

Strengthening Communication Skills: File Access Instructions

Via the Project Website

1. Visit the project website at <https://scicomm.tamu.edu/home/projects/strengthening-students-communications-skills/>
2. Click on module titles to access materials via the TAMU Libraries OAKTrust website.

Via the OAKTrust Repository

1. Visit OAKtrust.library.tamu.edu
2. Go to Faculty Teaching Materials
3. Search for materials:
 - a. by Author: Holli Leggette, Theresa Murphrey, Shannon Norris, or Audra Richburg
 - b. by Title: Asking Effective Questions, Communicating Accurately and Concisely, Communicating Appropriately and Professionally using Social Media, Communicating in Writing, Communicating Orally, Communicating Pleasantly and Professionally, Listening Effectively
 - c. by Subject: Communication, Agriculture

Once you have located the page for the module you want to use, click the file names to open in a new window/tab, then save or print as desired.

For Online Module files, you must right-click, then “Save As” to your computer. The entire zipped file must be uploaded to your LMS or SCORM module player to work properly.

Contact Audra Richburg (audraw@tamu.edu) for instructor materials (answer keys and grading rubrics).

Strengthening Communication Skills: Key Points for Teaching

1. We strongly recommend that you send a message/announcement to students with your expectations for the module at the time a module is assigned.
2. If using the online module, have students view the orientation video linked in the Instructions file.
3. Each module will direct learners to “follow your instructor’s guidelines” for certain portions. It is vital for you, as the instructor, to review each module and make your selections known to students. Share your instructions in the announcement mentioned in point 1.
 - You must identify which assignments your learners will be expected to complete in addition to the online module and pre/post quizzes. A complete list of assignments for each module is available in the Instructor Guides.
 - You must identify which topics your learners will be allowed to use for their assignments. Multiple options in animal, plant, and poultry sciences are available. You may allow learners to select their own, limit the options they may choose from the provided topics, or provide your own list of topics.
4. Be aware of the time required to complete each module. If you are using this curriculum as an addition to your regular teaching, consider limiting the assignments students need to complete.
5. Consider which module portions you will use as a graded assignment.
6. If using the in-class/face-to-face option, be aware that you are able to fully customize each module.