

## Syllabus

### Second Semester Professional Communication Course for Arts and Science Colleges

Hours: 60

#### Objectives:

The Professional Communication Skills Course is intended to help Learners in Arts and Science colleges,

- Develop their competence in the use of English with particular reference to the workplace situation.
- Enhance the creativity of the students, which will enable them to think of innovative ways to solve issues in the workplace.
- Develop their competence and competitiveness and thereby improve their employability skills.
- Help students with a research bent of mind develop their skills in writing reports and research proposals.

#### Unit 1- Communicative Competence

Listening – Listening to two talks/lectures by specialists on selected subject specific topics -(TED Talks) and answering comprehension exercises (inferential questions)

Speaking: Small group discussions (the discussions could be based on the listening and reading passages- open ended questions

Reading: Two subject-based reading texts followed by comprehension activities/exercises

Writing: Summary writing based on the reading passages.

**Grammar and vocabulary exercises/tasks to be designed based on the discourse patterns of the listening and reading texts in the book. This is applicable for all the units.**

#### Unit 2 - Persuasive Communication

Listening: listening to a product launch- sensitizing learners to the nuances of persuasive communication

Speaking: debates – Just-A Minute Activities

Reading: reading texts on advertisements ( on products relevant to the subject areas) and answering inferential questions

Writing: dialogue writing- writing an argumentative /persuasive essay.

### **Unit 3- Digital Competence**

Listening to interviews (subject related)

Speaking: Interviews with subject specialists (using video conferencing skills)

Creating Vlogs (How to become a vlogger and use vlogging to nurture interests – subject related)

Reading: Selected sample of Web Page (subject area)

Writing: Creating Web Pages

Reading Comprehension: Essay on Digital Competence for Academic and Professional Life.

The essay will address all aspects of digital competence in relation to MS Office and how they can be utilized in relation to work in the subject area

### **Unit 4 - Creativity and Imagination**

Listening to short (2 to 5 minutes) academic videos (prepared by EMRC/ other MOOC videos on Indian academic sites – E.g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpvicScuDy0>)

Speaking: Making oral presentations through short films – subject based

**Reading: Essay on Creativity and Imagination (subject based)**

Writing – Basic Script Writing for short films (subject based)

- Creating webpages, blogs, flyers and brochures (subject based)
- Poster making – writing slogans/captions(subject based)

### **Unit 5- Workplace Communication& Basics of Academic Writing**

Speaking: Short academic presentation using PowerPoint

Reading & Writing: Product Profiles, Circulars, Minutes of Meeting.

Writing an introduction, paraphrasing

Punctuation(period, question mark, exclamation point, comma, semicolon, colon, dash, hyphen, parentheses, brackets, braces, apostrophe, quotation marks, and ellipsis)

Capitalization (use of upper case)

### **Outcomes of the Course**

At the end of the course, learners will be able to,

- Attend interviews with boldness and confidence.
  - Adapt easily into the workplace context, having become communicatively competent.
  - Apply to the Research &Development organisations/ sections in companies and offices with winning proposals.