



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

ENG 155
Communications I

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Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: ENG 155

COURSE TITLE: Communications I

CONTACT HOURS: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

Communications I is a survey of the oral and written communication skills necessary for success in modern businesses as well as many trades and career paths. Executives from all levels and types of professional establishments list the ability to communicate as the most important factor in job success. By teaching the forms of oral and written communication demanded by modern businesses and technologies, this course will help prepare students for the workforce.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the principles of expository writing and public speaking through practice and development of communication skills.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 056 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 058 or New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 235 and New ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 235 or COMPANION Reading 056 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 058 or SAT Critical Reading 380 or ACT English 12 and ACT Reading 14 or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level ENG 100 Minimum Grade of C* or Credit level ENG 032 Minimum Grade of C* or Multiple Measures English 1.

***Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the [DLi Orientation Video](#) prior to enrolling in an online course.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials.

Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.

College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

NETIQUETTE: is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

I. Communication Theory

Materials used: course textbook, Chapters 1-3

Possible assessment may include quizzes/tests, scenario/case assignment, group project or presentation.

Learning outcomes: The student will be able to identify and explain:

- The importance of analyzing the situation, conducting an audience analysis, identifying barriers to communication, and planning message.
- The importance of understanding obvious and hidden challenges when communicating across cultures.
- The importance of clear communication in electronic and web-based mediums, as well as some of the benefits and challenges such communication presents.

II. Written Communication

Materials used: course textbook, Chapters 4-16

Possible assessment may include scenario/case assignment, group project or presentation, informative, collaborative, or persuasive messages in a text-based medium.

Learning outcomes: In written assignments, the student will be able to:

- Craft messages for specific audiences that value clarity, accuracy, professionalism, and conciseness
- Write in a variety of mediums, applying the conventions and features unique to the medium
- Adapt to a variety of situations and purposes, which may include, but are not limited to routine informative messages, persuasive requests, messages of negative news, reports, proposals, resumes and cover letters
- Demonstrate a basic command of standard written English and basic grammar conventions

III. Oral Communication

Materials used: course textbook, Chapters 4-16

Possible assessment may include scenario/case assignment, group project or presentation, informative, collaborative, or persuasive messages in an oral medium.

Learning outcomes: In oral assignments, the student will be able to:

- Plan, draft and deliver verbal messages for a variety of audiences and purposes that may include informative and persuasive communications
- Speak with clarity and professionalism with instructor and classmates in the classroom environment
- Demonstrate positive non-verbal communication including posture, facial expression, eye contact, and tone of voice in an individual or group presentation setting
- Offer and receive constructive criticism in a collaborative setting

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

This course fulfills the following General Education Outcomes through its assigned content. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Communicate effectively;
- Think critically;
- Self and professional development.

EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL AND INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION (EPIC):

This course fulfills HGTC’s Quality Enhancement Plan for Effective Professional and Interpersonal Communication. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

(Check all that apply.)

Utilize appropriate communication formats when conveying professional and interpersonal thoughts and ideas.

Apply appropriate language when speaking and writing for their chosen field of study or Industry.

Demonstrate appropriate communication techniques when engaging audiences.

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*:

Students’ performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Oral	30%
Written	40%
Exams/Final	30%
	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

For online and hybrid courses, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, and if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources



THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic tutors** for most subject areas, **Writing Center support**, and **college success skills**.
2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication **coaching** in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring, contact the SSTC at ssc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email ssc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.



STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central

TECH Central offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC:** General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) including Office 365 support, password resets, and username information.
3. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available in Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
4. **Chat with our staff on TECH Talk**, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552.

Visit the [Tech Central](#) website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option #1.



HGTC LIBRARY:

Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries are equipped with computers to support academic research and related school work; printing is available as well. Visit the [Library](#) website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course and in **make-up exam** situations may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms (which may have a fee associated with the usage)

Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

DISABILITY SERVICES:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#). The Accessibility and Disability staff will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or

sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator or designee.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, Title VII, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs

Title IX, Section 504, and Title II Coordinator

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Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer and Title IX Coordinator

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