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General Syllabus

COMM 34043 Small Group Communication

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: SPCH 1203 Introduction to Speech Communication

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Theory and practice in small group communication including leadership, group membership, and problem solving in both face-to-face and virtual settings.

B. Additional Information

This course will serve as one of the upper-level courses for speech minors as well as for media communication majors.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Apply and assess effective theories of leadership, group membership, and problem-solving in both face-to-face and virtual settings.
2. Demonstrate effective small group participation and collaboration in a project which involves goal setting, planning, and presenting.

B. University Learning Outcomes

The course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will be able to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Analytical Skills

Students will use analytical/critical thinking skills to draw conclusions and/or solve problems.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Leadership skills and theories
- B. Group membership skills and theories
- C. Problem-solving skills and theories
- D. Face-to-face and virtual settings