

Course Specifications

| Course Title: | Professional Communication Skills |
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| Course Code: | ENG-3/407 |
| Program: | Bachelor's Program in English |
| Department: | Department of English |
| College: | Jazan (Male and Female Campus), Samtah (Female Campus), Darb (Female Campus), Ardha (Female Campus), Dayar (Female Campus), and Farasan (Female Campus) |
| Institution: | Jazan University |











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A. Course Identification

| 1. Cr | redit hours: 3hrs | | | |
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| 2. Co | urse type | | | |
| a. | University Co | llege | Department 🗸 | Others |
| b. | Required | Elective | | |
| 3. Le | evel/year at which this cou | urse is offered: L | evel 7/ 4 th year | |
| 4. Pr | re-requisites for this cours | se (if any): Acaden | nic Writing ENG -3/345 | |
| 5. Co | o-requisites for this cours | e (if any): None | | |

6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction | Contact Hours | Percentage |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Traditional classroom | 45 | 100 |
| 2 | Blended | | |
| 3 | E-learning | | |
| 4 | Distance learning | | |
| 5 | Other | | |

7. Contact Hours (based on academic semester)

| No | Activity | Contact Hours |
|----|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Lecture | 45 |
| 2 | Laboratory/Studio | |
| 3 | Tutorial | |
| 4 | Others (quizzes, assignments, and worksheets) | |
| | Total | 45 |

B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

1. Course Description

Professional communication is a three-credit hour course offered to Bachelor Degree program. It provides students with significant information about professional writing and communication at various professional workplace environments. Throughout the semester students will be involved in some practical activities that enhance their skills to communicate successfully as well as professionally. These activities include producing and analyzing emails, resumes, reports, different types of letters, memos, proposals and job interviews. Class activities will allow students to participate in ongoing writing tasks and discussions with classmates and professors to do both individual and collaborative projects.

2. Course Main Objective

This course aims at enabling students to:

• Develop a comprehensive understanding of the principles of professional writing and communication

- Write effective documents consistent with professional writing standards.
- Produce a wide range of writing for different purposes such as informing, reporting findings, persuading and recommending a course of action.
- Develop and write resumes, emails, reports, job application letters and other types of letters
- Work collaboratively in peer workshops, group work, and group projects
- Apply persuasive strategies in their writing and speaking
- Use appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication skill

3. Course Learning Outcomes

| | CLOs | Aligned PLOs |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Knowledge and Understanding: Students will be able to | |
| 1.1 | Define basic concepts and theories of Professional Communication | K1 |
| 1.2 | Describe the purpose and planning of writing | K1 |
| 2 | Skills : Students will be able to | |
| 2.1 | Write various types of emails and letters | S1 |
| 2.2 | Design effective CVs and memos | S 1 |
| 2.3 | Prepare academic proposals and reports | S4 |
| 3 | Values: Students will be able to | |
| 3.1 | Display adequate communication capabilities to face a job interview confidently | V2 |
| 3.2 | Develop persuasive presentation skills to express their ideas fluently | V3 |

C. Course Content

| No | List of Topics | |
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| | Chapter-1 | |
| 1 | Purpose and planning of writing | 3 |
| | Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication | |
| | Chapter-3 Emails and Letters | |
| 2 | Style and Tone | 3 |
| | Readability and Structure | 3 |
| | How to Manage Email | |
| 3 | Inquiry letters | |
| 4 | Follow up letters (replies to requests, refusals of requests) | |
| 5 | Chapter 4 Curriculum Vitae(CV), Application Letter, Interview | 6 |
| 3 | CV | U |
| 6 | Job application letters 3 | |
| 7 | Job Interview 3 | |
| 8 | Memo | |
| 9 | Chapter-8 Report Writing | |
| 10 | Chapter – 9 Persuasive Presentation | |
| 11 | Chapter-14 Proposal Writing | 6 |
| 11 | Academic Proposals | U |

