

**LGST 2910-407: Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
Spring 2024 Syllabus**

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Course Description: This class delivers practical knowledge of negotiation theory and reframes widely held approaches to and perceptions of bargaining – from contentious to collaborative and from win-lose to creative problem solving for value creation. Structured negotiation simulations with peers will provide you with opportunities to explore your negotiation style by applying learned concepts and to receive candid, real-time feedback.

Course Objectives: You will learn foundational principles of bargaining and be encouraged to explore your own approach to negotiation as you reflect on personal experience and gain a clearer sense of your goals, negotiation style, values, interests, and resources. You will emerge with a better understanding of your decision making, develop solid communication skills, and feel empowered to become a more effective and confident negotiator.

Course Format: This class is experiential in nature, with a mix of lecture, discussion, and interactive exercises. Negotiation exercises are role-play simulations conducted with your peers using confidential information to frame each scenario (see Confidentiality section below).

Required Reading: Carnegie, Dale. **How to Win Friends & Influence People** (Pocket Books 1998); Patterson, Kerry, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan & Al Switzler. **Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High**. (3d. edition, McGraw-Hill, 2021); Shell, G. Richard Shell. **Bargaining for Advantage: Negotiation Strategies for Reasonable People**. (3d. edition, Penguin, 2019); Taheripour, Mori. **Bring Yourself: How to Harness the Power of Connection to Negotiate Fearlessly**. (Avery, 2020); **Bulk Pack** of assigned articles on Study.net (**accessible via Canvas**).

Technology Policy: There is a strict **NO ELECTRONICS POLICY**. **Cell phones, laptops and other electronic devices** disrupt the learning environment and **are prohibited**. All electronic devices must be turned off and put away prior to the start of class. Should you have an emergency and need to leave your cell phone on in “silent” mode, please discuss with me before class.

Confidentiality: Before Class 1 begins, you must sign and submit the non-disclosure form on the Canvas assignments page. The information you receive as part of in-class negotiation exercises is confidential and may not be shared with anyone, including classmates assigned the same role for the negotiation exercise. When each simulation is complete, it’s important that you **DO NOT assume that the negotiation is over just because you are finished deliberating with your counterpart(s)**. Only after we have completed the formal exercise debrief as a class are you permitted to further discuss the results with individuals in our class only. It is expected that you will exhibit honesty, integrity and ethical conduct pursuant to the University Code of Academic Integrity. If you would prefer not to sign, you must drop the course.

GRADING FACTORS

IN-CLASS PERFORMANCE	20%
Attendance and Participation	10%
Peer Feedback	10%
MIDTERM EXAM	20%
WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS*	60%
Journal Entries (3) – <i>see required format on pg. 6</i>	15%
Personal Negotiation Analysis 1	10%
Personal Negotiation Analysis 2	15%
Team Analytical Paper and Presentation**	20%

****Please see the assignment schedule on page 4 of this syllabus for more details on each assignment.***

*****Detailed instructions will be posted to Canvas for download.***

Midterm Exam (20%): In Class 6, there will be a 30-question midterm, which you will be given 90 minutes to complete. The format will be multiple choice, true/false and short answer questions. Materials covered will include all required reading, content from in-class discussions, and takeaways from negotiation exercises and their respective journal entries completed through Class 5. The midterm will be closed book, closed notes and will not be graded on a curve.

NOTES ABOUT IN-CLASS PERFORMANCE:

Attendance and Participation (10%): Your participation requires that you attend each class in its entirety and actively engage in class discussions and activities. We will be doing a negotiation exercise in the majority of classes. These exercises are the basis for most of the assignments in this course, and no “make-ups” will be offered. Absent a written medical excuse from a medical care provider, you will lose half a letter grade for each unexcused absence, tardiness, or early departure (i.e. from an A- to a B+.). **You may not receive a passing grade** in the course if you miss significant portions of two or more classes.

Peer Feedback (10%): Your class participation grade will be informed in part by your peers’ assessment of your performance. This is not meant to intimidate you or to dissuade you from using the skills learned in class to explore and get comfortable with your negotiation style. This feedback will help you gain valuable outside perspective as you grow as a negotiator, even outside of this class. There are several ways that you will be providing feedback to your peers.

- I. **Debrief After Each Exercise:** Following each negotiation exercise, you will respectfully exchange constructive feedback with your counterpart(s) highlighting one or more of their strengths in the negotiation and suggest one area for improvement.
- II. **Canvas:** Using a survey tool posted on Canvas (DATE TBA) you will rate your classmates on three dimensions using a 1-10 scale, 1 = poor and 10 = excellent. The three dimensions are: **1)** Overall preparation for and commitment to the exercises **2)** Skill in one-time negotiations (future relationship are not taken into consideration; and **3)** Skill in negotiations where the future relationship matters significantly. **YOU MUST PROVIDE A RATING IN ALL THREE CATEGORIES FOR EACH OF YOUR COUNTERPARTS.**
- III. **Feedback Retrospective:** In Class 13, you will briefly review each class exercise with your counterpart(s) and discuss the feedback you had provided to one another. How have you grown? What have you learned?

PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to keep track of your negotiation partners’ performance throughout the semester. The Peer Evaluation Survey Tool is posted/open near the end of the semester (DATE TBA) and the final feedback session is in Class 13. You will need to track your peer feedback in order to successfully complete both of these deliverables.

CLASS TOPICS AND REQUIRED READING

- Class 1:** **January 23rd – Distributive Bargaining: The “Zone of Agreement”**
Required Reading: Bulk Pack (BP) #1-3; Bargaining for Advantage (BFA) Introduction
Class Activity: Cessna
- Class 2:** **January 30th – Foundations #1 and #2: Bargaining Styles and Expectations**
Required Reading: BP# 4-5; BFA Ch. 1-2, 8-9
Class Activity: The Startup Job
- Class 3:** **February 6th – Foundations #3: Standards and Agents**
Required Reading: BP #6; Crucial Conversations (CC) Ch. 1-2; How to Win Friends & Influence People (HWFIP) Part 2, Sections 1, 5
Class Activity: House Sale
- Class 4:** **February 13th – Foundations #4 and #5: Relationships and Interests**
Required Reading: BFA Ch. 3-4; HWFIP Part 1, Sections 1-3
Class Activity: The Opera Problem & House Sale Debrief
- Class 5:** **February 20th – Foundation #6: Leverage**
Required Reading: BP #7; BFA Ch. 5-7
Class Activity: Criollo Pear
- Class 6:** **February 27th – MIDTERM**
Covered Topics: All assigned readings and class discussion notes through Class 5
- Class 7:** **March 12th – Coalitions**
Required Reading: BFA Ch. 10; HWFIP Part 3, Sections 2-5, 7-10
Class Activity: Federated Science Fund
- Class 8:** **March 19th – Ethics**
Required Reading: BP #8; BFA Ch. 11-12; CC Ch. 4-5
Class Activity: Acme Roofing
- Class 9:** **March 26th – Bias at the Bargaining Table**
Required Reading: BP #9-10; HWFIP Part 4
Class Activity: Guest Speaker
- Class 10:** **April 2nd – TBD**
Class Activity: Jade Bowl
- Class 11:** **April 9th – Multi-Party Negotiations**
Required Reading: BP #11
Class Activity: The Hospital Committee
- Class 12:** **April 16th – TBD**
Required Reading: Bring Yourself Part I
- PEER EVALUATIONS DUE VIA CANVAS BY START OF CLASS ON APRIL 23RD**
- Class 13:** **April 23rd – Peer Feedback Retrospective**
Required Reading: Bring Yourself Part II
Class Activity: Peer Feedback Retrospective and Multi-Party Wrap-Up
- Class 14:** **April 30th – Closing**
Class Activity: Analytical Paper Presentations

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Please submit all assignments electronically via Canvas on their assigned due date prior to the start of class.

Late assignments will not be accepted and extensions will not be given.

Date Due	Assignment	Assignment Instructions
Jan. 23	Non-Disclosure Agreement	See pg. 5. Sign and submit via Canvas prior to the start of class.
Jan. 30	Negotiation Style Analysis	Complete analysis (BP #4) and submit via Canvas prior to the start of class.
Feb. 6	Journal Entry 1: Startup Job	<u>Required Readings:</u> BP# 4-5; <u>BFA</u> Ch. 1-2, 8-9
Feb. 13	Personal Negotiation Analysis #1	Write a 2-page (double-spaced) reflective analysis of your past negotiation experiences and how those experiences influenced your desire to take this course. Your analysis must include a discussion of your goals for honing your skill as a negotiator through this course. (i.e. What would you like to improve? What do you hope to learn about yourself?)
Feb. 20	Team Analytical Paper Topic Description	One paragraph description of paper due. Your paper topic will be reviewed to ensure its feasibility, and feedback will be provided.
Feb. 27	Midterm	Materials covered will include all required reading, content from in-class discussions, and takeaways from negotiation exercises and their respective journal entries completed through Class 5. The midterm will be closed book, closed notes and will not be graded on a curve.
Feb. 27	Journal Entry 2: Criollo Pear	<u>Required Readings:</u> BP #7; <u>BFA</u> Ch. 5-7
March 26	Journal Entry 3: Acme Roofing	<u>Required Readings:</u> BP #8; <u>BFA</u> Ch. 11-12; <u>CC</u> Ch. 4-5 <i>*See Appendix A (pg. 6) for additional content requirements.</i>
April 9	Personal Negotiation Analysis #2	Write a three-page, double-spaced introspective paper citing concepts from the readings that most resonated with you (at least two different books and at least two different <u>BP articles</u>) to discuss your growth as a negotiator and what continued progress you'd like to make. Reflect on how what you've learned in this course has impacted you and changed your approach to negotiation.
April 23	Peer Evaluations	Using a survey tool posted on Canvas, you will rate your classmates on three dimensions using a 1-10 scale, 1 = poor and 10 = excellent. YOU MUST PROVIDE A RATING IN ALL THREE CATEGORIES FOR EACH OF YOUR COUNTERPARTS. See grading factors on pg. 2 of this syllabus for more details.
April 23	Peer Feedback Retrospective	Following each negotiation exercise, you and your counterparts have provided constructive feedback to one another. In this session, you will briefly review each class exercise and consider the feedback you provided to one another. Since then, how have you grown? What have you learned?
April 23	Team Analytical Paper	Please see Appendix B (pg. 7) for details.
April 30	Team Paper Presentation	Your team will deliver a three-minute presentation highlighting your takeaways from the negotiation topic you analyzed in your paper. See Appendix B for details.

NEGOTIATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Some of the role-playing negotiation exercises used in the various sections of this course and others are very similar. The sections do not necessarily encounter/debrief these exercises at the same time during the semester.

In order to make the course work and the grading fair for this and future sections of this course, it is essential that participants:

- Keep role-specific, confidential information to themselves, except as they may choose to disclose it to their counterpart(s) in the actual negotiation exercises.
- Make no efforts, other than in the course of negotiations, to discover the contents of the private information given to their counterparts; and
- Refrain from discussing the exercises and results of negotiations with other students until they are *certain* that the person with whom they are speaking has completed the exercise and discussed it in class. **Under no circumstances should students discuss the exercises with students who are not currently enrolled in a Negotiations course.**
- **Do not share, copy or distribute the exercises used in this course.**

The professors teaching these courses consider intentional violations of these rules to constitute violations of the ethics guidelines of this institution. By signing this form, you agree to abide by the aforementioned requirements and rules.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A: NEGOTIATION JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED FORMAT

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three 2-page (double-spaced) journal entries are due during this course. Journal entries are not mere summaries of the outcomes from our in-class exercises. They are an opportunity for you to assess your continuous development throughout the semester. To maximize the benefit of these journal entries, be thoughtful and introspective.

GRADING

Points Awarded	Criteria
6 points	Journal entry exceeds expectations and is awarded 1 bonus point . These go beyond the required content by offering thoughtful and deeply personal analysis.
5 points	Full credit . All content requirements addressed with at least two different assigned readings discussed in sufficient detail.
4 points	Most points addressed but lacks thorough analysis or inclusion of assigned readings.

CONTENT REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT

Journal entries should be no longer than **two pages (double-spaced)**, with an emphasis on the quality and depth of your analysis. You can provide numbered responses to each of the content requirements below or write one cohesive assessment as long as all points are clearly addressed. **You must cite at least two (2) different readings assigned for the class in which the exercise was conducted (i.e. 2 different BP articles, 2 different books, or 1 book and 1 BP article) to support your reflection.** Simple parenthetical citations listing the author and article name, or book title and chapter number are sufficient.

Your Name:

Counterpart's Name(s):

Date:

Name of Negotiation Exercise:

1. State the outcome of the negotiation and **briefly** describe the main reason for the result. This should be the shortest section of your journal entry, as it serves only as an overview and not an exhaustive account of the negotiation.
2. Which readings offered helpful tactical advice that you applied during the negotiation process? **Cite at least TWO (2) readings** (see above) and discuss how you applied concepts from each to your preparation and performance.
3. Reflect on what you consider to be your most critical mistake in the negotiation. Looking back, what would you have done differently, and how might it have changed the outcome?
4. Identify the negotiation skill you'd like to personally develop (given the outcome of this negotiation) and any realized improvement from your negotiation experiences in previous classes.
5. Summarize your most important take-away from the class debrief and discussion. How will you apply this insight to future negotiations?
6. With the negotiation outcome and debrief in mind, what constructive feedback did you give to your counterpart(s)? What did they do well, and how could they improve?

ADDITIONAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR JOURNAL ENTRY 3

Describe which of the three "Schools of Bargaining Ethics" (Bargaining for Advantage, Chapter 12) you most identify with and what factors from your personal background (i.e. culture, family dynamics, past bargaining experiences) may have influenced you to adopt that ideology. How has this class changed or reinforced your perspective on the role of ethics in negotiation?

