Business Communication

Course Code: LN 404 (w.e.f. Session 2015-2016) LTP 3 1 0

OBJECTIVE: The course aims to make students proficient in written as well as oral communication. The focus will be on business related communication.

UNIT I: INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION

Introduction to Communication, Communication Process, Barriers to Communication, Effective Communications , Types of Communication in Organizations viz. downward, upward, horizontal, static Vs dynamic.

UNIT II: NON VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Non-Verbal Communication, Communication through clothes / colours /space/symbol, body-language and etiquettes, Inter-personal Communication, Self Concept and Communication, Assertive Communication.

UNIT III: WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Types of Business Writing viz, Newsletters, Reports, Folders, Fact Sheets, Press Release; Readership and Writing Style, Human Aspects of Writing.

UNIT IV: COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Meetings - Planning for Meeting, Tips for Chairing, Opening, Progress & Ending, Behaviour of Ordinary Members, The Character of Business Meeting, Energies for Meetings, Group Discussions, Brain- storming Sessions and Presentations.

UNIT V: PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Handling Personal Communication- Letters, Dictation, Reading, Problem-solving, Listening skills, Self-talk, Self-reflection, Steps to Personal Creativity, Public speaking,

Suggested Readings:

- 1. Bovee. Business Communication Today.7th Ed. Pearson Edu. 2008
- 2. Brown L. Communications Facts and Ideas in Business Prentice Hall. 2006
- 3. Lesikar. Basic Business Communication. McGraw Hill. 2004
- 4. Ramchandran KK, Lakshmi KK & Karthik KK. *Business Communication*. Macmillan. 2007
- 5. Raman, Meenakshi & Sharma, Sangeeta. *Technical Communication: Principles and Practice*, Oxford University Press-2013
- 6. Konar, Nira. Communication Skills For Professionals, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd -2011
- 7. Board of Editors. Written and Spoken Communication in English, University Press-2007
- 8. Lata, Pushp & Kumar, Sanjay. Communicate or Collapse: A Handbook of Effective Public Speaking, Group Discussions and Interviews, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd -2011
- 9. Duck, Steve & McMahan, David T. *The Basics of Communication : A Relational Perspective*, Sage Publication-2012
- 10. Anderson, Marilyn, Nayar, Pramod K. & Sen, Madhuchhanda . *Critical Thinking, Academic Writing and Presentation Skills*, Pearson-2009