Overview

Learn the basics of effective human communication, which can change the way you interact with others and the world.

About this course

This course is designed to introduce you to the basic concepts of human communication, processes, and environments. This course surveys communication topics related to culture, identity, organizations, and relationships. By the end of this course, you should have a fuller understanding of appropriate and effective communication based on your knowledge of theoretical concepts and their application.

Required prior knowledge and skills

To be successful in this course, we recommend English language fluency and computer literacy.

Learning Outcomes

You will learn:

- To define and describe the complex nature of communication
- To identify and describe the various contexts of communication study, including interpersonal, small group, organizations, public, and mass communication
- To explain the features of communication common to all contexts, including verbal and nonverbal
- To connect theoretical concepts of communication to everyday experiences
- To define key terms used by communication researchers and practitioners
- To describe the relationships between the discipline of communication and other academic areas of study

Additional Info

This course satisfies 3 credit hours toward the Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) General Studies at Arizona State University. It is strongly encouraged that you consult with your institution of choice to determine how these credits will be applied to their degree requirements prior to transferring the credit.
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