

## **Course Syllabus**

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits	
BADM-231DL	<b>Business Communication</b>	6	
Prerequisites	Department	Semester	
None	Languages and Literature	Fall/Spring	
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction	
Required	Languages	English	
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study	
1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	Ms Apostolia Michael	N/A	
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites	
Distance Learning	N/A	None	

## **Course Objectives:**

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Make students aware of the various forms of communication within a business-oriented context.
- Provide students with the know-how to develop effective messages and the fundamental business terminology to communicate professionally and successfully at the workplace.
- Thoroughly discuss barriers in communicative situations and provide solutions for improvement.
- Cover in detail all types of business messages including oral messages, such as interviews and presentations.
- Improve students' competence basically in writing as well as in other forms of business communication, such as public speaking.
- Use effective message formats and business-related language expressions in written situations.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

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

- 1. Create effective messages relating to routine business matters.
- 2. Critically compare and evaluate business messages.
- 3. Analyse communications strategies and select effective ways to handle problems at the workplace.



- 4. Use effective message formats and business-related expressions in written situations.
- 5. Apply their knowledge to handle oral situations such as interviews and presentations.

#### **Course Content:**

- Fundamentals of Business Communication
- Presentation of Business Documents (open punctuation, four-point plan)
- Communicating in teams
  - Listening
  - Non-verbal communication
  - Intercultural communication
- Good will and good news messages
  - o Routine memos, letters, emails (netiquette and tone)
  - Complaints and Adjustments
- Bad News Messages
  - Direct Approach
  - o Indirect Approach
- Persuasive Messages
- Business memos, notes, and details
- Formal Letters
- Publicity materials (press releases, newsletters)
- Notices, advertisements, leaflets, information sheets and circulars
- CVs and Application Messages
- Interviews for Employment
- Communication through graphs and visual aids
- Oral Presentations

### **Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures, PowerPoint presentations, Readings, Assignments, Audio-recorded lectures, online discussions, assignments, interactive quizzes.

#### **Assessment Methods:**

Writing, Course/ Forum Participation/ Activities on the platform, Final Examination



# **Required Textbooks / Readings:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Business Communications Today, 14th Ed. Global	Bovee, C. L, and Thill J. V.	Pearson	2018	978-0134562186

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Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Essentials of Business Communication, 10 <sup>th</sup> Ed.	Guffey M.E., Laewy D.	CENGAGE Learning	2016	978-1285858913
Model Business Letters E- mails and other business documents	Shirley Taylor	Prentice Hall	2013	9780273751939
Practical English Usage	Michael Swan	Oxford University Press	2005	978-0194420983