

SPCM: 3322 Small Group Communication
*Service-Learning Course
The University of Texas at Tyler
(MWF 11:15-12:10)

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Text

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Course Objectives

This course is designed to focus on both the theory and practice of communication in small, task oriented groups. Students will participate in a small, task oriented, zero-history group. Through action and reflection, you will broaden your understanding of small group processes and your own participation and practices in small groups. You will have an opportunity to learn the principles and skills of small group communication well enough to use them as a resource in analyzing group situations and apply them to evaluate and improve the communication patterns in one's own work groups. To facilitate this model, some of the time spent in this class will involve experiential learning in long-term groups.

Course Description

A study of group process and interaction, including the concepts of leadership and effective participation.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students should be able to:

- learn concepts, theories, and terms useful for analyzing group interaction.
- have first hand experience working in small groups and opportunities to develop and improve your small group communication skills.
- appropriately apply communication theory to the communication rules, norms, listening skills, and rhetorical strategies used by the people around them.
- understand communication from a variety of theoretical perspectives.
- apply effective approaches to human relational interaction in various settings and with diverse others.

Major Requirements, Points, & Grade % Approximations (535 pts)

1. Small Group Research Presentation	35 pts.	7%
2. 80s Video	35 pts.	7%
3. Research Argument	100 pts.	19%
a. Presentation	25 pts.	5%
4. Service-Learning	25 pts.	5%
5. Team-Building Exercise	35 pts.	7%
6. Narrative	15 pts.	3%
7. Conflict-Style Analysis	15 pts.	3%
8. Meal	35 pts.	9%
9. Peer Evaluations	50 pts.	8%
10. Career Path Paper	15 pts.	3%
11. Final Exam	150 pts.	28%

Grades: Standard Grading Scale

90% - 100%	=	A
80% - 89%	=	B
70% - 79%	=	C
60% - 69%	=	D
59% - ↓	=	F

Attendance Policy

Perfect attendance in this course is recommended. A student is more likely to do better in this course with higher attendance. In-class activities may be missed due to absences and are only available for make-up if the absence is excused. **Due to the group-nature of this course, attendance is required. Your grade will be reduced one letter grade every three absences (a tardy may constitute an absence).** If you show up late (post roll), it is your responsibility to confirm with the professor that you are counted present for the day. However, it is up to the professor as to whether your tardiness constitutes an absence. If a student must miss class, he or she is advised to contact another student to learn what was missed and if any work is due on a following class period because that work is still due next class period whether or not the absence was excused. If you are to be absent from a class, whether or not you miss any assignments, you must notify the teacher before-hand if possible, but no later than the next class period, of your desire to make up any missed work in order to be able to do so. Illness excuses must be accompanied by a doctor's note for instructor consideration.

Participation

Students are expected to not only attend class, but to play active roles in the classroom. Assigned text readings are to be completed before each class session and students are encouraged to ask questions or offer insight during class periods. When group or individual assignments or activities are assigned, everyone is expected to participate as assigned (i.e. everyone must be seen in videos).

Assignments and Exams

All assignments are due when stated by the instructor. As the college experience is, in part, designed to prepare students for the work place, **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE WORK** will be accepted. If you have completed at least part of an assignment by the due date, it is better to turn in part of the assignment on time than to turn in the completed assignment late for no credit. All homework turned in, unless otherwise stated, is to be typed. Any exam must be taken on the designated day and time set forth by the instructor. Any exceptions to due dates must be verified with the instructor prior to the scheduled deadline. Lack of performance as a part of a group assignment can constitute in a lowered grade than other group members.

