



Grande Prairie Regional College
School of Health, Wellness & Career Studies
Department of Business & Office Administration

COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2020

OA1030 A3 Business Communications I 3(4.5-0-0) 67.5 Hrs, 15 Wks

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Anytime By Appointment or
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Prerequisite(s):

None

Required Text/Resource Materials:

Smith, Leila R., *English for Careers*, 11th Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall, 1999.

Random House Webster Dictionary

Description:

This course will help you develop editing, proofreading and writing skills for effective business communications. Upon completing this course, you will write and speak according to Standard English usage principles of word choice, spelling, sentence construction, grammar, punctuation and pronunciation. You will communicate with the English style that contributes to advancement in careers requiring excellent communication skills.

Credit/Contact Hours:

3 credits/67.5 contact hours

Delivery Mode(s):

Lecture

Course Objectives:

The primary objective of OA1030 is to improve fundamental grammar skills which contribute to improved communication skills. Identifying the parts of speech, applying them correctly, and describing how they relate to one another is an important step in creating strong communication skills. Understanding the eight parts of speech and advanced grammar rules also provides the language that makes it possible for us to talk about language.

When discussing grammar usage, students will have the skills to define different parts of speech and describe their usage in a sentence. Students will correctly apply grammar and punctuation mechanics, as well as correct sentence structures.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Identify and define the eight parts of speech
- distinguish the function of each part of speech
- choose vocabulary terms that will allow participation in analyzing grammar usage and sentence structure
- compose complete sentence (simple, compound, and complex)
- apply Standard English grammar and mechanics to compose or edit text.

TRANSFERABILITY:

**** 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**

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

Job Success Skills	10%
Quizzes & Tests – Will consists of chapter and topic tests	35%
Midterm --	25%
Final Exam –	30%

In order to receive credit for OA1030, you must achieve 50 percent on the final examination, and a course composite grade of at least D (50%). You are strongly encouraged to complete all assignments and exams—you will receive a zero (0) for any missed assignment or exam.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Daily attendance is essential! Students are responsible for completing assignments outside of class time when necessary. If you are ill, please have a classmate inform you of the work covered that day. More than 3 missed classes may result in a recommendation of “Debarred from Exam.” (See College Calendar)

Assignments and tests missed will be recorded as zero. Assignments are due on the dates set by the instructor. No late assignments or rewrites of exams are allowed

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND STUDENT CONDUCT

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/**

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

Course Schedule/Tentative Timeline:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Required Reading</u>
Week 1	References and Resources	CH 1
Week 2	Parts of Speech	CH 2
Week 3	Mastering Nouns	CH 4
Week 4	Mastering Possessives	CH 5
Week 5	Pronouns	CH 6&7
Week 6	Mastering Verbs	CH 8&9
Week 7	READING WEEK	
Week 8	Adjectives & Adverbs	CH 10
Week 9	MIDTERM	
Week 10	Sentence Fundamentals	CH 3
Week 11	Using Commas Correctly	CH 11
Week 12	Punctuating Sentences	CH 12
Week 13	Fine Points of Punctuation	CH 14
Week 14	Review	
Week 15	Final Exam	

There will be a chapter exam following the completion of each chapter.
The final exam will be given on the scheduled day during the December exam week.