your own.*
- *Excessive revising or editing by others that substantially alters your final work.*
- *Sharing information that allows other students an advantage on an exam (such as telling a peer what to expect on a make-up exam or prepping a student for a test in another section of the same class).*
- *Taking and using the words, work, or ideas of others and presenting any of these as your own work is plagiarism. This applies to all work generated by another, whether it be oral, written, or artistic work. Plagiarism may either be deliberate or unintentional.*

Other Course Information

Fall 2021 Census Procedures and Deadlines for Full Term Classes

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Saturday, August 28: Late registration for full-term classes ends.

Sunday, August 29: Last day to verify your Census Roster online.



Wednesday, September 6: Last day for Virtual Late Add Forms to be accepted.*

Saturday, November 6: Deadline to drop full-term classes.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
August - September	Syllabus & Introduction Intro to course/ considering self/ Perceiving/disclosure/ Accountability/Emotions/Storytelling	TBA
September- October	Crucial Conversations presentations/Culture/Listening/ Our Words/ Accountability Verbal/Non-Verbal Communication	TBA
<i>November- December</i>	Family members/relationship with Friends/Movie Presentations/Love languages Project/Final presentations/Final Exam	TBA

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****

I, the Instructor/Professor reserve the right to change the above syllabus, as necessary. It is YOUR responsibility to know about, understand and adapt to any changes that may be made to this syllabus. That includes dropping this course.

WELLCOME TO COMM. 125

BE PREPARED TO TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE!