

**McDaniel College Budapest**  
**COMM 1102 – Interpersonal Communication**

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**Availability (Office hours)**

on request

**Course Description**

This course is designed to give an introduction to the theory and research of interpersonal communication, to the cultural differences and similarities, and into the practical skills necessary for effective interpersonal interaction in verbal and nonverbal aspect of communication.

**Required texts**

J.A. DeVito, The interpersonal Communication Book

Thirteenth Edition (2014)

Pearson

Handouts or/and videos during the semester

**Assignments & grading**

Grading system—100 points total

Assignments

- Term paper (20 pts)
- In-class presentation of the term paper topic (10 pts)
- Mid-term exam (30 pts)
- Final exam (30 pts)
- In-class participation, in-class papers, presentations (10 pts)

Standard McDaniel College scale:

100+	A+
93-100	A
90-92	A-
88-89	B+
83-87	B
80-82	B-
78-79	C+
73-78	C
70-72	C-
68-69	D+
63-67	D

60-62	D-
< 60	F

### **Class participation**

Informed, critical exchange of ideas forms the core of the College learning experience. It should occur in every classroom. This is why in-class participation plays an important role in the final determination of your course grade. You are expected to share ideas during discussions and you are wholeheartedly encouraged to ask questions when you do not understand something. Participation implies attendance; absences will be noted and will adversely affect your final participation grade.

Creation of a proper classroom environment requires above all else respect for fellow students. We all ask that you don't be late; that you don't surf the internet on your laptop or otherwise distract everyone else during class; that you turn off your cell phone and that you do not check for messages during class. Likewise, you can expect me to end class on time, to engage you in discussion and debate, and to be respectful of all points of view.

### **Honor code**

You are expected without question to adhere completely to the McDaniel College academic honor code. Any violation will result in a zero for the given assignment and other possible sanctions.

### **Course policies**

You may be absent three times, no questions asked—you need not explain the cause of your absence. Following three unexcused absences, however, you will begin to lose points from your class participation grade, a grade per unexcused absence over the limit. Please note that we meet for two consecutive sessions per week. If you miss them both, that counts as two absences.

Do not be late—a tardy arrival will be counted as half an absence.

### **Semester schedule/topics covered**

Week 1,	in class: Foundations of Interpersonal Communication, watching a video spot
Week 2:	in class: Shannon and Weaver's model and basic concepts of communication
Week 3:	in class: Culture and Interpersonal Communication
Week 4:	in class: Presentations on different cultures
Week 5:	in class: Perception and Self
Week 6:	in class: Listening in Interpersonal Communication; Verbal Messages
Week 7:	Mid-term exam

Week 8:	in class: Verbal Messages Nonverbal Messages; watching a video spot
Week 9:	in class: Emotional Messages
Week 10:	in class: Conversational Messages
Week 11:	in class: Interpersonal Relationship
Week 12:	in class: Interpersonal Conflict
Week 13:	Presentation of term paper topics
Week 14:	Final exam, Term paper due