

Course Outline for: COMM 1121 Small Group Communication**A. Course Description:**

1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: Goal #1 Communication

The primary purpose of this course is to assist the student in understanding and applying small group communication principles. Students will develop skills while participating in groups, completing group projects, and analyzing group processes.

B. Date last reviewed/updated: May 2023**C. Outline of Major Content Areas:**

1. Leadership
2. Conflict Management
3. Group Roles
4. Decision Making
5. Problem Solving
6. Group Norms
7. Meeting Management
8. Group Development
9. Technology

D. Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Develop skills in applying principles and practices of small group communication. (Goal 1b, 1d, 1e, 2a, 2b, 2d)
2. Manage the interpersonal dynamics of small group communication. (Goal 1b, 1d, 1e, 2b)
3. Demonstrate principles of leadership in the group process. (Goal 1b, 1d, 1e, 1f, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d)
4. Develop skills in group problem-solving and decision-making to achieve desired goals. (Goal 1b, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d)
5. Critically analyze small group communication. (Goal 1b, 1e, 1g, 2a, 2c)
6. Identify and analyze norms and roles in the group. (Goal 1b, 1e, 1g, 2a, 2c)

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning:

Methods for assessment may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Speeches

2. Self-reflection paper
3. Testing
4. Journals
5. Application papers
6. Case studies
7. Group assignments
8. Service learning
9. Research papers

F. Special Information:

Students may spend significant time working outside of class in their group. Grades will be determined by a combination of individual and group work.