



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code COMM-330	Course Title Group Discussion & Communication	ECTS Credits 6
Department Communications	Semester Spring, Fall	Prerequisites
Type of Course Required	Field Communications	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st / 2 nd	Lecturer Dr Christine Savvidou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

- Introduce students to the ways in which social interactions operate between individuals and social groups.
- Explore the ways in which understandings of these groups is formed through social interaction.
- Develop processes for enhancing group communication.
- Provide observational and evaluative skills in small group behaviour. Students examine theory and research of group communication as it relates to the enhancement of communication skills.
- Provide opportunities for students to examine their own participation in groups and to experiment and improve upon those behaviours.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Describe the main characteristics, principles and theories of group communication;
2. Identify factors which relate to group formation and affect how individuals relate to others in groups;
3. Explain factors affecting communication in relation to group climate;
4. Identify ways to enhance group communication, manage conflict and support collaboration;
5. Discuss the characteristics of effective decision-making and approaches to the study of leadership in groups;
6. Demonstrate a general understanding of the processes, both verbal and non-verbal, whereby people manage communication face to face and in the context of real and virtual groups and/or communities;

7. Demonstrate a general understanding of the relationship between discourse, culture and identity as it applies to group communication.

Course Contents:

1. Introducing Group and Team Principles and Practices
2. Small Group Communication Theory
3. Group Formation
4. Relating to Others in Groups and Teams
5. Improving Group Climate
6. Managing Conflict
7. Preparing to Collaborate
8. Making Decisions and Solving Problems
9. Creativity
10. Leadership

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussions, Group project and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Homework Assignments; Mid-Term Exam; Final Exam; Group Project; Class Participation.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Steven A. Beebe & John T. Masterson	<i>Communicating in Small Groups: Principles and Practices</i>	Allyn & Bacon	2008	0205547214

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