Original Work

All student work must be original to the student and original for the course where assigned. Any failure to abide by high standards or ethics in regard to student work will be handled by the instructor and the university and may constitute in the student failing the course and receiving further reprimand from the university. Plagiarism is a big deal and the consequences can go much further than the universities reach, so please be careful.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www2.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Chapter 8. Student Conduct and Discipline

Sections on Academic Dishonesty

Sec. 8-304. Scholastic Violations

a. When a faculty member has reason to suspect that a student has violated university regulations concerning scholastic dishonesty, the faculty member may refer the case to the dean* who shall proceed under section 8-301, or meet with the student(s) involved and discuss the alleged violation and the evidence that supports the charge. After conferring with the student, the faculty member may dismiss the allegation or proceed under subsection (b) or (c).

b. In any case where a student accused of scholastic dishonesty does not dispute the facts upon which the charges are based and executes a written waiver of the hearing procedures, the faculty member may assess an academic penalty pursuant to section 8-503, and shall inform the student of such action in writing, and report the disposition of the incident to the dean. The dean may summon the student for consideration of an additional disciplinary penalty.

c. In a case where a student accused of scholastic dishonesty disputes the facts upon which the charges are based, or chooses not to waive the right to a hearing before a hearing officer, the faculty member shall refer the matter to the interim dean of students who shall then proceed under section 8-301.

d. A student may appeal the decision of a faculty member under subsection(b) by giving written notice to the interim dean of students within fourteen days from the date on which the decision was announced. The appeal is conducted in accordance with subchapter 8-600. The appeal is restricted to the issue of penalty, and no transcript shall be required.

*Dean in this section refers to the Dean of Student Affairs

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Sec. 8-503. Authorized Academic Penalties

a. A faculty member, under section 8-304, or the dean of students or hearing officer may impose one or more of the following penalties for scholastic dishonesty:

- 1. written warning that further scholastic violations may result in a more severe penalty;
- 2. no credit or reduced credit for the paper, assignment, or test in question;
- 3. retaking of examination or resubmission of assignment;
- 4. failing grade or reduced final grade for the course.

b. The dean of students, with approval of the student's academic dean, may assign an academic penalty for violation of a university regulation concerning scholastic dishonesty to a student who fails without good cause to comply with subsection 8-302(c) or subsection 8-403(e).

c. A student who is in violation of a university regulation concerning scholastic dishonesty may also be subject to one or more of the penalties in section 8-501.

Sec. 8-802. Scholastic Dishonesty

a. The dean or a faculty member may initiate disciplinary proceedings under section 8-300 against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty.

b. "Scholastic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student (such as, but not limited to, submission of essentially the same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor, providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment), or the attempt to commit such an act.

1. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

A. copying from another student's test paper; using during a test materials not authorized by the person giving the test;

B. failing to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;

C. possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes." The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation only if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;

D. using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;

E. collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;

F. discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;

G. divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned to or kept by the student;

H. substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;

I. paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or information about an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;

J. falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;

K. taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of the university, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and

L. misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or résumés, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or injuring another student academically or financially.

2. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.

3. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

4. "Falsifying academic records" includes, but is not limited to, altering or assisting in the altering of any official record of the university or the University of Texas System, the submission of false information or the omission of requested information that is required for or related to any academic record of the university or the University of Texas System. Academic records include, but are not limited to, applications for admission, the awarding of a degree, grade reports, test papers, registration materials, grade change forms, and reporting forms used by the Office of the Registrar. A former student who engages in such conduct is subject to a bar against readmission, revocation of a degree, and withdrawal of a diploma.

Course Calendar

Week 1

1. Introduction to Course
2. Communication Model: 8 Components of Communication (Group)
3. Unit 1 (ch. 1-3)
4. Assign Groups
5. Assignment: Scavenger Hunt

Week 2

1. Unit 1 (cont.)
2. Discussion: In group – discuss positive and negative group member characteristics.
3. Assignment: Group Research Presentation (see assignment sheet) – Due Mon/Week 3

Week 3

1. Presentations: Group Research Findings (3 Days)

Week 4

1. Unit 1 (cont.)
2. Assignment: 80s Music Video (see assignment sheet) - Due Wed/Week 5
3. Assignment: Significant Item
4. Assignment: Research – Research Argument (see assignment sheet) – Due Mon/Week 15
5. Wednesday/Friday: Work Days

