

First Course Sheet

BSE601: Professional & Scientific communication [1-0-0-0] | 2017-18-I

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Class Schedule: 9:00 to 9:50 am (Friday) | Venue: BSBE Seminar Room

Contact Hour: Monday, 6 pm (on advance request via email)

Course website: <http://home.iitk.ac.in/~sganesh/scicom/>

Objective: The objective of this course is to introduce post-graduate students to the different aspects of professional communication including written communication, oral communication, reading and ethics in communication.

Target students: It is a compulsory course for the PG students (M.Tech and Ph.D) of BSBE. This course is not open to students from other departments. There are no pre-requisites for crediting this course.

Attendance: 100% attendance unless leave approved by the DPGC (please inform the TA on approved leave duration). Students who are not regular to the class will be asked to deregister within the deadline announced by the DOAA.

Course materials: There are no prescribed text books. Relevant literature (papers or online resources) will be made available in the classroom and/or over emails (course alias group email id – bse601@). Do ensure that you access IITK emails regularly. The course website would also provide all relevant links for the literature freely available on the web.

Course content: Critical reading (4), critical writing (4); oral presentation (2); ethics (2)

Exams/Quiz: Since this is a zero credit course, we will follow continuous evaluation model, based on the attendance, quizzes and assignments. The quizzes (surprise) will be scheduled in regular class hours itself. A few take home assignments on the topics discussed in the classroom will also be provided. A few, interactive group activities will also be initiated to improve communication skill sets. There will NOT be any mid/end-semester exam.

Grading policy: The final grading would be either “Satisfactory [S]” or “Not satisfactory [X]”. Students earning the X grade will have to repeat the course.

S.Ganesh

Course instructor