A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This seminar is designed for sophisticated communication students who have significant prior learning in group communication. The seminar is a condensed and abbreviated version of the course of the same name. After a review of the subject, the seminar focuses on group theory of project teams, task and relational issues in groups, and group communication skills. Most of the seminar time is spent on actual group analysis. It is assumed students are currently engaged in one or more work or project teams. This theory seminar requires a diagnostic evaluation for entrance, and is evaluated satisfactory/nonsatisfactory only. No other letter grade is assigned.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1999 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Demonstrate quality description and illustration from of group communication through explaining group concepts and describing actual specific incidents or behaviors from group meeting to apply theory appropriately and insightfully.
2. Expand repertoire of actions for improved group functioning beyond basics.
3. Know and can apply common group methods such as analytic thinking steps, Delphi and nominal group, voting alternatives, PERT analysis, and software programs developed for virtual groups and project management.
4. Know and can manage common group issues, such as: voting alternatives, decision making and group process as it differs between in-person and virtual situations, sub-grouping and coalitions, conformity and deviance, conflict, politics, symbolic convergence and leadership.
5. Know group and teamwork concepts, definitions and trends.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None