COURSE INFORMATION FORM

DISCIPLINE  Communications
COURSE TITLE  Small Group Communication

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION
A study of strategies and communication relationships unique to small groups. Emphasis on the development of both leadership and participation skills.

PREREQUISITES
ENGL 30 / 90 or appropriate placement test score.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES IN THE COURSE (ESO)
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. List the important issues related to group dynamics.
2. Describe influences and strategies that would make a group effective or ineffective.
3. Discuss the role of leadership in a group.
4. Describe various kinds of power present within a group.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES (ESO)
Specify which general education outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course. Numbers in parentheses identify the Expected Student Outcomes linked to the specific General Education Outcome.
PROGRAM-LEVEL OUTCOMES

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Specify which Career and Technical program outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Career and Technical Education template” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes to assessment measures.

CLASS-LEVEL ASSESSMENT MEASURES
Student accomplishment of expected student outcomes may be assessed using the following measures. (Identify which measures are used to assess which outcomes.)

1. Quizzes and written examinations (1,2,3,4)
2. Homework and classroom assignments (1,2,3,4)
3. Student participation and in-class discussions (1,2,3,4)
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Individual instructors may order this outline as fits the needs of their individual courses. In addition, they may place more emphasis on some areas than on others. What is assured is that this particular list is covered in the course. Other topics may be added to a course as the instructor sees fit, and as time and interest allow. An *asterisk can be used to mark an item as optional.

I. Communication within groups
   A. Introduction and definitions
   B. Interpersonal vs. group communication
   C. Effective groups and effective group skills

II. Leadership
   A. Approaches to leadership
   B. Leadership styles

III. Decision making
   A. Methods
   B. Individual vs. groups

IV. Controversy and problem solving
   A. Constructive and destructive controversy
   B. Steps in problem solving
   C. Interpersonal conflict skills

V. The use of power
   A. Basis of power and authority
   B. Power-oriented behavior

VI. Diversity issues in group dynamics
   A. Defining diversity
   B. Multiculturalism and group dynamics