Week 5

1. Work: 80s Video
2. Present: 80s Video
3. Assignment: Group Service-Learning (see assignment sheet) – Due Fri/Week 7

Week 6

1. Unit 2 (ch. 4-7, 12)
2. Due/Discuss: Significant Item
3. Friday: Work Day (ex: Service & Research)

Week 7

1. Monday: Work Day
2. Unit 2 (cont.)
3. Present: Service-Learning Pictures
4. Discussion: Team-Building
5. Assignment: Develop Team-Building Exercise (see assignment sheet) – Due Wed/Week 9

Week 8

1. Unit 2 (cont.)
2. Class Activity: Role play (text book roles)
3. Assignment: Small Group Communication in Your Career Path (see assignment sheet) – Due Wed/Week 10

Week 9

1. Unit 2 (cont.)
2. Activity: P. 92 textbook, Critical Thinking (Fallacy Exercise from 10th ed.)
3. Present: Team-Building Exercise (Wed/Fri)

Week 10

1. Unit 2 (cont.)
2. Due: Small Group Communication in Your Career Path (Discuss)
3. Assignment: Creativity Narrative – Story-telling (see assignment sheet) – Due Wed/Week14
4. Assignment: Meal (see assignment sheet) – Due Fri/Week 12 (25 pts.)

Week 11

1. Unit 3 (ch. 8-11)
2. Harbaugh Football Video
3. Leadership and Self-Deception (The Arbinger Group)
4. Define Leader/Manager, Positive/Negative
5. Friday: Work Day

Week 12

1. Unit 3 (cont.)
2. Assignment: Conflict Style Analysis (see assignment sheet) – Due Wed/Week 13
3. Class Activity: Work through problem-solving, decision-making, and conflict scenario
4. Present: Meal Photos

Week 13

1. Unit 3 (cont.)
2. Creativity: Present Narrative (Story)
3. Due: Conflict Style Analysis Paper - Discuss
4. Class Activity: Problem-Solving Exercises (Textbook)

Week 14

Thanksgiving Break

Week 15

1. Due: (Monday) Research Papers (Research Argument)
2. Begin Presentations
3. Group Member – Peer Evaluation (50 pts.)
4. Final Exam Review

Week 16

1. Final Exam
 - a. (See university final exams schedule)

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication
Group Research Presentations

As a group you will locate and decide upon one current (from last 5 years) academic research paper regarding group communication. Each member in the group will read the research paper and as a group, depending on the group size, each member will prepare and present an explanation of each of the major parts of the paper respectively. For example, if the group has 5 members, one member will discuss the review of literature, one member the rationale and hypothesis, one member the methodology of the study, one member the results of the study, and the last member would discuss the limitations of the study and the future research implications. This presentation is to be prepared as a group and presented as a group.) Example studies are related to topics such as college social clubs and online social groups.

There is no paper due for this assignment. Presentation will be graded on choice of pertinent article, understanding of the research, and overall presentation to the audience in understandable and interesting manner along with basic presentation skills. Each group member must participate in the presentation and the group will share the overall grade. Presentation 8-10 minutes.
35 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication
80s Video

As a group select an 80s song. Develop an 80s music video to the song and be prepared to show the video to the class. Remember, these groups are gender-mixed and these videos are for class and instructor viewing, so be sure that all group members are comfortable with the song choice and the video – be appropriate. Place the video either on a DVD drive or upload the video to youtube for ease of access during class presentation. Confirm that the video works prior to class beginning on the day the video is due. Video will be graded on creativity, effort, and group cohesion, along with appropriate nature of song and video. The video should be 3-4 minutes in length (not entire song) and can be a conglomeration of songs.
35 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication **Research Argument**

There seems to be a dichotomous relationship between mid-semester individual conferences regarding co-group member satisfaction and end of the semester co-group member satisfaction as regarding the extent of disclosure. In the past I have conducted individual mid-semester conferences with each student in an effort to learn of any significant issues that might exist among class groups. By and large, the answers are positive, where students state things in the group are fine. However, if upon completion of the semester a student thinks his or her grade was not sufficiently high, they sometimes begin to blame other group members, stating that one or more in the group was absent regularly, rude, lazy, etc. This is information that would have been helpful to know and discuss during the semester, but becomes a moot point post semester.

