

**Course Number:** BA 4800

**Course Title:** Public Relations

**Course Description:**

Study of principles, cases, and problems to facilitate understanding of the philosophies, objectives, and techniques of public relations in companies, corporations, and institutions. An examination of relations with employees, stockholders, consumers, community, educational institutions, suppliers, dealers, and government. The tools of public relations are examined and applied to case problems. 3 credit hours. (3 plus 0)

**Prerequisites:** Junior standing.

**Credit hours:** 3

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Discuss public relations theories and how public relations influences opinion.
2. Explain how public relations is implemented using traditional, digital, and social media platforms.
3. Develop targeted public relations approaches for specific stakeholder groups.
4. Recommend steps for an organization to take when managing crisis communications.
5. Identify ethical public relations practices as advised by leading national and international associations.

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## *College of Professional Studies*

### **BA 4800 Public Relations**

### **Online Course Syllabus**

#### **Instructor Information**

Please see Professor Profile at the Blackboard instructional site.

#### **Course Schedule**

Please see Course Schedule in the Syllabus & Schedule area of the Blackboard instructional site.

#### **Online Course Policies**

All of the online courses taken by students are required to follow the policies posted online at <http://online.indianatech.edu/tech-policies/policies/>. Please review the posted policies carefully. If you are unable to abide by the policies listed, please contact the Warrior Information Network (WIN) at 888.832.4742 and request to withdraw from this course.

#### **Textbook / Course Resources**

None – readings and instructional materials provided in Blackboard course.

#### **Grading Events & Grading Criteria**

Unless otherwise specified, all assignments must be submitted via Blackboard.

#### **Grading Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
Course Preparation Quiz	1 @ 10pts	10 pts
Research and Application Papers	5 @ 50pts each	250 pts
Discussion Board Posts	5 @ 25pts each	125 pts
<b>Total</b>		<b>385 pts</b>

Research and Application Papers - (250 points possible)

There will be five (5) Research and Application Papers in this course - one per Module. These papers require students to understand the concepts and apply them to a specific business venture. Students must complete the "Check Your Learning Assessments" as an assurance of learning to have the best possible chance of successfully completing these papers.

#### **Discussion Board Posts and Replies - (125 points possible)**

There will be five (5) Discussion Board Assignments in this course - one per

Module. Please read the Discussion Board requirements carefully in each module; to earn the 25 points possible per Module, there must be sufficient content in post and reply formats. Students must complete the Discussion Board Assignments as an assurance of learning to have the best possible chance of successfully completing the Research and Application Papers.

### Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used to assign a grade at the end of the course:

Percentage Achieved	Grade	Percentage Achieved	Grade	Percentage Achieved	Grade
93% or above	A	80% or above	B-	70% or above	C-
90% or above	A-	77% or above	C+	60% or above	D
87% or above	B+	73% or above	C	Below 60%	F
83% or above	B				

### Late Assignments

All assignments and required online activities are due according to the deadline listed in the course schedule. Granting deadline extension is the course instructor's autonomy.

### Incompletes

If you are unable to complete the requirements for this course due to extenuating circumstances, an Incomplete grade (I) may be granted if you meet the general guidelines stated below.

General Guidelines for submitting a course incomplete request:

- More than 50% of the course session has elapsed.
- The student has encountered an unexpected situation that is beyond his or her control.
- The student is
  - in good academic standing -- up-to-date on all of the course assignments and has at least an overall passing grade,
  - able to complete all of the remaining coursework within a session (5 weeks for a undergraduate course and 6 weeks for a graduate course) that immediately follows the session the student is currently enrolled, and
  - able to provide support documentations to substantiate the need for extra time should a session is not enough to complete the course requirements.

If an Incomplete is granted, the instructor will set a deadline for all work to be completed. **The deadline cannot go past one (1) session.** All incomplete grades and deadlines are subject to approval by the designated university authority.

## **Course Related Communication**

Online courses are conducted in an accelerated format. Timely communication is very important. When receiving emails from your classmates or instructor, please respond as soon as you can.

Students are REQUIRED to use their Indiana Tech email account for all course related communication. The most direct, and effective, way to email your course instructor and classmates, is by using the Send Email function within the Blackboard course site. When you use the Send Email function, you automatically receive a carbon copy of the email you sent. In the event when you need to substantiate your claim that you did email your classmates or instructor, you can show that carbon copy to the person(s) who requested it.

Please note that Blackboard only permits you to send email, it does not provide you with the check email function. All of the emails your classmates and instructor send to you will be delivered to your Indiana Tech email account. You are strongly encouraged to check your Indiana Tech email account regularly, preferably several times a week, to minimize the likelihood of miscommunication.

The University policy requires each online course instructor to respond to a student's email within 24 hours. Unless there is an extraneous situation that prevents the instructor from following this rule, you can expect to hear from the instructor within 24 hours. If you don't receive a reply within 24 hours, please do not hesitate to follow up with another email or forward the carbon copy of the email you sent to [OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu](mailto:OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu) with a note "Please help. It's been 24 hours and I have not heard from my instructor" and the University support staff will act on your behalf to contact your course instructor.