**Email:** A critical tool for managing and building relationships



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# **Our Agenda Today**

- One-Minute Introductions
   Email is a Slow Written Conversation

   Components of Email
- 3. Wrap Up

### Introductions

Your name?

What is your business (now or planned)?

Why are you here?

# Email is a Slow Written Conversation



# To, CC, BCC, Reply All

### Who is your message for?

#### То

CC

• Who is expected to respond

• Who is allowed to respond but not expected to

#### BCC

- Use to maintain privacy (prevent shared email addresses, like on a listserv)
- Use to prevent "reply all"
- Do not use to trick or catch someone

Reply All

- Your responsibility to indicate at the end of the message whether people should reply all or not
  - ✓ Please reply all
  - × Please reply directly to me

# **Subject Lines**

Send	То	
	Cc Subject:	What do I write here?
	Subject:	What do I write here?

Action What should the audience do?



Content

About what?



By when?

# Greetings

Start the conversation

Include a greeting word or phrase \*and\* the name of the person/group Most formal Dear Ms. Smith: Dear Ms. Smith, Dear Mallory: Dear Mallory, Good afternoon, Ms. Smith: Good afternoon, Ms. Smith, Good afternoon, Mallory: Good afternoon, Mallory, Hi Ms. Smith, Least Formal Hi Mallory,

#### **Most formal**

# **Closings**

Indicate message is complete

Any word or phrase before your name/signature block

Sincerely, Respectfully, Best Regards, Kindly, Warmly, All the best, Best, Have a good day/weekend, Hope that helps,

#### **Least Formal**

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# No one *wants* to read anything

# Formatting

- White space
- Short paragraphs
- Short sentences
- Attention getters
  - Bullets
  - Bold
  - ✤ Highlight

# **tl;dr** [too long; didn't read]

## Ask a Question



• Create more positive tone

• Visually draw the reader's eye

Indicate that you want a response

 Show consideration for your audience



# What questions do you have following today's class?

# **Additional Resources**

If you want writing tips and resources, sign up for our <u>mailing list</u>. If you found today's class helpful and want to learn more, sign up for one of my online courses.





\* Take a look at <u>Email Excellence</u>, which expands upon our class today, and <u>Better Business Writing</u>, which helps you become an efficient and effective writer for your job.

# Wrap Up

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4.

- Additional Questions– I'll be available to answer questions after class as well
- Additional Resources Check out appendance.com for online courses I offer through Appendance.
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