As a group you are to construct a valid argument based on theory regarding this topic. More specifically, write about why there is this separation between reality and what students are willing to communicate to the professor mid-semester. Base your argument on theory. (APA format – current edition, 12-font, Times New Roman, standard margins, single-spaced and 10 academic sources, minimum 10 pages). Papers graded on content, APA style, length, grammar, etc.

Presentation

Each group will present their findings/argument in a panel-like format. Presentation will be graded on content and overall presentation of content to audience per grading rubric guidelines below. Group time limit – 5 minutes.

Paper = 100 pts.

Presentation = 25 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication **Service-Learning**

As a group, decide upon a local organization with which you would like to volunteer one hour of service. Contact the organization and schedule a time when all group members can be present to serve together. While serving, take at least six pictures of the group serving together (everyone must be in at least one picture). Suggested places of service are Tiger Creek, a nearby retirement home (just hanging out with the elderly), etc. The chosen service must be cleared through the professor.
25 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication **Team-Building Exercise**

As a group, discuss possible issues that are common among small groups. Then develop an original team-building exercise designed to “fix” or improve the issue. Once the exercise is developed, each group member must play an active role in acting out the team-building exercise on video (each member must be present in the video). The video is then presented to the class. When presented, the group must disclose to the class:

1. The issue addressed by the exercise
2. Show the Video
3. Briefly discuss how the exercise truly works on the issue

Team-building exercise will be graded on originality, validity (does the exercise truly address the issue), presentation (energy, content, and overall presentation style to engage audience), and overall level of effort. There is no paper with this assignment. Overall presentation/video length 3-4 minutes.

35 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication
Career Path Paper

Write a short paper: 1-2 pages (APA not required, Times New Roman, 12-font, standard margins) about how small group communication does or will play into your chosen career path.
15 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication
Narrative (Story-Telling)

As a group, take a traditional children's story (i.e. The Three Little Pigs) and develop a creative twist. Rework the story together with contributions from each group member. Prepare to tell the story to the class. Assignment graded on content, creativity, group cohesion, and overall presentation quality. Story 3-4 minutes.
15 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication
Conflict Style Analysis

Take the conflict style analysis provided by the instructor. When completed, document (type) the following:

1. Results
2. Whether or not you agree with the results
3. An example of why you think the results are true or false
4. Ask a close friend/family member about the results and document their comments regarding the validity
5. Document your close friend/family member's reasoning by way of an example

Type headings for each of the paper's five sections. There is not length requirement for this assignment – just be sure to adequately cover the five sections.
15 pts.

SPCM 3322 Small Group Communication
Meal

Eat a meal with your group. Each group member must contribute to the meal by bringing a food item he or she has prepared (only in rare extreme cases will the professor allow store-purchased food). Set a time and place to share the meal. Families are welcome to attend and points for this project are awarded via a minimum of 6 pictures taken during the meal process.
35 pts.

Assigned Paper Grading Rubric

Dept. of Communication

Dr. Justin Velten

Assignment: _____

Description of Work	Grade
The paper is free of grammatical errors, closely adheres to the required style format, and is the correct length (with appropriate spacing and margins). Content from the assignment is clearly covered and is done so in a manner that displays a high level of understanding and application of theory or course concepts to the paper topic(s). The paper displays a high level of effort and originality in thought and writing and makes a clear point.	A
The paper is nearly free of grammatical errors, adheres to the required style format, and is the correct length (with appropriate spacing and margins). Content from the assignment is covered and is done so in a manner that displays an adequate level of understanding and application of theory or course concepts to the paper topic(s). The paper displays a good level of effort and originality in thought and writing.	B
The paper has a few grammatical errors, somewhat adheres to the required style format, and is near the correct length (with appropriate spacing and margins). Content from the assignment is mostly covered and is done so in a manner that displays a marginal level of understanding and application of theory or course concepts to the paper topic(s). The paper displays an evidently average level of effort and originality in thought and writing.	C
The paper has a significantly noticeable amount of grammatical errors, does not adhere to the required style format, and is not quite near the correct length (with appropriate spacing and margins). Content from the assignment is only partially and is done so in a manner that displays a lack of understanding and application of theory or course concepts to the paper topic(s). The paper displays an inadequate level of effort and originality in thought and writing.	D
The paper has numerous grammatical errors, does not adhere to the required style format, and is not near the correct length (with appropriate spacing and margins). Content from the assignment is not covered and a strong lack of topic-understanding is evident. The paper displays an evidently low level of effort and originality in thought and writing.	F

