

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

Business Communication

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
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Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To train students to enhance written as well as oral communication in the corporate world.
- To help students in understanding the principles and techniques of business communication.
- To understand the use of electronic media for communication.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- After studying this course, students will be able to explain the need for communication in management.
- After studying this course, students will be able to appreciate the need of effective writing for communication.
- After studying this course, students will be able to demonstrate the skill of effective report writing and summarizing annual reports.
- After studying this course, students will be able to analyse business correspondence and e-correspondence.
- After studying this course, students will be able to appreciate oral presentations.



SYLLABUS OF SEC-6

Unit 1: Introduction to the essentials of Business Communication

Meaning, process and functions. Need and importance. Medium: verbal & non-verbal communication. Channels: formal & informal. Levels of communication. Direction of communication: downward, upward, lateral, & diagonal. Effective communication: difficulties/barriers and solutions. Interactive and non-interactive techniques of communication. Listening as a tool of communication, Guidelines for effective listening.

Unit 2: Effective Writing

Guidelines for clear writing. References, bibliographical research tools. Citing methods, footnotes, discussion footnotes. Use of library and internet for collection, classification and interpretation of data and information.

Unit 3: Report Writing

Types of reports. Formal report: components and purpose. Organising information: outlining & numbering sections, section headings, sub-headings, & presentation. Writing reports on field work/visits to industries, business concerns. Summarising annual reports of companies: purpose, structure and principles. Drafting minutes.

Unit 4: Business Correspondence and E-Correspondence

Need and importance of business letters. Office memorandum, office circulars, notices and orders. Technology for communication. Effective IT communication tools. Electronic mail: advantages, safety and smartness in email. E-mail etiquettes.

Unit 5: Spoken English and Oral Presentation

Effective negotiation: elements, process and general guidelines. Telephonic conversation. Conducting & facing interviews. Conducting & participating in group decisions. Making presentations: content and organising. Features of a good presentation. Delivering a presentation.

Practical Exercises:

The learners are required to:

- learn how to summarise annual reports of companies.
- prepare presentations using power-point.
- participate in Group discussions and mock interviews.
- smartly draft business emails.

Essential/recommended readings

- C.B.Gupta (2019). Essentials of Business Communication, Sultan Chand & Sons.
- Kaul, A. Effective Business Communication, 2nd ed. PHI learning
- Lesikar, R.V. & Flatley, M.E. (2001). Basic Business Communication Skills for Empowering the Internet Generation, Tata McGraw Hill Publishing Company Ltd. New Delhi.
- Ludlow, R. & Panton, F.(1992). The Essence of Effective Communications, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
- Meyer C,Dev(2021). Communicating for Results,Oxford University Press
- Quintanilla, Kelly M, (2021), Business and Professional Communication, 4e, Sage Textbook
- R. C. Bhatia (2008), Business Communication, Ane Books Pvt Ltd, New Delhi.
- Raman and Singh(2012). Business Communication. Oxford University Press
- Scot, O., Contemporary Business Communication. Biztantra, New Delhi.

Note: Learners are advised to use the latest edition of readings.