

POWER AND CONTROL IN ORGANIZATIONS

SPC 6934 | CRN: 20999

This class in organizational communication addresses the question of power and control that has endured since the rise of complex organizations in the late 19th century. The course aims to provide an understanding of the relationship between communication, power and control in organizations from different theoretical perspectives. We will take a multi-disciplinary approach to understand power and control in organizational contexts and read classic and contemporary works in communication, management, sociology, and other fields. We will examine power and control as a mechanism that arises from the way work is organized, as a discursive phenomenon that delimits alternatives, and as a political phenomenon that sustains neocolonial interests between developed and developing nations. We will conclude the course with discussions of resistance since power is dialectically situated with resistance. We may watch documentaries/movies to learn about the impact of organizational power on the broader society.

**Grad students from outside the Communication Department must contact the instructor to request permission to take this course.*

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