Casper College Course Syllabus
Interpersonal Communication
CO/M 1030.04

Semester/Year: Spring 2016
Lecture Hours: 3        Lab Hours: None        Credit Hours: 3
Class Time: 12:30 – 1:45PM       Days: T/TH        Room: Krampert Theater, Rm142
Instructor’s Name: Jordan Johnson

Office Hours: KT145 9-12 T/TH

Course Description: Focuses on face-to-face relationships in interpersonal communication settings. Self-concept, perception, language, nonverbal channels, listening, and emotions are presented as factors in dyadic relationships.

Statement of Prerequisites: None

Goal: This course strives to meet three primary goals. Students who complete this course should:
1. Emerge as more reflective and thoughtful communicators.
2. Progress their writing and critical thinking skills.
3. Navigate professional and personal relationships with intention.

Outcomes: To introduce students to the skills and concepts of interpersonal communication that will promote critical thinking and help students improve their understanding of how to communicate effectively and confidently in a variety of interpersonal contexts, and across varying cultures.

1. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication
   a. Students will identify, understand, and apply communication models to various interpersonal situations, demonstrating understanding orally and in written assignments.
   b. Students will demonstrate their understanding of specific chapter principles, and present their comprehension in various modalities, both written and oral.

3. Solve problems using critical thinking and creativity
   a. Students will be introduced to thinking critically and ethically about the various communication elements that influence relationships.
   b. Students will analyze the effects of specific communication behaviors and strategies in a variety of relationships and situations.

4. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures and historical perspectives
   a. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how to communicate appropriately and ethically in diverse interpersonal situations.
   b. Students will demonstrate a heightened awareness of, and appreciation for, diversity.

5. Appreciate aesthetic and creative activities
   a. Students will be able to demonstrate an appreciation for their world and their place in it through the communication about self, others, and the world in which they exist.
b. Students will analyze nonverbal communication codes as illustrated in various aesthetic and creative activities.
c. Students will demonstrate an understanding of specific communication principles and concepts within dyadic relationships, as illustrated in popular culture.

6. Use appropriate technology and information to conduct research
7. Describe the value of personal, civic, and social responsibilities
   a. Students will be able to demonstrate and describe the value of personal, civic, and social responsibilities by illustrating their awareness of other(s) through appropriate use of perception-checking, empathy, active listening, “I-language” and “we-language”.
   b. Students will recognize dynamic nature of relationships in regards to ethics, power and conflict.
   c. Students will have heightened awareness of the role communication plays in personal, civic, and social responsibilities.

**COURSE OUTCOMES (DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC) [CO]:**

Upon successful completion of Interpersonal Communication, students will be able to:
1. Identify various elements in the communication process and how those elements contribute to the creation of shared meaning.
2. Identify their own communication goals and how their perceptions, emotions, and expectations influence their self-disclosure to others.
3. Demonstrate awareness of other(s) through the appropriate use of perception-checking, empathy, active listening, and “I-language” and “We-language”.
4. Utilize nonverbal communication codes to construct and interpret messages.
5. Recognize the dynamic nature of relationships in regards to power, conflict and context.
6. Comprehend the impact of culture, gender, and technology on the creation and transaction of messages.
7. Develop self-confidence in the navigation of their interpersonal relationships.

Casper College may collect samples of student work demonstrating achievement of the above outcomes. Any personally identifying information will be removed from student work.

**Methodology:** Lecture, class discussions, guided activities

**Evaluation Criteria:**
I do not “give out” grades. You will earn your grade in this class by demonstrating your mastery of the subject through clearly defined assignments. It is your responsibility to fully understand the assignment. If you are unclear about an assignment, office hours are a great time to clarify.

**Written Work**
I will evaluate written work on the basis of clear argumentation, organization, style, grammar and spelling. You will submit all of your writing assignments through Moodle. Please format assignment in Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins.

**Late Work**
I will not accept late work. Written assignments will have strict deadlines. If you are pre-approved to miss class, you need to turn in assignments prior to your absence. Technical issues do not constitute an exception to this policy.

**Discussing Grades**
I will only discuss grades privately and in-person. This creates the best atmosphere for mutual understanding and respect. To promote that atmosphere, I ask that you wait at least 24 hours after grades are posted to schedule an appointment with me.

_Tardiness_

Role will be taken at the beginning of class. Assignments are due at this time. If you are tardy, you are responsible for submitting your work by the end of class. Regular tardiness may result in a deduction for participation.

