

**Course Title: Communication Skills II**

**Course Code: ENGT 102**

**Credit Hours: 2**

**Course Description:**

This course is to familiarize undergraduate students with the skills of research, documentation and project writings and orient students to critical and creative practices through interdisciplinary readings. After the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- apply argumentative and critical skills in written and oral communications
- write and review scientific articles and conference papers
- design formal research proposals and reports
- use accepted citation and referencing systems in technical texts

**Course Contents:**

**Unit 1: Technical Communication**

1. Argumentation:  
Argumentative presentations (written and oral): using Stephen Toulmin's Model (claim, ground, warrant, backing, rebuttal and modifier)
2. Proposals:  
*Research*: concept papers  
*Project*: project proposals
3. Reports:  
*Technical Papers*: Conference papers; Scientific journal articles; Structure: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Analysis/Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgements, References; Reviewing technical texts  
*Project Reports*: structure, writing process  
*Memo Reports*: structure, writing process

**Unit 2: Critical Readings**

Theme I: Science and Society

1. Vincent Dethier, "To Know a Fly"
2. Carl G. Hempel, "Scientific Inquiry: Invention and Test"
3. Armand Denis, "The Four-Tusked Elephant"

Theme 2: Human Condition

4. Anton Chekov, "Swan Song"
5. L. P. Devkota, "The Lunatic"
6. Jared Diamond, "Adaptive Failure: Easter's End"

Theme 3: Critical Thinking

7. Bertrand Russell, "Keeping Errors at Bay"

8. Pedro Antonio de Alarcón, “The Stub-Book”
9. Somerset Maugham, “Mr. Know-All”

**References:**

1. Gerson, Sharon, and Steven Gerson. *Technical Communication: Process and Product*. 8<sup>th</sup> ed, New Delhi: Pearson Education, 2014.
2. Nissani, Moti, and Shreedhar Lohani. *Flax-Golden Tales*. Kathmandu: Ekta Books, 2008.

**LSRW Lab Materials:**

- Audio files, Visuals, Team projects, Assignments etc. to be collected/developed by the course instructors.