**SCOM 121 Credit by Examination**

To receive credit for SCOM 121, a student must complete both the final exam and an oral presentation following the guidelines specified below in each section. Please note the following:

* Every student has **ONE** opportunity to attempt the credit by exam for SCOM121.
* No student may attempt the exam — any portion of the exam — while currently enrolled in a 100-level SCOM class.

**Final Exam**

Passing the final exam is the first step in a two-part process by which a student may earn credit for SCOM 121: The test covers basic principles of communication, including fundamentals of human communication, interpersonal communication, group and team communication, and public speaking. Students who wish to review these concepts should look at the textbook used in SCOM 121: *In the Company of Others* by J. Dan Rothwell (5th ed.) or a similar basic communication textbook.

Students must take the final exam in the Ashby Assessment and Testing Center during its regularly scheduled lab hours.

**Students will be allowed to take the final exam only once.** To pass the current SCOM final exam, a student MUST receive a minimum score of 75%. If a student does not pass the exam portion, the process ends and the student must take the class. Passing the test demonstrates that the student has achieved an appropriate level of competence with the knowledge portion of the course. Passing the final exam is a necessary, but insufficient in and of itself, requirement to receive credit for SCOM121.

Passing the test qualifies a student for the second portion of the process — the oral presentation.

**Oral Presentation**

The specific requirements for the oral presentation are as follows:

* The presenter needs to deliver an 8 to 10 minute speech.
* The speech can be either informative or persuasive.
* The delivery must be extemporaneous (i.e., minimal notes; not read from a prepared script).
* The presenter must incorporate PowerPoint or Prezi slides into the speech.
* The presenter must bring a typed outline of the presentation (with topic, title, and references) on the day he or she delivers the speech.
* All speech presentations are to be delivered in the Communication Center, which is located on the first floor of the Student Success Center.

Both the final exam and the oral presentation must be completed within a single semester (in Sept. for fall semester and in Feb. for spring semester).

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