



**Communication Strategies**  
**Professor: Garrett Cromwell**  
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**Class Hours:** TBA

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Communication Strategies will provide students with tools to become more assertive, confident, and competent communicators in English. **STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS TO QUALIFY FOR THE COURSE.**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Students will be able to describe and demonstrate assertive communication
- Students will be able to apply communicative skills learned in the course to maintain a 10-minute conversation
- Students will be able to demonstrate a higher willingness to communicate in English
- Students will be able to converse in English-only conversations for extended periods of time

**Text:** There will be certain materials that students will need to print and bring to class. Students will also be expected to take notes during class

**Grading:**

Attendance/Participation 60%	Midterm 1-on-1: 10%	Essays: 10%
Presentations:10%	Final 1-on-1: 10%	
✧ This course uses a pass/fail system. A passing grade is 75% in the class		

\*Presentations will be held at the end of each lecture.

## Attendance Policy

If you wish to improve your English, it is crucial that you come to every class on time. To complete a course, students must attend at least 75% of classes.

- More than 4 absences will result in a grade of FAIL.
- Students late for more than the first 15 minutes of the class hour = 1 absence. But, 1 hour late will result in 1 absence. 3 times late = 1 unexcused absence.
- Being absent will NOT be excused. I will not accept official documents. You are responsible for finding out what you missed in class.

Week 1	English proficiency exam, Introduction to the course, Willingness to Communicate Survey,	Week 9	Deep listening, opening up
Week 2	Brainstorming Ideas, Making Connections, Forming Opinions	Week 10	Organizing Ideas
Week 3	An approach to initiating and maintaining conversation	Week 11	Working Together
Week 4	Using the imagination	Week 12	Balanced Opinions
Week 5	Building confidence	Week 13	Preparation for Final Group Project
Week 6	Group Video Project	Week 14	Final group project
Week 7	Midterm Essay, Midterm Speaking Exam Practice	Week 15	Final Essay, Final Speaking Practice, WTC survey
Week 8	Midterm Speaking Exam	Week 16	Final Speaking Exam