

Interpersonal Communication

ANTH A122

A Cultural Approach



Communication, Culture, Identity, Power

How people use everyday conversation to create their world

from North Africa to North America, 17th-century Quakers to a contemporary Deaf church, and grade school to college.

- GenEd S&H
- DUS Diversity
- Small Class: 24 max.
- COLL/CASE S&H Credit
- SPH Environ. Interpretation
- 6W2, June 22 - July 31

- Power and roles in a college fraternity
- Facebook, YouTube, and texting
- Male and female communication styles
- Clothing, smoking, and cars in high school
- Saying hello around the world
- Slang and swearing
- Language on athletic teams
- Communication in deaf communities
- Language in law school classes
- How IU students talk



Students say this course changes the way they view the world.

Discussion, small group activities, informal presentations, lecture, and multimedia examples.

Read scholarly theories of communication and performance to learn to analyze interpersonal interactions. We learn to do **original, project-based research** to describe and analyze everyday life. You will better understand how your own interactions with friends, family, teammates, and others are connected to broader questions of power and social identity. Past students have studied such “real life” interactions as friends hanging out in a residence hall, a Bible study group, a sorority meeting, a pre-game meeting with a sports coach, and a dinner with family. As you learn how communication impacts your life and others’, you’ll practice critical thinking, research, writing, and presentation skills that prepare you for more advanced coursework in many disciplines.