

## **DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

### **COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2020**

### BA1010 B2: Business Communications I – 3 (3-1-0) 60 Hours for 15 Weeks

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## **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course focuses on principles of effective business communication, both written and spoken. Specific topics include improving grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and word usage, writing a research paper, documenting with APA style, and public speaking. Revision and editing process will be emphasized throughout the course.

## PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

#### **REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Writing Matters: A Handbook for Writing and Research (Comprehensive Edition with Exercises)

#### 3rd Edition 1259693554 · 9781259693557

You will need Connect along with this book

# **CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:**

BA1010 consists of two 80 – minute classes per week plus a weekly one-hour lab. In addition, students are encouraged to contact the instructor throughout the semester for any individual assistance needed.

**FALL 2020 DELIVERY:** Remote Delivery. This course is delivered remotely. There are no face-to-face or onsite requirements. Students must have a computer with a webcam and reliable internet connection. Technological support is available through <u>helpdesk@gprc.ab.ca</u>.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The primary objective of BA1010 is to improve communication skills (writing and speaking) in business settings.

- Students will review and apply general English requirements in writing including grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, tone, and word usage.
- Students will explore and apply the process of writing an academic research paper.
- Students will explore and demonstrate giving a presentation in front of a group.

# **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to do the following:

- Apply the correct use of grammar, spelling, sentence structure and punctuation in writing.
- Research, plan, compose, edit, and document a formal academic paper. Research, plan, execute and evaluate an effective oral presentation.

## TRANSFERABILITY:

In addition to institutions with a block transfer agreement with GPRC's Business Administration Certificate and Diploma, there are transfer agreements with the following institutions:

- Bow Valley College: MGMT 1201 (3)
- Concordia University of Edmonton: BUS 2xx (3)

(Information retrieved from <u>http://www.transferalberta.ca</u> on August 27, 2018)

\*Warning: Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities. Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <a href="http://www.transferalberta.ca">http://www.transferalberta.ca</a> or, if you do not want to navigate through few links, at <a href="http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlinesearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2">http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlinesearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2</a>

\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.

# **EVALUATIONS:**

#### Note: In order to pass BA 1010:

- 1. ALL assignments and non-graded, assigned work must be completed
- 2. You must achieve a minimum score of 50% on the Final Exam in order to pass the course.
- 3. You must achieve a minimum score of 50% on for your course work in order to pass the course.

Research Paper	15%
Presentation	15%
Mid-term exam	20%
Post-Tests (4 valued at 5 marks each)	20%
Final Exam	30%

Four tests and a midterm will be scheduled during the semester. The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar's office during the period **December 10 - 19, 2018**, so please **do not** make plans during this time period. Dates for the midterm, tests, and assignments will be announced in class as required during the semester.

# **GRADING CRITERIA:**

Grades will be assigned on a Letter Grading System using the following chart.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100	C+	2.3	67-69
А	4.0	85-89	С	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
В	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

# COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Module	Week	Chapter	To do
1	1 (September 2-6)	33 (Grammar)	Complete Overall
			Pre-Test
			Read Chapter 33
	2 (September 7-13)	33 (Grammar)	Complete Exercise
	On September 7 <sup>th,</sup> no		1A
	classes due to labour		
	day.		
	3 (September 14-20)	26 (Wordiness) and	Complete Exercise 1
		48 (Numbers)	В
			Complete Exercise 1
			С
			Complete Pre-Test
			#1
			Complete Post-Test
			#1
2 (Punctuation)	4 (September 21-27)	48 (Commas) and 49	Complete Exercise
		(Semicolons)	2A

		Complete Exercise 2B
		Complete Pre-Test # 2A
		Complete Post-Test #2A
5 (September 28- October 4)	50 (quotations) and 51 (using end quotations)	Complete Exercise 2B Complete Exercise 2C
		Complete Pre- Test 2B Complete Post-Test #2B
6 (October 5-11)	51 (Punctuating quotations) and 53 (Using other quotations)	Complete Exercise 2 C Complete Exercise 2 D Complete Pre-Test 2 C
		Complete Post-Test #2C
7 (October 12-18) Only the class on the 12 <sup>th</sup> will happen	Midterm	Covers all chapters up to this point
8 (October 19-25)	<ul><li>12 (Planning a research project) and</li><li>3 (Organizing and drafting your project)</li></ul>	Topic and thesis
9 (October 26- November 1)	13 (Finding information) and 14 (Evaluating information)	Outline
10 (November 2- 8)	15 (Plagiarism) and 16 (Writing the research project)	
11 (November 9-15) No classes on the 11 <sup>th</sup>	Writing and editing 17 (Identifying sources) (APA)	
12 (November 16-22)	19 (APA citations and editing)	Submission of essay
13 (November 23-29)	Business Presentation 11 (Presentations)	

	Online Resources	
14 (November 30-	Recording	Submission of
Dec 5) Final Week	Presentations	presentation

Please note: The above schedule may be revised at the discretion of the instructor based on class requirements.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

All assignments must by word-processed. It is particularly important to save a copy of any written work submitted for credit or grading. Assignments need to be submitted through Moodle. The research paper is to be submitted through Moodle, and a hard copy may also be required by the instructor.

Assignments are due on the dates set by the instructor. If there is a valid reason for an extension, it must be requested prior to the due date. Unauthorized late assignments will have a 10%-per-day late penalty applied to the assigned grade.

Regular participation is critical to success in BA 1010. Should a student be unable to attend a class, it is the student's responsibility to catch up on the missed material.

If a student is unable to complete a scheduled test, the instructor must be advised before the test is administered. Voice mail or e-mail notification is fine. Failure to notify the instructor of an absence may result in a grade of 0.

#### STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <u>http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/</u> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <u>http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/</u>

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

#### <u>Plagiarism</u>

Plagiarism means submitting work (words, ideas, images, or data) in a course as if it were their own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Most commonly, plagiarism exists when:

• the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the student (this includes having another person impersonate the student or otherwise substitute the work of another for their own in an assignment, examination, or test)

- Parts of a student's work are taken from another source without reference to the original author. This includes ideas, words, and images appearing in print, digital, graphical, internet, audio and video formats
- students submit or present the work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with the student) without the prior agreement of the instructor
- Clinical or laboratory reports are falsified or fabricated.

While it is recognized that academic work often involves reference to ideas, data and conclusions of others, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted.

Instructors may choose to use online plagiarism detection services. When students submit a paper, it is understood that they are consenting to such a procedure and that they cannot claim any copyright violation should such paper be uploaded to an online plagiarism detection database.

# Cheating

Cheating on tests or examinations includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as **speaking to other students or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever**
- bringing into the examination room a textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner or instructor
- writing an examination, or part of it, outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so
- consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so
- leaving answer papers exposed to view, or any attempts to read other students' examination papers
- tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor
- Impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment.
- Absolutely no examination materials may be removed from the examination room. All papers, answer forms and examination question sheets must be returned to the instructor. If students leave the examination room for any reason unacceptable to the instructor, they must hand in all examination materials and it will be assumed that the examination is completed.

If students voluntarily and consciously aid another student in the commission of one of these offenses they are also guilty of misconduct. Any attempt to commit academic misconduct will bear the same consequences as if the act occurred. A student who assists another student in an act or attempted act of misconduct will also be considered to have committed an offense.