Sample AI Assignment

Uncertainty Reduction

For this assignment, I would like you to engage with ChatGPT and Claude to practice uncertainty reduction that you learned about in Chapter 2. Uncertainty Reduction allows us to reduce uncertainty by asking questions to determine whether we want to continue a relationship. Follow the directions below carefully.

1. Open Claude (Claude) and ChatGPT (ChatGPT). You may be asked to sign in or open an account.

2. Once the chat bar opens, copy the prompt below and paste it into the chat bar space: I would like for you to pretend that you are a stranger to me. We do not know each other. However, we are both taking the same Interpersonal Communication course. Our instructor, Dr. Thweatt, has paired us and asked us to introduce each other to the class. You need to get to know me by asking questions as though we are having a conversation. Allow me to ask you questions. After we have answered each other's questions, based on my responses to your questions, write a 100 word introduction about me that I will share in a discussion post.

3. Answer the questions you are asked. BE SURE to ask questions when you respond.

4. If you get your 100 word introduction too soon, tell the Ai program that it needs to answer your questions or to ask you more questions to re-write your introduction. You may not need to do this.

5. After you and the Ai have gotten to know each other, tell the Ai programs to "write the 100 word introduction based on my responses to your questions" so I can submit it in a discussion post.

6. Post both introductions in a discussion post labeling them: Claude and ChatGPT.

7. Tell us which Ai you would prefer to continue a relationship with and why based on having reduced your uncertainty through conversation. What did you like better? Be specific about the interaction.

8. Within two business days of the due date, interact with 2 other students by commenting on their post. Your first comment must be to a student who has no other comments. What differences do you notice in the two introductions that they posted? Do the introductions sound "personal"?

Claude's Introduction of Me:

Those are fun memories and interests! In San Francisco, I enjoy exploring the diverse neighborhoods, visiting museums, and hiking in the nearby parks. As for pets, I don't have any currently, but I've always been fond of cats and would love to adopt one someday.

Now, I'll write the 100-word introduction about you for our classmates:

Meet Katherine Thweatt, a vibrant individual with roots in the South and a current home in Phoenix, NY. Born in Memphis in 1969 and raised in Birmingham, Katherine's journey has taken her across the country. She's fascinated by communication, particularly nonverbal cues and regional differences in expression. Katherine cherishes memories like receiving a box of bubble gum on her 12th birthday and celebrating her 18th in San Francisco. In Phoenix, she enjoys local festivals and shopping. A proud owner of two dachshunds, George and Luna, Katherine balances her interests with canine companionship. Her diverse experiences and passion for communication make her a valuable addition to our class.

ChatGPT's introduction of me:

Meet Katherine, an enthusiastic student in our Interpersonal Communication course with a deep interest in understanding and improving long-term relationships. Outside of class, Katherine enjoys spending time with her two dachshunds, George and Luna, and has a passion for attending concerts, local festivals, shopping, and baking. A unique and surprising fact about Katherine is her mechanical skill—she successfully replaced the clutch on her riding lawnmower! Her diverse interests and practical abilities make her a fascinating person to get to know.