Please see university policy on plagiarism and work hard to not plagiarize. If you are unsure as to whether you are plagiarizing the work of another person it is best to be cautious and take the appropriate steps to insure you are not plagiarizing. In the event that you are caught plagiarizing on this paper you will receive either a reduction of 50% on the assignment (if the plagiarism is minor or not seemingly blatant) or a 0% on the assignment (if the plagiarism is major and seemingly blatant). There are clear guidelines available for what constitutes plagiarism so please do not plan to plead ignorance in the event your grade is reduced for plagiarism. I hope this is not an issue with your paper and do not expect it to be so.

Total: _____

Activity/Work/Video/Presentation Grading Rubric

Dept. of Communication

Dr. Justin Velten

Assignment: _____

Description of Work	Grade
The work meets the guidelines of the assignment. Each group member participated and there was an evidently high level of effort placed into the project. Class theory/concepts are applied to the assignment as required and teamwork is evident. The overall presentation quality and effort was high.	A
The work mostly meets the guidelines of the assignment. Each group member participated and there was an above average of effort placed into the project. Class theory/concepts are applied to the assignment as required and teamwork is somewhat evident. The overall presentation quality and effort was above average.	B
The work somewhat meets the guidelines of the assignment. Each group member participated and there was an average level of effort placed into the project. Class theory/concepts are applied to the assignment as required and teamwork is marginal. The overall presentation quality and effort was above average.	C
The work does not meet the guidelines of the assignment. Each group member participated and there was an evidently inadequate level of effort placed into the project. Class theory/concepts are not applied to the assignment as required and teamwork is not very clearly represented. The overall presentation quality and effort was below average.	D
The work does not meet the guidelines of the assignment. Each group member participated and there was an evidently low level of effort placed into the project. Class theory/concepts are not applied to the assignment as required and there is a clear lack of teamwork. The overall presentation quality and effort was inadequate.	F

Total: _____

Group Work Peer Evaluation
 Dept. of Communication
 Dr. Justin Velten

Group #: _____

Name of Student Assessed: _____

Name of Student Assessing: _____

In each of the following sections, rate your fellow group member on a scale from 1 – 10 with 10 being the highest score. Once you have completed 5 scales, total the scales for a score out of 50. In some cases, students create a strong bond while working with classmates. These relationships can be a wonderful product of teamwork, but please do your best to offer an objective evaluation of your group members. Your responses remain confidential and are averaged for the group.

Description of Work	Grade (1-10)
<i>Attendance</i> This group member was timely and present at most all group meeting.	
<i>Initiation</i> This group member seemed engaged in group meetings, offering thoughtful comments and feedback. Generated original ideas and worked with <u>other</u> group members to further develop <u>their</u> ideas.	
<i>Workload</i> This group member carried his or her allotted and fair amount of work within the group.	
<i>Relational</i> This group member worked to build and maintain strong and positive working relationships with fellow group members. This section is not about popularity or personality differences as much as it is about effort to work together in a positive way.	
<i>Overall</i> This section is designed to capture other elements not mentioned above. You can offer an overall grade here or even write in comments regarding your teammate and offer a score on this overall scale.	

Total: _____ / 50

Comment:

Assessment reflective, though not completely related to, The Nine Core Small Group Communication Competencies (Beebe & Masterson, 2012)

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