_Required Text, Readings, and Materials:_


_Class Policies:_

_Last Date to Change to Audit Status or to Withdraw with a W Grade:_ April 14, 2016

_Student Rights and Responsibilities:_ Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

_Chain of Command:_ If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, the Dean, and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

_Academic Dishonesty:_ (Cheating & Plagiarism) Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct for more information on this topic.

_Official Means of Communication:_ Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student's assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly. This is also, where you will find course evaluation links during course evaluation periods.

_ADA Accommodations Policy:_ If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college’s Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.

_Sexual Harassment Protection:_ Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources below.

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**FINAL GRADE POINT RANGES**


*I will not bump grades at the end of the semester.

**Extra-credit may be offered to the entire class throughout the semester but is not guaranteed.
Course Policies:

**Civility Clause**

Civility is crucial to discussion and participation-based courses. To ensure that we create a respectful, supportive and safe learning environment, your adherence to the following expectations is required. Violations of these policies will result in serious disciplinary action.

1. Learning requires active listening. This class includes daily presentations during which you will be a supportive and active audience member. If you are distracting, intimidating or disrespecting a presenter, you will be dismissed from class.
2. You must be alert and awake during class. If you are not mentally present, you will be asked to leave the class. This includes not sleeping, doing homework, reading or using your cell phone during class.
3. Laptops will only be used for class-related activities. It will be made clear when laptops are allowed during class. If you choose to use your laptop for other activities, you will lose this privilege.
4. Cell phones need to be put away and on silent.
5. Side conversations are distracting to your instructor and classmates. If you have questions, please ask during discussion.
6. Class will start on time. If you are tardy, you are responsible for the material you missed.
7. **Everyone’s beliefs, morals, values and effort will be respected.** If you disagree with someone’s point of view, you may only do so in a respectful manner.
8. **Your discussion and presentations must be professional.** Offensive, crude, sexual or threatening language will not be permitted. If I feel you are threatening the safe and supportive atmosphere of the classroom, I will dismiss you from class. You will be required to meet with me before returning to class.

**Tentative Class Schedule**

**Week 1** Jan. 19th & 21st  
Syllabus & Intro to IPC – Chapter 1  
T: Class introduction & schedule  
Th: Lecture  
Due: Emotional Intelligence Test Results

**Week 2** Jan. 26th & 28th  
Considering Self - Chapter 2  
T: Lecture  
Th: Activity – Descriptive List Assignment on Moodle  
Due: Find My Office

**Week 3** Feb. 2nd & 4th  
Perception & Emotions - Chapter 3 & 4  
T: Perception Lecture/Activity  
Due: Descriptive List Reaction (1 pg.)  
Th: Emotions Lecture/Mask Introduction

**Week 4** Feb. 9th & 11th  
Film Analysis #1 - Crash

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**Week 5** Feb. 16th & 18th  
Unit #1 Test & Listening Actively – Chapter 5  
T: UNIT #1 TEST  
Due: Crash Analysis (2-3 pgs.)  
Th: Listening Lecture/Activity

**Week 6** Feb. 23rd & 25th  
Communicating Chapters 6 & 7  
T: Verbal Communication – Chapter 6  
Th: Non-Verbal Comm. – Chapter 7

**Week 7** March 1st & March 3rd  
Conflict & Power - Chapter 8  
T: Activity – Mafia Activity & Reaction  
Th: Managing Conflict & Power – Chapter 8  
Due: Mafia Reaction (1 pg.)

**Week 8** March 8th & 10th (Midterm)  
Film Analysis #2 – The Social Network
Week 9 March 15th & 17th
Spring Break

Week 10 – March 22nd & 24th
Romantic Relationships – Chapter 9
T: UNIT #2 TEST
Due: Social Network Analysis (2-3 pgs.)
Th: Romantic Lecture

Week 11 March 29th & 31st
Romantic & Family - Chapter 9 & 10
T: Romantic Lecture – Advice Columns, Intro to Group Project
Th: Family Lecture
Due: Advice columns (3, 250 words responses)

Week 12 April 5th & 7th
T: Group Planning
Th: Group Planning

Week 13 April 12th & 14th
Friends & Work – Chapters 11 & 12
T: Friends Lecture
Th: Work Lecture

Week 14 April 19th & 21st
Film Analysis #3 - Sunshine Cleaning

Week 15 April 26th & 28th
T: Research Paper Crash Course
Due: Sunshine Cleaning Analysis (2-3 pgs.)
Th: UNIT #3 TEST

Week 16 May 3rd & 5th
T: Group Presentations
Th: Group Presentations
Due: Peer Review & Research Papers

Final
Mask Presentations
Due: (1) Masks (before class),
   (2) Mask Papers,
   (3) Self-reflection essay