University of Puerto Rico

Río Piedras Campus

College of Humanities

Department of English

Nonverbal Communication **Course Syllabus**

INGL 3266

Three credit hours

**Suggested Textbooks**:

Andersen, Peter A. (2008). *Nonverbal Communication: Forms and Functions*.

Second Edition. Long Grove, Illinois: Waveland Press, Inc.

Knapp, Mark L., Hall, A. Judith & Horgan, Terrence G. (2014). *Nonverbal* *Communication in Human Interaction*. Eighth Edition. Boston, MA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

**Course Description**: A presentation of the basic framework for comprehending and evaluating research and theory in nonverbal communication (nvc). Examination of the specific codes of nvc in terms of its classification and the forces that drive it: body codes and contextual codes. The influence of culture, gender, and sex on nvc is also analyzed. A special look at nvc and emotion, stress, deception, and power is taken.

**Course Objectives**: At the end of the course the students will be able to:

1. Define and explain key terms
2. Discuss the basic framework for evaluating research and the theories concerning the study of nonverbal communication
3. Explain the classificatory system of nvc, what each classification point attempts to explain about human behavior and the basis for this classification.
4. Discuss how emotion, stress, intimacy and affection are expressed nonverbally.
5. Discuss nonverbal cues of persuasion, deception, and power

**Course Outline**:

1. Nonverbal communication and language: body and contextual codes of nvc; cultural cues, and the influence of gender and sex on nvc-- Five weeks
2. Nonverbal communication of emotion, stress, and intimacy and affection—Four weeks
3. Nonverbal cues of persuasion, deception, and power—Four weeks
4. Exams and special activity—Two weeks

**Teaching Strategies**: Class and group discussion, responding to articles or documentaries, small group activities, mini-research activity and the analysis of films. Those students who receive the services provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation must contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester in order to plan for a reasonable accommodation and the necessary equipment according to the recommendations provided by the Oficina de Asuntos para las Personas con Impedimento (OAPI) at the Office of the Dean of Students. Any other students with special needs or who require any type of assistance or special arrangements should contact the class instructor.

**Required Resources**: Access to smart rooms

**Methods of Evaluation**: Tests, Response Papers, Class Attendance, Oral Reports based on Response Papers, Limited Research Report, Reporting on a recent article in a journal. These will be mentioned and sent via email to all students. They will appear in greater detail.

Two tests 200 pts 40%

Sp. Activity 70 14

4 Resp. Papers 62 12

Class Attendance 168 34 (6 pts. per 28 classes)

Total 500 pts 100%

**Grading System in Percentages**:

90-100 A 80-89 B 70-79 C 60-69 D 0-59 F

**Additional Information**: All mobile phones must be turned off (all modes) and put away during class time. Students are allowed to bring in their laptops to take notes or read information related to the class. The viewing of any page not related to class will be interpreted as a lack respect to the instructor; therefore, the student will be asked to leave the room and the attendance record will appear as absent.

**Bibliography**: In addition to the bibliography in your textbooks and in the Journal of Nonverbal Communication, your instructor will provide you with information about additional related publications. With the lack of availability of fewer and fewer books on the subject, the journal mentioned above will have the latest publications.

English 3266 Tentative Class Schedule-Spring 2019

Nonverbal Communication Dr. Alma Simounet

**Week**  **Class Discussion\***

1. Introduction; Ch. 1 Nonverbal Communication & Language
2. Ch. 1; Begin Ch. 2 The Body Codes of NVC **Resp. Paper #1**
3. Ch. 2; Begin Ch. 3 The Contextual Codes of NVC
4. Ch. 3; Begin Ch. 4 Cultural Codes of NVC
5. **Response Paper #2;** Ch. 4
6. Ch. 5 Gender, Sex and NVC
7. **Test 1** (Ch.1-5); Begin Ch. 6
8. Ch. 6 NVC of Emotion **Response Paper #3**
9. Ch.7 Communication and Stress
10. Ch.9 NVC of Intimacy and Affection
11. **Test 2** (Ch. 6,7,9) Ch. 10
12. Ch. 10 Influencing Others & NVC
13. Ch. 11 Deception and NVC; **Response Paper #4**
14. Ch. 12 NVC of Control, Power, and Status
15. Review; Special Activity

Office: Pedreira #4 Days and hours: Tu & Th 11:30-12:30 and by appointment

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\*This is a tentative schedule. Changes will be made together with the students.