

COMM 45959
Nonverbal Communication
Section 001 Call # 11751

Meeting Time: Tuesday, Thursday 1:45pm-3pm
Location: MSP D301
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Prerequisite: COMM 30000

Course Goals:

After completing this course, students should understand the basic perspectives of nonverbal communication, the effects of the environment on nonverbal communication, the nonverbal communication environment, nonverbal communication messages, how verbal and nonverbal communication interact, and nonverbal behavior.

Required Text:

Knapp, M. L., & Hall, J. A. (2002). *Nonverbal communication in human interaction*, (5th ed.), Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Exams:

There will be a midterm and a noncomprehensive final. Each exam will cover one half of the *Nonverbal Communication* textbook, as well as any lecture/supplemental material covered with the chapters. The format of the exam will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer, true/false, and matching. The second exam is not comprehensive. Each exam is worth 25% of the final grade. Review guides will be posted to WebCT one week prior to each exam.

Out-of Class Assignments:

The out-of-class assignments and instructions for them will be posted to WebCT at least two weeks prior to their due dates. The first assignment, "The Communication Environment," is due Thursday, February 6th. The second assignment, "Analysis of Interaction," is due Tuesday, April 29th. Taped interviews for the 2nd assignment will be shown in class on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Literature Review:

The final theory paper (8-10 pages) should be a literature review on research done in a specific nonverbal context or on a specific nonverbal communication theory. The research should include 10-12 scholarly peer-reviewed, academic sources. The literature review should include a summary of the research area,

strengths and weaknesses of the research methods employed, and future suggestions for continuing research. The papers should be: in 5th edition APA style, double-spaced, 12-point font, and Times New Roman font. Use the paper guidelines link on WebCT to check your paper before turning it in. The literature review is worth 25% of your final grade and is due Thursday, April 10th.

Attendance/Participation Policy:

Students are expected to attend and participate in every class during the semester. Part of your responsibility as a student is to come to class to participate in activities, discuss material, and share relevant examples. Attendance includes more than only physical presence. Side conversations, studying for other classes, and reading the newspaper are not considered attending class. More than three unexcused absences will result in a 3% deduction off the final grade for each additional absence. Documentation for excused absences must be presented to the instructor within one week of returning to class. An unexcused absence on the due date of an assignment or exam day does not excuse the student from turning the assignment/exam. Late assignments will be accepted up to one week after the due date for half credit. Missed exams cannot be made up.

Grade Calculations:

| | % | Points |
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| Exam One: | _____ x .25= | _____ |
| Exam Two: | _____ x .25= | _____ |
| Out-of-class Assignment 1: | _____ x .10= | _____ |
| Out-of-class Assignment 2: | _____ x .15= | _____ |
| Literature Review: | _____ x .25= | _____ |
| Attendance deduction: | | _____ |
| Final Grade: | | _____ |

Cheating/Plagiarism:

Cheating is the intent to misrepresent the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation. Plagiarism is presenting as one's own ideas and material or a portion of the ideas and material, derived from an existing source without full or proper credit to the source. This includes handing in materials turned in previously for other classes or signing the attendance sheet for someone else.

Disabilities:

In accordance with university policy, students who have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this class should contact Student Disability Services at (330) 672-2972.

