



YOU AND YOUR PROFESSOR!

A Course Launch Micro-Lesson

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Define what a professor is
- Contrast a professor to a teacher and sports coach as professionals in education
- Analyze common interpersonal scenarios for best professional practices
- Locate the main components of a professional email
- Synthesize the role of a professor with professional communication practices in order to engage in professional communication with the professor.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to engage in professional communication with their professor.

1. Illustrate key characteristics of a professor
2. Analyze typical interactions between students and professors to determine the best methods for addressing their professor in a professional manner
3. Compose readable and concise emails designed to engage in conversation with their professors.

ASSIGNMENTS

Introductions: Write a short script introducing yourself to your professor. Compose a short reflection (150-250 words) indicating why you would introduce yourself to your professor in this manner.

Scenario Responses: Pick one of two scenarios depicting common interactions between students and professors. Indicate how you would resolve or manage the situation. How would you advise another student to interact with the professor, based on what you learned in class? Write a short response (150-250 words).

Professional Email: Write a professional email to your professor asking question about your major and potential career path. Remember to speak directly to your professor and use the parts of a good professional email well.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 (2 hours)—What is a Professor?

1. Lecture: What is a professor?
2. Resources: Sources of additional reading
3. Activity: Write a script for what you would like to say and what you would do when you introduce yourself a professor.

4. Assessment: Knowledge Check

Week 2 (2 Hours)—

1. Lecture (Video: Communicating with Your Professor)
2. Resources: Additional Readings
3. Activity: Pick one of three scenarios and write a short response (200 words) discussing how you would approach and speak to your professor.
4. Assessment: Knowledge Check

Final Project: Submit a professional email based on a specific situation