

CJS K253

**Interpersonal Dynamics  
for Criminal Justice Professionals**

Tuesday / Thursday 1:00 – 2:15  
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Tuesday 11:00-12:30  
Wednesday 10:00-1:00

Text: Fritz (et al), 2005. Interpersonal Skills for Leadership  
**Students MUST have access to internet and email**

**Course Goals and Objectives:**

Students will explore themselves within the context of the Criminal Justice Professions.

- Identify and articulate their communication weaknesses and strengths
- Analyze areas of prejudice and personal dislikes
- Articulate their stressors and explore ways to minimize the impact of stress on them physically, emotionally and cognitively.
- Assess their effectiveness within group processes
- Discuss their leadership skills and potentials

To analyze and evaluate argumentation and persuasion to evaluate, improve, refine, and refute it.

- To acquire and analyze information to determine its quality and utility.
- To recognize parallels between and among disciplines and apply knowledge, skills, or abilities learned in one discipline to another.
- To summarize, analyze, evaluate and use argumentation and persuasion.
- To utilize inductive and deductive thought processes.

To assess what information is needed to answer questions and solve problems and to retrieve, evaluate, and use that information effectively.

- To identify information needed to answer questions
- To access information efficiently
- To evaluate information and its sources for specified purposes
- To apply ethical, social and legal principles when accessing and using information.

To understand and convey ideas in diverse contexts using reading, writing, speaking and listening

- To comprehend and evaluate written passages.
- To write clearly.
- To speak clearly.
- To understand lectures, arguments, and other speech.

8/28 “Do you want to be a positive influence? First, get your life together” (Fritz, 2005, p85)  
Review of Syllabus, course goals and student expectations

8/30 Know your name//Group Listening Read Chapter 1

9/4 Communication Forms

9/6 The “Self”/Self Perceptions *discuss essay assignment* Read Chapter 4

9/11 Self awareness exercises

9/13 What is culture? Influences of Culture on Communication

9/18 Cross Cultural Communication// writing out of class

9/20 Masks/ processing Essay on Cross Cultural Communication due  
Dots/ processing

9/25 Listening Read Chapters 2 & 6

9/27 Hearing

10/2 Values Game Essay on Self Perceptions Due and discussed

10/4 The Next Step: Strategic Planning EXAM Distributed

Students complete the syllabus through strategic planning sessions

10/9 Planning Session

10/11 Planning Session

10/16 Planning Session

10/18 Submit Plan individual reflection on planning process due

10/23 Students work on meeting Goals of Strategic Plan.

10/25

10/30 Exam Due Review Student syllabus planning process

11/1 Begin Student Driven syllabus

**Essay on Cross Cultural Communication: 10%**

Students will read and analyze materials in packet and synthesize into essay form

**Essay on Self: 10%**

Discuss with a person close to you how they perceive your presentation of self. Within that conversation discuss how that person perceives your ability to communicate effectively. Reflect on these questions:

1. How do you choose to be seen by others?
2. Do they see you as you would choose to be seen?
3. Will this persona work effectively within the many divergent arenas you will find yourself in as you become part of a Criminal Justice Profession?
4. What do you plan to do this semester to become more aware of self and an effective communicator?

**Reflective writing/ Planning Process 10%**

**Exam: 20%**

**Remainder of assignments and grade points to be determined as part of the Strategic Plan.**

**Institutional and course policy statements:**

**Disabilities Statement:**

Students with disabilities are guaranteed reasonable accommodation under the provision of the ADA of 1992. Disclosure of a disability must be voluntary. In instances where students have disabilities that are not discernable, valid and reliable documentation to verify eligibility for accommodation is required and must be submitted to the Student Development offices of Student Services. Please call 383-5217 for more information or to schedule a confidential meeting with one of our disability service providers.

**Final Grade Scale**

A	=	94 - 100	C	=	73 - 76			
A-	=	90 - 93	C-	=	70 - 72	W	=	Withdrawal
B+	=	87 - 89	D+	=	67 - 69	I	=	Incomplete
B	=	83 - 86	D	=	63 - 66	P / F	=	Pass / Fail
B-	=	80 - 82	D-	=	60 - 62	AU	=	Audit
C+	=	77 - 79	F	=	00 - 59			

## **College Withdrawal Policy**

An administrative transcript notation used to indicate that a student is withdrawn from a course in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the College. **The deadline for Withdrawal Fall 2012 is December 10, 2011.**

## **\*\*\*\*\*Instructor's Attendance Policy\*\*\*\*\***

Consistent attendance at class meetings is crucial to success in this course.

### **You are expected to attend all classes in order to receive full benefit from instruction.**

Gratuitous cutting is strongly discouraged. Your instructor will counsel you to withdraw if you exhibit poor attendance and or punctuality. Poor attendance is defined as anything beyond 6 hours of class. You are urged to contact your instructor prior to missing a class. **YOU are responsible for all lecture or class notes and all work missed during your absence. YOU are encouraged to get contact information from a classmate to ensure you have access to all missed material.**

## **Academic Dishonesty**

### **Definitions of Academic Dishonesty**

#### **General Definition**

*(Student Discipline Policy, section 2:10, Board of Trustees of Connecticut Community Colleges)*

Academic Dishonesty shall in general mean conduct which has as its intent or effect the false representation of a student's academic performance, including but not limited to (a) cheating on an examination, (b) collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course, (c) plagiarizing, including the submission of others' ideas or papers (whether purchased, borrowed, or otherwise obtained) as one's own, (d) stealing or having unauthorized access to examination or course materials, (e) falsifying records of laboratory or other data, (f) submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course, and (g) knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

#### **Academic Dishonesty in a Service Learning, Practicum, Internship, Co-operative, or Fieldwork environment**

Conduct in community settings entered by a student as part of coursework must be equally characterized by integrity and honesty. Dishonest conduct proscribed under this policy includes but is not limited to (a) making false statements to community partners about the student's skills, credentials and accomplishments, (b) making false statements to community partners or the instructor about progress in the work the student has agreed to do in the community, including supplying false documentation of work, (c) failing to abide by the rules and policies of the community partners that the student agreed to accept as a condition of entrance into the community setting, (d) failing to return materials belonging to the community partner or instructor (e) violating the ethical principles common to professional researchers, including violation of confidentiality or anonymity agreements with research subjects, deceiving or harming research subjects, or coercing participation in research

#### **Cellular Phones and Beepers**

Students are notified that cellular phones and beepers are allowed in class or in the Learning Resource Center only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are phones to be answered in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require that a student be available by phone or beeper, the student should speak to the instructor prior to class so that together they can arrive at an agreement.

#### **Early warning notification:**

Students experiencing academic difficulty and/or chronic absenteeism will be notified of their class standing.