COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE NUMBER & TITLE

HRPO 1311: Human Relations (3-0-3)

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course offers students practical application of the principles and concepts of the behavioral sciences to interpersonal relationships in the business and industrial environment. A focus of the course will be on the knowledge and application of critical thinking and learning strategies integrated with computer literacy components to produce an electronic portfolio. Students will become familiar with basic computer applications, including word processing, spreadsheets, presentation graphics, e-mail, and utilization of the internet. An emphasis on career understanding and development will be demonstrated through course content and activities utilizing a variety of instructional methods including case studies, team projects and service learning opportunities. This course is designed for first year students in technical programs.

End-of-Course Outcomes: Evaluate human relations including diversity, attitudes, self-esteem, and interpersonal skills to promote career success; identify and evaluate leadership styles, customer service principles, and ethical behavior in the workplace; develop individual and group communication, listening, and decision-making skills; analyze how theories of motivation and human behavior impact strategies of change management; and demonstrate critical thinking skills through the use of technology in the form of an electronic portfolio.

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REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS


*USB Flash Drive (Not provided)

*Scantrons (Form No. 882-E)

GRADING CRITERIA

| ASSIGNMENTS | 33% |
| Tests | 33% |
| Electronic Portfolio | 34% |

| TOTAL | 100% |

Effective Fall 2010, all HRPO 1311 students are MANDATED by the Student Learning Division to complete 15 lab hours throughout the semester. Sign-In Sheets will be readily available for attendance verification. In addition, these assignments will be compiled and averaged into your Assignment Grading Policy. Lab schedules will be distributed.
COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR (My Mail Email System) The use of Your Mymail TSTC College student e-mail account will be the only way to receive official notices from the college. When communicating with instructors and/or employees of the college you are required to use your TSTC Mymail student e-mail address. If you choose to forward your e-mail to another account, please be advised that all communication from and within the college will use your Mymail student e-mail.

“TSTC Harlingen, faculty, staff, and students are asked to report all threats, perceived or real, immediately to College Police located in the Auxiliary Building. If the threat is imminent, the College Police will then coordinate the proper response in accordance with State and Federal Laws and TSTC System/College rules and regulations.”

ACCOMMODATIONS
If you have a documented disability which will make it difficult for you to carry out the work as the instructor has outlined and/or if you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact 956. 364.4520 or visit Support Services Office located in the Auxiliary Building as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements.

COURSE PARTICIPATION POLICY
Class participation in this course is mandatory and is a part of the Grading Policy. Attendance will be kept throughout the semester. Students must maintain all daily assignments, class discussions, unit tests, lecture and laboratory quizzes, class projects, and all other assignments at the passage rates located in the GRADING CRITERIA AND SCALE for each activity. If passing rates are not maintained, then the student will receive a grade of “F” at the end of the term.

If a student fails to adhere to the class participation policy, it will be the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to “W” (withdraw) from the course. This withdrawal process is not initiated by the instructor. Students wishing to withdraw must file a SCHEDULE CHANGE FORM with the Admissions Office.

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2. Attendance means arriving on time and staying until the class is dismissed. Roll will be called throughout the semester.
   In order for an absence to be excused, the student must:
   • Notify the instructor of the absence BEFORE the class period by calling the instructor at 956-364-4139. This number has 24-hour hour voice mail, so calls may be received at any time of the day or night. Students may e-mail the instructor as well.
• Provide written excuse from an appropriate authority.

3. Tests – There will be tests throughout the semester. These tests will be based on lecture, chapter readings and assigned projects.

4. Make-Up Work – If an absence is EXCUSED, a make-up date will be assigned. If an absence is UNEXCUSED, a grade of 0 will be given for all missed work and no make-up work will be accepted.

5. E-Portfolio – Students are expected to complete an electronic portfolio at the end of the semester. The e-portfolio will demonstrate your critical thinking knowledge and skills on topics discussed in the class. It will contain evidence of your ability to use technology to support your learning. The e-portfolio will utilize Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. It will also demonstrate your use of Internet and E-Mail. **E-portfolio projects must be completed by the assigned due date.**

6. All cell phones and electronic equipment must be turned off during class.

7. Do not bring children to class; they are not permitted in instructional buildings on campus.

The instructor reserves the right to make any changes to the Course Syllabus as he/she perceives necessary to facilitate the delivery of the course material and student learning.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The following objectives will be covered during the course. By attending each class, actively reading and participating, completing assignments and exams, students should have the opportunity to grow in self-awareness and will be able to:

1. Identify essential campus resources for college success.
2. Understand that education promotes success.
3. Apply learning strategies to promote academic and career success.
4. Understand the importance of self-assessment for goal-setting, planning and the development of interpersonal skills.
5. Identify the elements of thought for critical thinking.
6. Assess learning theories to identify learning preferences/styles.
7. Assess career interests.
8. Explain the model for interpersonal skills development.
9. Explain the relationship aspect of interpersonal communication.
10. Enhance listening skills.
11. Identify several types of teams in work settings and organizations.
12. Use decision-making and problem-solving processes for case study scenarios.
14. Identify the different styles of handling conflict.
15. Develop team leadership skills.
16. Identify leadership traits for personal development.
17. Explain components of customer service.
18. Identify methods for making ethical decisions.
19. Apply technology to demonstrate critical thinking knowledge and skills.
20. Learn how to integrate computer applications to create an electronic portfolio.
21. Learn how to use the library for research.
22. Learn test-taking techniques.
23. Learn to apply critical thinking to test taking.
24. Understand the different types of tests and how to manage them.
25. Use internet resources for career exploration.
26. Learn and apply basic internet functions.
27. Learn and apply the basic computer applications of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
28. Learn and apply the basic functions of e-mail.
29. Learn how to integrate computer applications to create an electronic portfolio.
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