

University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras Campus
College of Humanities
English Department
Undergraduate Program

SYLLABUS

INGL 3256 Interpersonal Communication

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Class Meetings: SEC. 003 F 9:00 am –
11:50 am SGG 024

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by appointment

I. Course Description:

This course is about interpersonal communication processes. The class will assess basic concepts, theories, and research findings related to initiating, developing, modifying, maintaining, and terminating relationships and the role of communication in the process.

II. Course Objectives:

The overall objective of INGL 3256 is to examine the process of interpersonal communication as a means through which we build relationships.

Specifically, this course will stress:

1. The understanding of key principles of **interpersonal communication**.
2. The application and adaptation of the fundamentals of interpersonal communication in order to understand interpersonal processes and gain confidence in interpersonal encounters.
4. The development of the ability to listen deliberately and critically.
5. The understanding of the role of ethical dilemmas in interpersonal communication.

III. Textbooks:

Wood, Julia T. (2004) Interpersonal Communication: Everyday Encounters. Belmont, CA: Thompson, Wadsworth.

Braithwaite, Dawn O. and Julia T. Wood (1999) Case Studies in Interpersonal Communication Belmont, CA: Thompson, Wadsworth.

IV. The Student's Responsibilities in this course are:

1. To attend regularly and to develop critical and active listening skills when not speaking.
2. To prepare assignments when scheduled.
3. To participate in class discussions, to offer constructive criticism of your classmates, to complete all written assignments.
4. To confer with your instructor about your progress and problems, if any, in this course.
5. To prepare supplementary assignments and reports as required.
6. All written assignments are to be computer-generated unless specifically exempted by the instructor.

V. Standard Areas of Assignments:

1. A written mid-semester examination (100 pts.).
2. A written final project (May 14= 100 pts.)
3. Case Studies (160 pts.)
6. Class Attendance (40 pts.)

GRADE SCALE:	400-361	A
	360-319	B
	318-277	C
	276-241	D
	240 and below	F

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WILL BE GRADED ACCORDINGLY.

VI. Class Attendance: (40 pts.)

1. Attendance at class is mandatory. Violation of this policy will seriously affect the student's academic standing in the course.
2. The student must complete class requirements (exams, home work, readings) the day it is scheduled to OR make prior arrangements with the instructor OR receive the letter grade of F unless the absence is officially excused. Whenever possible, notify your instructor of any absences in advance. Messages for your instructor may be left at the instructor's voice or email.

VII. Students Rights & Responsibilities

A. Special accommodations (Law 51): For those students who are registered with the Rehabilitation Services Administration or students who are in need of special accommodations, please let me know on the first day of class. Possible arrangements dealing with assistive technology or equipment you may need should be coordinated through the Disability Services Office (OAPI) of the UPR-RRP, Dean of Students Affairs.

B. Grievances

Students with a grievance against another student in this class or students with a conflict with the instructor are referred to the grievance procedures outlined in the UPR- Rio Piedras Campus Student Handbook. It says, in part, "in academic matters such as a grade complaint, the student should first speak with his or her professor. The normal hierarchy then leads to the department chairperson, dean of the college, and provost.

C. Cheating & Plagiarism

Students are reminded that cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Even one incident of cheating or plagiarism is grounds for failing the course or more serious action by the university. Please study carefully the University policies on cheating and plagiarism that are detailed in the Student Handbook.

Below, you will find the class schedule and assignment due dates. This is SUPER important. Do NOT lose this syllabus!

Class schedule (Due to changes)

Date	Class Work	Homework
Week One Jan. 23	Introduction to the class Syllabus Class materials	Introduce yourself to the class. "I think Interpersona Communication is _____"
Week Two Jan. 30	Chapter One : The fabric of Interpersonal Communication	
Week Three Feb. 6	Chapter Two: Communication and the Creation of the Self	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: Sarah
Week Four Feb. 13	Chapter Three: Perception and Communication	Homework 20 pts. Case Study: Let her eat her cake
Week Five Feb. 20	Chapter Four: The World of Words	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: She says, he says

Week Six Feb. 27	Chapter Five: The World beyond Words	
Week Seven March 5	Midterm Movie: As Good as it gets.	GOOD LUCK 100pts.
Week Eight March 12	Chapter Six: Mindful Listening	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: Movie
Week Nine March 19	Chapter Seven: Emotions and Communication	Case Study:
Week Ten March 26	Chapter Eight: Communication Climate The Foundation of Personal Relationships	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: to be announce
Week Eleven April 2	Chapter Nine: Managing Conflict in Relationships Movie: Grease	
Week Twelve April 9	April 5-10 NO CLASSES HOLY WEEK RECESS	MOVIES: Grease and GOM
Week Thirteen April 16	Chapter Ten: Friendships in our lives Grumpy old men	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: Movies Grease and GOM
Week Fourteen April 23	Chapter Eleven: Committed Romantic Relationships Movie: What Women Want	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: Who's name?
Week Fifteen April 30	Chapter Twelve: Interpersonal Relationships in the Workplace	Homework: 20 pts. Case Study: Sexual Harassment
Week Sixteen May 7	Due Day - Project	100 points