

SPCH 106: SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION

Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2024
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Total Student Learning Hours:	162
Strongly Recommended:	ENGL 101.
District General Education:	A2. Communication & Analytical Thinking
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	Yes - Approved
Grading Method:	Standard Letter

Catalog Course Description

Principles, techniques, and uses of discussion in contemporary society. Training and practice in informal group discussion, panel discussion, symposium and forum. Emphasis on collaborative decision-making. 54 lecture hours.

Course Objectives

- explore and practice various contexts and theories of group discussion such as leadership, conflict, rules and network theories
- identify types of groups and evaluate their goals
- participate in group performance projects
- analyze problem situations, offer solutions, and evaluate the solutions/results
- demonstrate confidence and competence in orally communicating the results of a group project
- speak in various group formats
- develop sound reasoning leading to group decisions.
- understand psychological, social and cultural aspects of group settings.

Major Course Content

In small group settings, the course will devote substantial class time to preparation, practice, and participation in oral communication, including:

1. Oral presentation
2. Providing and receiving feedback about both the content and forms of communication.
3. Organizing, evaluating, and reporting information
4. Persuasion
5. Effective listening
6. Problem –solving communication skills
7. Conflict management
8. Decision making
9. Communication and leadership

10. Context, audience, and purposes of small-group communication: Dyads, small and large groups, public settings, and group dynamics and/ or roles within groups.

Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

The textbook will be assigned to accompany each group presentation assignment.

Examples of Required Writing Assignments

All group presentation will be accompanied with a written outline for each student.

Examples of Outside Assignments

Students will be required to complete the following types of assignments outside of the regular class time: 1. Group interactions and introductions to class 2. Group problem solving activity 3. Group role playing activity 4. Presentation to demonstrate group conflict styles and management. 5. Study for Midterm Exam 6. Observe and report on a group meeting outside of class.

Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture

IGETC Area 1: English Communication

1C. Oral Communication