

Writing in Organizations

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MGM 202

Orientation Lecture



Course Outline

Lecture 1: Getting Started: Writing and Your Career.

Lecture 2: The Writing Process and Collaboration at Work.

Lecture 3: Writing Routine Business Correspondence & Meeting

Lecture 4: Writing Letters: Some Basics for Communicating with Audiences Worldwide.

Lecture 5: E-Communications at Work Email, Blogs, Messaging, and Social Media

Lecture 6: Making Successful Presentations at Work

Lecture 7: Writing Instructions and Procedures.

Lecture 8: Writing Effective Short Reports.

Lecture 9: Writing Careful Long Reports

Lecture 10: Designing Clear Visuals

TITLE OF LECTURE

Writing and Your Career

- 1- Writing—An Essential Job Skill.**
- 2- Writing for the Global Marketplace.**
- 3- Four Keys to Effective Writing.**
- 4- Characteristics of Job-Related Writing.**
- 5- Ethical Writing in the Workplace.**
- 6- Successful Employees Are Successful Writers.**

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The Writing Process and Collaboration at Work

- 1- What Writing Is and Is Not.
- 2- Researching.
- 3- Planning.
- 4- Drafting.
- 5- Revising.
- 6- Editing.
- 7- Collaboration Is Crucial to the Writing Process.
- 8- Advantages of Collaborative Writing.
- 9- Seven Guidelines for Successful Group Writing .
- 10- Sources of Conflict in Group Dynamics and How to Solve Them.
- 11 - Computer-Supported Collaboration.

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Writing Routine Business Correspondence & Meeting

- 1- What Memos, Faxes, E-Mails, IMs, and Blog Posts Have in Common
- 2- Memos.
- 3- Sending Memos: E-mail or Hard Copy?
- 4- Sending Faxes: Some Guidelines.
- 5- Meeting
- 6- Planning a Meeting
- 7- Creating an Agenda
- 8- Writing the Minutes
- 9- Virtual Meetings

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Writing Letters: Some Basics for Communicating with Audiences Worldwide.

- 1- Letters in the Age of the Internet.
- 2- Letter Formats.
- 3- Parts of a Letter.
- 4- The Appearance of Your Letter.
- 5- Organizing a Standard Business Letter.
- 6- Making a Good Impression on Your Reader.
- 7- The Five Most Common Types of Business Letters.
 - A- Inquiry Letters.
 - B- Cover Letters
 - C- Special Request Letters.
 - D- Sales Letters.
 - E- Customer Relations Letters.
- 8- International Business Correspondence.
- 9- Sending Letter-Quality Messages: Final Advice to Seal Your Success.

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E-Communications at Work Email, Blogs, Messaging, and Social Media

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1. Introduction.
2. The Flow of Information through E-Communications
3. Email: Its Importance in the Workplace
4. Guidelines for Using Email on the Job
5. When Not to Use Email
6. Blogs
7. Guidelines for Writing Business Blogs

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Making Successful Presentations at Work

1. Introduction.
2. Writing a Document Versus
3. Making a Presentation
4. Types of Presentations
5. Informal Briefings
6. Formal Presentations

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Writing Instructions and Procedures

- 1- Instructions, Procedures, and Your Job.
- 2- Why Instructions Are Important.
- 3- Using Word Processing Programs to Design Instructions.
- 4- Assessing and Meeting Your Audience's Needs.
- 5- The Process of Writing Instructions.
- 6- Using the Right Style.
- 7- Using Visuals Effectively in Instructions.
- 8- The Five Parts of Instructions.
- 9- Model of Full Set of Instructions.
- 10- Writing Procedures for Policies and Regulations.
- 11- Some Final Advice.

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Writing Effective Short Reports

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- 1- Why Short Reports Are Important.**
 - 2- Types of Short Reports.**
 - 3- Seven Guidelines for Writing Short Reports.**
 - 4- Periodic Reports.**
 - 5- Sales Reports.**
 - 6- Progress Reports.**
 - 7- Travel/Trip Reports.**
 - 8- Incident Reports.**
 - 9- Protecting Yourself Legally.**

Writing Careful Long Reports

- 1- Characteristics of a Long Report.**
- 2- The Process of Writing a Long Report.**
- 3- Parts of a Long Report.**
- 4- Documenting Sources.**
- 5- A Model Long Report.**
- 6- Final Words of Advice About Long Reports.**

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Designing Clear Visuals

- 1. Visual Thinking in the Global Workplace**
- 2. The Purpose of Visuals**
- 3. Types of Visuals and Their Functions**
- 4. Choosing Effective Visuals**
- 5. Generating, Scanning, and Uploading Visuals**
- 6. Inserting and Writing About Visuals: Some Guidelines**
- 7. Two Categories of Visuals: Tables and Figures**
- 8. Using Visuals Ethically**
- 9. Using Appropriate Visuals for International Audiences**

