



# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## GENERAL SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Name:** Introduction to Communication Theory  
**Course Number:** COM125

### Required Materials

**Textbook(s):** West, T. & Turner, L. (2024). Introducing Communication Theory: Analysis and Application.  
**REQUIRED (Instant Access)**  
**Required Readings:** None  
**Additional Materials:** Access to Blackboard/BrightSpace

### Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

#### 16 Week Calendar

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	SECTION 1 <b>READ:</b> Thinking about Communication, Thinking about the Field, Thinking about Theory and Research Chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 1 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 1 QUIZ 2 SECTION 1 Discussion Post QUIZ 3 Section 1 Discussion Replies
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	QUIZ 3 SECTION 1 Discussion Replies
3	SECTION 2 <b>READ:</b> Symbolic Interaction, Cognitive Dissonance, and Expectancy Violation Theory Chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 2 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 4 QUIZ 5 SECTION 2 Discussion Post QUIZ 6 SECTION 2 Discussion Replies Research Article WA
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6	SECTION 3 <b>READ:</b> Uncertainty Reduction, Social Exchange, and Relational Dialectics Theory Chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 3 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 7 QUIZ 8 SECTION 3 Discussion Post QUIZ 9 SECTION 3 Discussion Replies SECTION 3 Research Article WA
7	SECTION 3 <b>READ:</b> Uncertainty Reduction, Social Exchange, and Relational Dialectics Theory Chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 3 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 7 QUIZ 8 SECTION 3 Discussion Post QUIZ 9 SECTION 3 Discussion Replies SECTION 3 Research Article WA

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9	SECTION 4 <b>READ:</b> Groupthink and Narrative Paradigm Chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 4 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 10 SECTION 4 Discussion Post QUIZ 11 SECTION 4 Discussion Replies SECTION 4 Research Article WA
10	SECTION 4 <b>READ:</b> Groupthink and Narrative Paradigm Chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 4 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 10 SECTION 4 Discussion Post QUIZ 11 SECTION 4 Discussion Replies SECTION 4 Research Article WA
11	SECTION 5 <b>READ:</b> Spiral of Silence Theory, Cultivation Theory, & Cultural Studies chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 5 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 12 SECTION 5 Discussion Post QUIZ 13 QUIZ 14 SECTION 5 Discussion Replies SECTION 5 Research Article WA
12	SECTION 5 <b>READ:</b> Spiral of Silence Theory, Cultivation Theory, & Cultural Studies chapters <b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 5 Materials in BLACKBOARD QUIZ 12 SECTION 5 Discussion Post QUIZ 13 QUIZ 14 SECTION 5 Discussion Replies SECTION 5 Research Article WA
13	SECTION 5

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	<p><b>READ:</b> Spiral of Silence Theory, Cultivation Theory, &amp; Cultural Studies chapters</p> <p><b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 5 Materials in BLACKBOARD</p> <p>QUIZ 12</p> <p>SECTION 5 Discussion Post</p> <p>QUIZ 13</p> <p>QUIZ 14</p> <p>SECTION 5 Discussion Replies</p> <p>SECTION 5 Research Article WA</p>
14	<p>SECTION 6</p> <p><b>READ:</b> Muted Group and Feminist Standpoint Chapters</p> <p><b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 6 Materials in BLACKBOARD</p> <p>QUIZ 15 (due 4/25)</p> <p>SECTION 6 Discussion Post</p> <p>QUIZ 16</p> <p>SECTION 6 Discussion Replies</p> <p>SECTION 6 Research Article WA</p>
15	<p>SECTION 6</p> <p><b>READ:</b> Muted Group and Feminist Standpoint Chapters</p> <p><b>REVIEW:</b> SECTION 6 Materials in BLACKBOARD</p> <p>QUIZ 15</p> <p>SECTION 6 Discussion Post</p> <p>QUIZ 16</p> <p>SECTION 6 Discussion Replies</p> <p>SECTION 6 Research Article WA</p>
16	FINAL EXAM