



MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY

The mission of McKendree University is to provide a high-quality educational experience to outstanding students.

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COM 252 Interpersonal Communication (3)

Examination of person-to-person communication with specific emphasis on such daily communication aspects as self-concept, perception, language, nonverbal communication, and listening.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Be able to identify, connect with, and analyze interpersonal communication concepts by engaging in critical reflection, engaged discussion, and applied learning.
 - a. Understand the complexities of beginning, building, maintaining and ending relationships.
 - b. Become familiar with and be able to analyze major theories and existing research relevant to communication in a wide variety of relationships.
2. Develop and strengthen your ability to analyze the influence and role of communication in intimate relationships, and be empowered to better your communication in your current and future intimate relationships.
3. Practice and develop your writing, reading, and critical thinking skills.

Course Topics

1. Unit 1: Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication
 - a. Communication Overview
 - b. Culture and Gender
 - c. Communication and the Self
 - d. Interpersonal Perception
2. Unit 2: Interpersonal Communication Skills in Action
 - a. Language
 - b. Nonverbal Communication
 - c. Listening
 - d. Emotion
3. Unit 3: Dynamics of Interpersonal Relationships
 - a. Forming and Maintaining Personal Relationships
 - b. Interpersonal Communication in Close Relationships
 - i. Friendships
 - ii. Romantic Relationships
 - iii. Families
 - iv. Workplace