Overview
This course examines how new technologies impact interpersonal interactions. Class activities include lectures, readings, in class assignments, and audiovisual materials. Course topics include impression formation and impression management, online deception, language and technology, Internet anonymity, and the interpersonal uses of dating tools and social networking sites.

Course objectives
• To review scientific studies investigating online interactions and computer-mediated communication (CMC).
• To learn basic principles that can be applied in a variety of mediated contexts (e.g., email, social networking sites, online dating sites, etc.).
• Reflecting on how these principles may clarify everyday uses of technology.

Required readings
Each week's required readings will consist of research and news articles related to each topic. Each reading is associated with an entry in the schedule provided below. Read according to the schedule provided below. Download from Smartsite (in PDF format).

Prerequisites and grading system
There are no prerequisites. Course is open to majors. This is a letter grade course.

Grading summary
• Midterm: 35%
• Final exam: 35%
• Quizzes: 30%
• Extra credit.

Student evaluations
(1) Midterm, final exam, and attendance policy: These examinations consist of multiple choice questions. They will cover information seen in class and in the readings. The final exam is not a comprehensive examination. Both examinations will account for 70% of your final course grade. Bring a Scantron Form 2000, along with a pencil and eraser. There are no makeup exams except in cases of documented illness or family crisis. Job interviews and personal appointment do not count as an excused absence. Students should contact Dr. Peña before missing an examination because of illness or family
issues. There will be no makeup exams if you fail to provide prior notice to the instructor. There will be no alternative exam dates; if you have exams in other classes then please plan ahead. Use of electronic devices during examinations is not allowed. The instructor will assume students are cheating and, thus, using devices will result in failing the exam. Cheating in any other form will also result in failing the exam. There will be no extra time for students arriving late to an exam.

(2) **Quizzes:** Students will be quizzed in regards the topics and research questions proposed in class and in the readings. There will be no makeups; students that miss class activities cannot turn in quizzes or short reports. You need to be in class to be able to turn in your work. Quizzes do not appear in the schedule below in order to discourage class absenteeism.

(3) **Extra credit:** Your participation in ongoing faculty or student research conducted through the Department of Communication is highly appreciated and encouraged. For each hour you participate in this research (up to a maximum of two hours), you will receive one extra point to your final total course score for the semester (up to a maximum of two extra points per semester). There are no guarantees that extra credit opportunities will be available for all students. If available, please sign up early for extra credit. There will be no alternative extra credit options; you can only get extra credit by participating in research studies. Please sign up here if you need or want to earn extra credit


You can find more information about Sona here:

http://pscresearch.faculty.ucdavis.edu/extra-credit/

**Academic Integrity**

In this course, any work submitted by a student for academic credit will be the individual student's own work. Any work submitted by students must be crafted specifically for this course, unless you have permission from the instructor. Plagiarism, or any other type of unethical behavior, will result in dismissal from the course and related disciplinary actions.

**Grade grievance policy**

Students have two weeks after final grades are officially posted to communicate and file grade complaints. I will not make comments about grade grievances after this period in person or electronically.
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