

## **Chapter 1 Requirements and Rubric**

The questions and topics below are designed to enable you to critically encounter chapter concepts in light of your own experience and beliefs. Your assignment is to select 4 of the 6 questions/topics below – any four of your choosing - and write a detailed response to each in a minimum of 100 words (per question/topic).

To make it clear what you're writing about, I ask that you copy and paste/rewrite each question/topic you select, with your answer provided immediately below. Please also provide your total word count at the end of each response – you want just the word count of your own writing, as the questions/topics do not count. As such, you'll have four different word counts, and each response needs to be at least 100 words in length. If you are unfamiliar with how to find your word count, here is a source for you:

<https://www.wordcounttool.com/blog/productivity-tools/word-count-in-microsoft-word>

I have no preference regarding how you provide your word count. You can simply write, for example, "132 words" at the end of your first response.

### **Point value:**

- 20 points

### **Grading rubric:**

1. Was the text of the assignment at least 400 words in length, with each bullet response being at least 100 words? (This does not include the words for your name, title, or the bulleted questions, etc.)  
**-If not, then 0 points earned for the assignment and grading will end here**
2. Did the student clearly present and describe a response specific to the assigned prompt in a well-written discussion?  
**-up to 5 points earned per bullet, 20 points total**
3. Did the student use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling?  
**-If not, points will be deducted.**

### **Questions/Topics for Chapter 1 Assignment**

- Review the reasons to study interpersonal communication. What areas of your life do you hope to improve by taking this class?
- Think of a celebrity, role model, or important person in your life, and describe what specifically he or she does to communicate competently.
- How can social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter be used in both positive and negative ways to enhance as well as to harm interpersonal relationships?
- Describe examples of noise in a situation you encountered today. What are ways to alleviate the noise that you mentioned in your examples?
- Why does the channel matter in interpersonal communication? Discuss a time when you felt the wrong channel was used and what happened as a result.
- How can interpersonal communication be ambiguous? Discuss a time when a miscommunication resulted as a result of this principle.