

AC – 20/05/2025

Item No. – 5.45 (N) Sem-IV 5(d) **As Per NEP 2020**

University of Mumbai



Syllabus for Basket of AEC	
Board of Studies in English	
UG First Year B.Com. Programme	
Semester	IV
Title of Paper	Credits
Business Communication Skills II	2
From the Academic Year	2024-2025

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Description the course: Including but Not limited to:	<p>Business communication is an integral part of the commercial and corporate world. The growth of commercial organizations is directly linked to the effectiveness of their methods of communication with all their stakeholders. The success of an organization is also closely linked to its image building. As a discipline, business communication has changed diametrically and exponentially because of the rapid changes in information technology.</p> <p>In this scenario, it is imperative that all corporate professionals should have command over the various dimensions of business communication including the intentional and unintentional, the verbal and non-verbal, the in-person and the digital.</p> <p>The systematic study of business communication prepares the learners to become capable entrepreneurs, professionals, team-members and managers in today's competitive, networked and digitized business world.</p>
2	Vertical :	Ability Enhancement Course
3	Type :	Theory
4	Credit:	2 credits (1 credit = 15 Hours for Theory or 30 Hours of Practical work in a semester)
5	Hours Allotted :	30 Hours

6	Marks Allotted:	50 Marks
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7	<p>Course Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enable learners engage effectively with group communication. 2. To improve learners' skills in selection processes like interviews and group discussions. 3. To increase learners' understanding of the purpose and functions of meetings. 4. To equip learners with writing skills for trade-related communication.
8	<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>At the end of the course, learners will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand and engage with group communication processes. 2. Perform more effectively during interviews and group discussions. 3. Participate more efficiently in meetings. 4. Write more impactful trade-related communication.
9	Modules:- Per credit One module can be created
	Module 1: Group Communication (15 Lectures)

	<p>1. Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition, format and process of interviews - Selection interviews, assessment interviews, grievance interviews, exit interviews - Preparation and role of interviewers - Preparation and role of interviewees - Online interviews <p>2. Group Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meaning and types - Skills that are assessed during Group Discussion - Process of Group Discussion - Do's and don'ts of Group Discussion <p>3. Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meaning and definition - Types of meeting: formal and informal with examples - Conducting a meeting - Role of chairperson - Role of participants - Online meetings: Skype, Zooms, Google Meet, MS Teams
	<p>Module 2: Written Communication in Business (15 Lectures)</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice, agenda, minutes and resolution for meetings 2. Letter of inquiry 3. Complaint and claim letter – adjustment letter 4. Sales letters and pamphlets 5. Consumer Grievance letter
<p>10</p>	<p>Text Books: N.A.</p>

11	<p>Reference Books:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ashley, A. <i>A Handbook of Commercial Correspondence</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1992. 2. Aswalthapa, K. <i>Organisational Behaviour</i>. Mumbai: Himalaya Publications, 1991. 3. Bahl, J. C. and Nagamia S. M. <i>Modern Business Correspondence and Minute Writing</i>. New Delhi: N. M. Tripathi Pvt. Ltd, 1974. 4. Balan, K.R. and Rayudu, C. S. <i>Effective Communication</i>. New Delhi: Beacon Books, 1996. 5. Bangh, L.Sue, Fryar, Maridell and Thomas David A. <i>How to Write First Class Business Correspondence</i>. N.T.C. Publishing Group USA, 1998. 6. Barkar, Alan. <i>Making Meetings Work</i>. New Delhi: Sterling Publications Pvt. Ltd., 1993. 8. Benjamin, James <i>Business and Professional Communication: Concepts and Practices</i>. New York: Harper Collins College Publishers, 1993. 9. Bhargava and Bhargava. <i>Company Notices, Meetings and Regulations</i>. New Delhi: Taxman, 1971. 10. Britt, Deborah. <i>Improving Business Communication Skills</i>. Kendall Hunt Publishing Co, 1992. 11. Bovee Courtland, L. and Thrill, John V. <i>Business Communication Today</i>, McGraw Hill. New York: Taxman Publication, 1989. 12. Burton, G. and Thakur. <i>Management Today- Principles and Practices</i>. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill, 1995. 13. Drucher, P.F. <i>Technology, Management and Society</i>. London: Pan Books, 1970. 14. Emans, Ben. <i>Interviewing: Theory, techniques, and training</i>. Taylor & Francis, 2019. 15. Eyre, E.C. <i>Effective Communication Made Simple</i>. Kolkata: Rupa and Co., 1985. 16. Fisher, Dalmar. <i>Communication in Organisation</i>. Mumbai: Jaico Publishing House, 1999. 17. Frailley, L.E. <i>Handbook of Business Letters</i>, Revised Edn. New Jersey: Prentice Hall Inc., 1982. 18. French, Astrid. <i>Interpersonal Skills</i>. New Delhi: Sterling Publishers, 1993. Ganguly, Anand. <i>Group Discussion</i>. Pustak Mahal, 2012. 19. Gartside, L.E. <i>Modern Business Correspondence</i>. Plymouth: McDonald and Evans Ltd., 1980. 20. Ghanekar, A. <i>Communication Skills for Effective Management</i>. Pune: Everest Publishing House, 1996. 21. Labade, Sachin, Katre Deepa et al. <i>Communication Skills in English</i>. Orient Blackswan, Pvt Ltd, 2021. 22. Reed, Karim and Joseph A. Allen. <i>Suddenly Virtual: Making Remote Meetings Work</i>. Wiley, 2021.
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12	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%	External, Semester End Examination Individual Passing in Internal and External Examination : 60%
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13	<p>Continuous Evaluation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Performance in oral activities (during lectures): 10 marks The class may be divided into batches to conduct the oral activities by creating formal schedule for the same before the semester End Examination. · Written assignments or projects: 10 marks Learners will have to write and submit written assignments in a timely manner. <p>Suggested Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Mock interviews and group discussions · Making short presentations on given topics · Official notice / agenda / minutes / resolution writing exercises · Role play in group communication situations, like meetings
14	<p>Format of Question Paper: for the final examination</p> <p><i>External / Semester End Examination Marks: 30 Time: 1 Hours</i></p> <p>Q.1. Essay Type Questions (Any One out of two on Unit I) Marks 10 Q.2. Essay Type Questions (Any One out of two on Unit II) Marks 10 Q.3. Short Notes/Problem (Any Three out of five on all Units) Marks 10</p>

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