| 12 | Revision | 3 |
|----|----------|---|
| | Total | |

D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| | Assessment Methods | | | | | |
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| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods | | | |
| 1.0 | Knowledge and Understanding: Students will be able to | | | | | |
| 1.1 | Define basic concepts and theories of Professional Communication | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, | Mid-term exam, Quizzes, Final Exam, Assignments. MCQs, Fill in the blanks, True or False | | | |
| 1.2 | Describe the purpose and planning of writing | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, | Mid-term exam, Quizzes, Final Exam, Assignments. MCQs, Fill in the blanks, True or False | | | |
| 2.0 | Skills: Students will be able t | 0 | | | | |
| 2.1 | Write various types of emails and letters | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, worksheets | Mid-term exam, Quizzes, Final Exam, Assignments. Write an email, Write a letter, Completing a letter or an email. | | | |
| 2.2 | Design effective CVs and memos | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, worksheets | Mid-term exam, Quizzes, Final Exam, Assignments. Prepare a CV with your personal information, Write memo, Completing a CV or a memo. | | | |
| 2.3 | Prepare academic proposals and reports | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, worksheets | Mid-term exam, Quizzes, Final Exam, Assignments. Write a report on, Describe different elements of a proposal. | | | |
| 3.0 | Values: Students will be able | | | | | |
| 3.1 | Display adequate communication capabilities to face a job interview confidently | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, Role play | Practical Assessment | | | |
| 3.2 | Develop persuasive presentation skills to express their ideas fluently | Lecturing, Group discussion Communicative approach, Occasional | Practical Assessment | | | |

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
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| | | presentations by students, Workshops and group discussions. | |

2. Assessment Tasks for Students

| # | Assessment task* | Week Due | Percentage of Total Assessment Score |
|---|---------------------------|----------|---|
| 1 | Quiz 1 | 4-6 | 10 |
| 2 | Midterm | 7-10 | 20 |
| 3 | Face to face Interview | 11-14 | 10 |
| 4 | Presentation | 15 | 10 |
| 5 | Final Written Examination | 16 | 50 |
| 8 | Total | | 100% |

^{*}Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice :

Course teachers are available during office hours (10 hours per week) for students seeking academic help and advising. Further, they are assigned academic counselors with whom they may discuss academic or even personal issues.

F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1.Learning Resources

| | Professional Communication Deliver Effective Written, Spoken |
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| | and Visual Communication, Jane English, Sally Burt and Gabel |
| | Nudelman, Fourth Edition. |
| Required Textbooks | Syllabus F.Y.B.Sc. IT Professional Communication Skills (This |
| _ | material can be used for the introductory chapter and writing memos) |
| | Note: Practising different discourses should be focused than |
| | the theory part. |
| | A Students's Guide to Academic and Professional Writing in |
| | Education by Alison Bright |
| Essential References | The Craft of Professional Writing: A Guide for Amateur and |
| Materials | Professional Writers by Michael S. Malone |
| | Writing at Work: Professional Writing Skills for People on the Job by |
| | Stephen A. Bernhardt |
| | https://www.instructionalsolutions.com/blog/business-writing-tools |
| Electronic Materials | https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for- |
| | learners/b2w002a-how-to-write-a-formal-letter |
| Other Learning | |
| Materials | Any materials on professional communication |
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2. Facilities Required

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| Item | Resources | |
| Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.) | Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.) Classrooms - 25 seats | |
| Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.) | Technology resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.) | |
| Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list) | ESL Cyber Listening Lab Internet facility in the class rooms, Books related to English Department in the library | |

G. Course Quality Evaluation

| Evaluation Areas/Issues | Evaluators | Evaluation Methods |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Effectiveness of Teaching | Course Teachers, Teaching and Learning Unit, Students, Program Leaders | Formative and Summative Assessment, Student Evaluation |
| Achievement of CLOs | Course Teachers, Teaching and Learning Unit, Program Leaders | |
| Quality of Learning Resources | Course Teaching, Teaching and Learning Unit, Program Leaders, Students | Course Report, Student Evaluation |

Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify)

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

H. Specification Approval Data

| Council / Committee | Department Council (session # 2101) |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reference No. | 43/54/25644 |
| Date | 29/9/21 |