SYLLABUS
Communications Workshop  
BSCI 650  
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Location: Sheraton, Agoura - California (or TBD)

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Introduction  
The Communications Workshop (“the Workshop”) is a critical part of our school’s philosophy and processes. Alumni surveys confirm that this workshop is a positive and influential experience.

All new graduate students are required to attend this 3-day Workshop. This course is the mandatory prerequisite for your next course: Human Behavior in Organizations (BSCI 651).

Course Description  
The Workshop helps students understand their patterns of communicating and relating to others. While their privacy and autonomy are respected, students are expected to examine, analyze and learn from their behavior as group members. Students failing to attend any part of the communication workshop will not be permitted to continue in the course. The fee for the workshop is included in the flat-rate tuition, but students are responsible for costs beyond housing and meals.

Course Objectives  
1. To become a cohesive learning team  
2. To improve communication skills, including listening skills  
3. To foster the emergence of student leadership  
4. To give and receive constructive and useful feedback  
5. To create a safe psychological climate  
6. To experiment with new ways of leading and communicating  
7. To deal with ambiguous situations  
8. To engage in teambuilding

Required Texts and Course Materials  
Where are you on your journey?

Items you will need to bring with you to the workshop:  
1. a journal (i.e., a spiral notebook)  
2. pen or pencil  
3. comfortable clothing  
4. a jacket or sweater for early morning and late evening
5. 3-4 magazines with pictures in them (e.g. SI, Cooking Mags, US/People; Time/US News etc)

**Grading**
This course is graded “Pass/Fail.” This means that if you attend all sessions of the Communications Workshop and contribute to our learning community’s discussions and activities, you will pass the course. If you miss sessions of the Communications Workshop, or if you significantly detract from the synergy, development, and/or psychological safety of our learning community, you will not pass the course.

**Attendance Policy**
As stated above in the “Grading” section, you must attend all sessions of this intensive, hands-on, two-day long Communications Workshop.

**Policy on Disabilities**

*Assistance for Students with Disabilities*
The Disability Services Office (DSO) offers a variety of services and accommodations to students with disabilities based on appropriate documentation, nature of disability, and academic need. In order to initiate services, students should meet with the Director of the DSO at the beginning of the semester to discuss reasonable accommodation. If a student does not request accommodation or provide documentation, the faculty member is under no obligation to provide accommodations. You may contact the Director of Disability Services at (310) 506-6500. For further information, visit the DSO Web site at: [http://www.pepperdine.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.pepperdine.edu/disabilityservices/).