

North Hennepin Community College

COMM 1410: Human Communication Theory

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 01 - Communication

This introductory course examines a selection of theories of human communication. The emphasis of the course will be to provide students with the ability to understand theorizing in general and then to apply this understanding to particular theories. Students will be challenged to explore different types, contexts, and aspects of human communication as they relate to their own lives. Course content will include theory relating to the communicator, the message, the relationships, the media and the culture.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/24/2012 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. The class usually will include the following topics, though not all will be covered in every section every year:

- Introduction to Theory
- Communication as a Field of Study
- Understanding Historical Communication Theory
- Theories of Individual Human Communicators
- Theories of Communication Messages.
- Theories of Individual Conversations
- Theories of Human Relationships
- Theories of Group Communication
- Theories of Organizational Communication
- Theories of Media Studies
- Theories of Communication in Culture and Society
- The Future of Human Communication Theory

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Acquire an understanding of Human Communication Theory. (MnTC Goal 1, comps a, b, c, d, e, f, g; MnTC Goal 2, comps a, b, c, d; ELO 1, 2)
2. Demonstrate an awareness of how theories of human communication are created and supported. (MnTC Goal 1, comps c, f; ELO 1, 2)
3. Make educated and thoughtful comparisons among the theories of human communication and how those theories are applied. (MnTC Goal 1, comps c, f, ; MnTC Goal 2, comps a, c; ELO 2)
4. Recognize how knowledge of communication theories can enhance individual communication experiences. (MnTC Goal 1, comps b, c, f; MnTC Goal 2, comp a; ELO 2,3, 4)
5. Develop skill in evaluating and validating theories of communication. (MnTC Goal 1, comps c, f; MnTC Goal 2, comp c; ELO 2,3, 4)
6. Explore areas for future study in communication theory. (MnTC Goal 1, comps c, e; MnTC Goal 2, comps b, d; ELO 2, 3, 4)

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 01 - Communication

1. Understand/demonstrate the writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing and presentation.
2. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.
3. Locate, evaluate, and synthesize in a responsible manner material from diverse sources and points of view.
4. Select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences.
5. Construct logical and coherent arguments.
6. Use authority, point-of-view, and individual voice and style in their writing and speaking.
7. Employ syntax and usage appropriate to academic disciplines and the professional world.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted