

**Course Code:** COM 200 (IAI MC 902)

**Course Title:** Leadership and Small Group Communication

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 23.1304

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 3-0-3

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 3**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

Theory and techniques of communication and problem-solving applied to leadership and small group situations to prepare students for working in groups and collaborative teams in their careers. Includes small group theory, relationships, problem-solving, research methods, leadership, and conflict resolution.

### General Course Objectives

To provide both theory and practice in group communication skills with concentration on leadership and problem-solving techniques.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

2-4 writing assignments, 2-4 group projects, and participation in class activities. Midterm exam (or equivalent unit exams) and final exam or project.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Communicating in Small Groups: Principles and Practices, by Beebe, Steven A. and John T. Masterson (current edition).

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Communication Theory	1. Demonstrate ability to recognize and analyze small group theory.	3	0	0
Group Formation and Communication Competencies	1. Identify reasons for group formation. 2. Explain the characteristics of effective groups and effective leadership in groups.	6	0	0
Problem Solving, Logic, and Reasoning	1. Apply problem solving and critical thinking skills.	9	0	0
Collaboration Methods	1. Know and apply decision-making techniques.	3	0	0
Group Climate	1. Demonstrate tolerance, discrimination, and flexibility in language choices by creating a supportive and cohesive climate.	3	0	0
Enhancing Creativity	1. Learn techniques to enhance leadership and creativity in small group situations.	3	0	0
Relational Elements: Verbal, Nonverbal, and Listening	1. Assess how roles, trust, norms, and culture affect group interaction. 2. Assess group's essential communication skills.	6	0	0
Leadership	1. Employ the skills needed to lead a group discussion.	3	0	0
Conflict Management	1. Demonstrate an understanding of the problem-solution process. 2. Apply skills to conflict situations.	3	0	0
Communication Formats	1. Recognize and employ various public discussion formats such as symposium and panel discussion. 2. Employ skills for communicating with an audience.	6	0	0

#### Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0