APPENDIX B: TEAM ANALYTICAL PAPER AND PRESENTATION: DETAILED DESCRIPTION

SUBMIT A PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING YOUR TOPIC ON CANVAS BY 3:00 PM, FEBRUARY 20th

**ANALYTICAL PAPER IS DUE ON CANVAS BY 3:00 PM, APRIL 23RD
TEAM PRESENTATIONS ARE DURING CLASS 14 ON APRIL 30TH**

This is your chance for you and a partner to demonstrate your ability to analyze negotiations as a team of consultants, advisors, or strategists— something we will do throughout the course. In Class 3 you will be assigned a partner to work with on this final project. You and your partner must select a negotiation topic of your choice (further details to be discussed in class) to explore and analyze through both a written paper and oral presentation. Your paper and presentation should include a case study or example of a high-profile or other well-documented negotiation to ground your analysis. **Both partners must equally contribute to the paper and deliver the presentation.** Only the paper will be graded.

Do not use a personal negotiation you face or have faced in the past as the case study or cited example for this project. Personal topics are to be used as the focus of your Personal Negotiation Analysis assignments. Viable topics include gender negotiation, cross-cultural negotiation, and conflict and dispute resolution. Case study examples may be found in (but are not limited to) sports and entertainment (athlete salary negotiations, collective bargaining agreements), history (Camp David Summit, Cuban Missile Crisis), and business (Disney and Lucasfilm, UPS and Teamsters). The topic should be of interest to both of you, and the negotiation you select for your case study should have enough information available to facilitate an in-depth analysis of the negotiation and discuss relevant and applicable takeaways.

ANALYTICAL PAPER

While the papers will not be graded on a hard curve, it is in your best interest to choose a unique topic. Choosing a generic topic/case study example (i.e. one suggested here) may put you at a disadvantage as there is bound to be an element of comparison/relative grading between multiple papers addressing the same topic.

The best papers, those at the “A” level, will include a wide range of citations, negotiations research beyond the materials presented in class, and analysis inclusive of more than a couple of references. Papers that merely summarize the facts of the negotiation without a thesis and proper analysis will not be favorably graded. We are looking for in-depth and thoughtful analysis, not a regurgitation of facts. Papers should include proper citations in MLA format for all sources used and a works cited page at the end of the paper.

You have flexibility in terms of the way you structure your paper.

Do not exceed page limit: 4 pages, double-spaced (not including works cited)

PRESENTATION

Your presentation must be **no more than three minutes in length**. It should focus on discussing applicable takeaways from the negotiation topic you selected through the lens of concepts learned in this class and through your outside research. You are welcome to use visual aids such as slides, timelines, or other media to enhance your presentation, **but they are not required.**

APPENDIX C: BULK PACK TABLE OF CONTENTS

The Bulk Pack (BP) is a collection of articles available on Study.net (accessed via Canvas). Reading assignments from the BP reference the number of each article as listed in the table of contents below (i.e., BP #1 refers to Disconnected: How Phones Affect Our Relationships). Articles are listed in the BP in the order they are assigned.

1. Disconnected: How Phones Affect Our Relationships
Wright, Louisa. "Disconnected: How phones affect our relationships." DW.com. 5 May 2021.
2. How to Negotiate Practically Anything
Hopkins, Michael S. "How to Negotiate Practically Anything." Inc. 1 Feb. 1989
3. Mastering Level-Four Listening
Goulston, Mark. Real Influence: Persuade Without Pushing and Gain Without Giving In. ISBN-13: 978-0-8144-2015-7 (hbk.) Goulston, Mark; Ullmen, John (2013-01-02).
4. Negotiation Style Exercise
The Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument. Copyright, Consulting Psychologists Press, Inc.
5. 15 Rules for Negotiating a Job Offer
Malhotra, Deepak. "15 Rules for Negotiating a Job Offer." Harvard Business Review. 1 Apr. 2014.
6. How Principal Agent Theory Works in Business Negotiations: Dealmaking Strategies for Bargaining with Agents
Susskind, Lawrence. "How Principal Agent Theory Works in Business Negotiations: Dealmaking Strategies for Bargaining with Agents" Harvard Law Program on Negotiation. 30 Jan. 2023.
7. The Most Overused Negotiating Tactic Is Threatening to Walk Away
Hewlin, Jay A. "The Most Overused Negotiating Tactic Is Threatening to Walk Away." Harvard Business Review. 18 Sep. 2017.
8. Emotion and the Art of Negotiation
Brooks, Alison Wood. "Emotion and the Art of Negotiation." Harvard Business Review. Dec. 2015.
9. Counteracting Negotiation Biases Like Race and Gender in the Workplace
PON Staff. "Counteracting Negotiation Biases Like Race and Gender in the Workplace." Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School. 9 May 2023.
10. Changing the Narrative: Women as Negotiators—and Leaders
Kray, Laura J., and Jessica A. Kennedy. "Changing the Narrative: Women as Negotiators—and Leaders." California Management Review, vol. 60, no. 1, Nov. 2017, pp. 70–87