

# MGMT931 Managing Business Communication

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#### **Instructor Contact Details**

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# **Teaching Times, Modes and Locations**

The Time: TBA

Modes: Online/Face-to-face

Location: Anywhere via online/Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-to-face

# **Academic Level**

Postgraduate

### **Units of Credit**

The course is worth 6 units of credit

#### **Credit Hours**

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semesterlong Australian university course.

## **Contact Hours**

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of orientation, lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision and final exam. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

#### **Course Description:**

This course provides students with the skills and knowledge of communication in the business environment. The course draws from a range of management and organisational communication theories with significant practical applications for developing and maintaining professional relationships in contemporary organisations within the global context. It focuses on understanding communication theory in a business context and applying it to high levels of effective business writing, persuasive and appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication, and interpersonal skills across teams and cultures.

#### Prerequisite:

N/A

#### **Learning Resources**

Hill, Linda A., and Zalosh, A. 2013, 'Wendy Peterson', Managing Communication in Organizations

# Learning Objectives

By the end of this course you should be able to:

Develop critical thinking and analytical skills;

Evaluate and select appropriate communication strategies for developing and maintaining interpersonal relationships;

Recognise and selectively apply the range of communication styles practised by successful professionals;

Communicate successfully in the workplace, verbally and non-verbally;

Successfully use persuasion strategies in leading others.

# Course Delivery:

 Online Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, online field trip(s), in-class activities, revision and final exam.  Face-to-face Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision and final exam.

The following course will be taught in English. There will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. All courses and others sessions will be run during weekdays.

# **Topics and Course Schedule:**

Topic	Activities	
Orientation	5   1	
Introduction	Lecture; Tutorial	
Intrapersonal & Interpersonal Communication	Lecture; Tutorial	
Communications Systems	Lecture; Tutorial	
Personality & Communication	Lecture; Tutorial	
Conflict management	Lecture; Tutorial	
Seminar		
Geographically dispersed audience	Lecture; Tutorial	
Communication in teams	Lecture; Tutorial	
Seminar		
Diversity and global issues	Lecture; Tutorial	
Comprehensive Communication Strategy	Lecture; Tutorial	
Nonverbal Communication	Lecture; Tutorial	

Lies & Body Language	Lecture; Tutorial
Hidden & Veiled Communication	Lecture; Tutorial
Groups, Decisions, & Emerging Technologies	Lecture; Tutorial
Revision	
Final exam	

# **Assessments:**

Class participation	15%
Quiz	15%
Research and case study	20%
Final exam	50%

# **Grade Descriptors:**

HD	High Distinction	85-100
D	Distinction	75-84
Cr	Credit	65-74
Р	Pass	50-64
F	Fail	0-49

# **High Distinction 85-100**

Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas

Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis

Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate

All criteria addressed to a high level

#### Distinction 75-84

Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas

Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis

Work is well-written and stylistically strong

All criteria addressed strongly

#### **Credit 65-74**

Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas

Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors

All criteria addressed clearly

#### Pass 50-64

Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas Work is adequately written, with some syntactical errors Most criteria addressed adequately

#### Fail 0-49

Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas Written style inappropriate to task; major problems with expression Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed

#### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programmes of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

#### **Policy**

- The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University.
- The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.
- Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered.
- The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this Policy. The following penalties may be imposed:
  - Expulsion;
  - Suspension;
  - Zero mark/fail grade;
  - Marking down;
  - Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports; and
  - Verbal or written warning.