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Learning outcomes

- **write correspondence for a business reader by keeping in mind your organization's needs.**
- **develop sensitivity and empathy to language and tone.**
- **apply a systematic process to plan, organize, and revise business messages.**
- **write routine messages that answer a reader's needs and conform to rules of writing.**
- **write more demanding messages, such as goodwill messages, persuasive messages, and bad news messages.**
- **plan and prepare to write complex messages, such as business reports and proposals.**
- **communicate ethically, correctly, and effectively in a variety of genres and media.**

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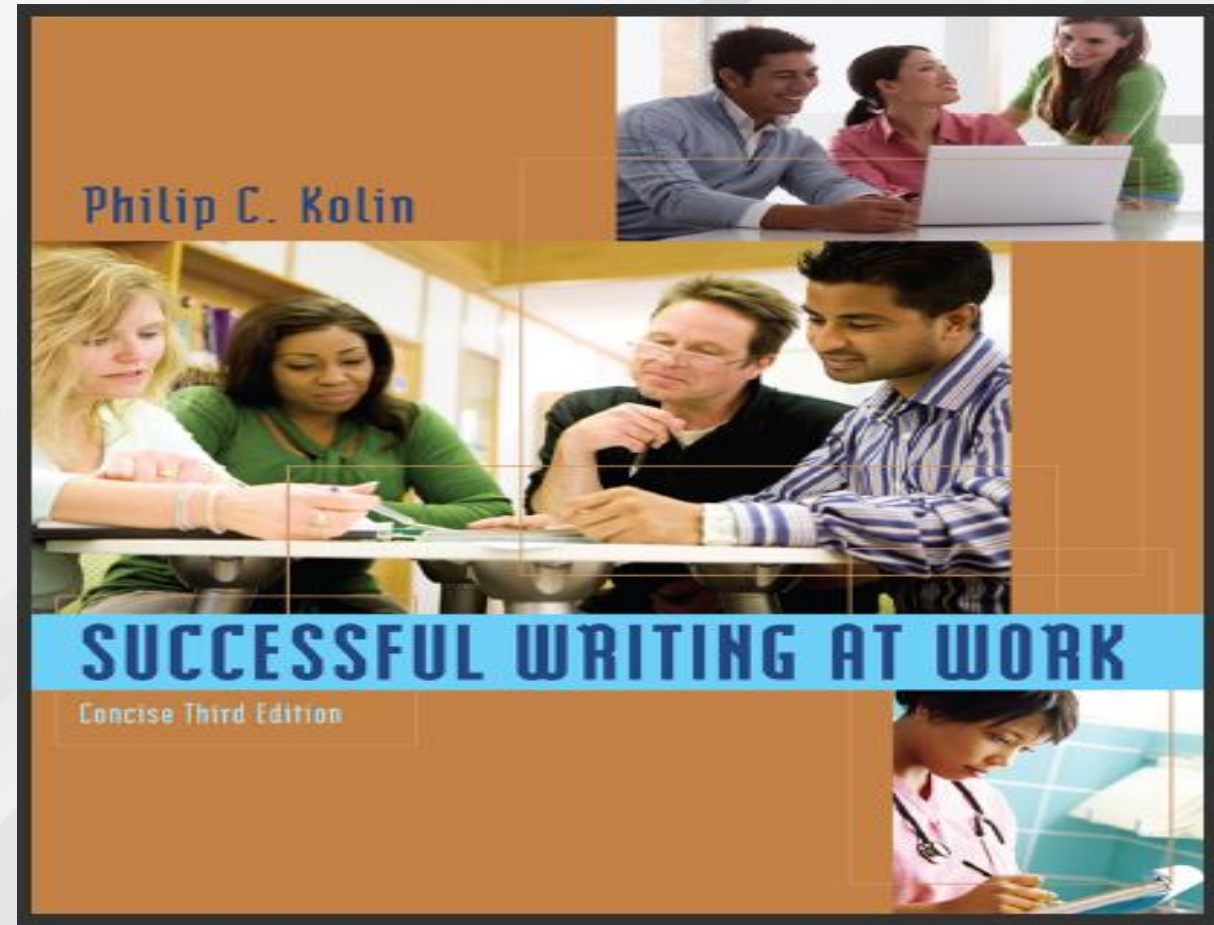
Learning outcomes

- **apply the principles of designing and presenting information visually.**
- **Through a series of simulated work environments, you will interact with virtual coworkers and clients to complete a series of tasks and assignments that mimic actual business communication problems and opportunities. Educational material and individual, iterative feedback will guide you through developing important professional communication skills essential to not only successfully complete the course but also to excel in your chosen career.**

References

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