

IST561, Information and Internet Access, Spring 2009

Course Information

Designed as an introduction to the Internet and its resources and web page creation, this course is a combination of lecture and hands-on lab sessions. The class sessions and assignments will emphasize an understanding of the Internet and its use in libraries, basic XHTML, CSS, and Web 2.0 tools.

Specifically, students should, upon completion of this course, be familiar with:

- o the history, anatomy and functions of the Internet;
- o configuring and using Web browser software;
- o search engines, indices, and methodologies;
- o evaluating Internet resources;
- o basic XHTML, editors, CSS and creating and maintaining Web pages ; and,
- o Web 2.0 tools.

Competencies

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- o understand the history of the Internet and its functioning
- o use and configure a Web browser
- o differentiate among the various Web search tools
- o perform Web searches, evaluate Web resources, and locate desired information
- o download files from the Internet and install them on a PC
- o understand the basics of XHTML and CSS
- o design and create Web pages and mount them on the Internet
- o use Web 2.0 tools such as blogs and wikis; and,
- o discuss the implications of filtering in various types of libraries

Topics will include an introduction to and an overview of the Internet, access paths, protocols and software; locating and evaluating sources and resources; print vs. electronic resources--a basis for determining when to choose which source type; an introduction to issues of the Internet--equal access, filters, "collection development" as impacted by the Internet, censoring and intellectual freedom; basic XHTML, CSS, editors, Web page creation and design, and Web 2.0 tools.

Class Meetings

This course will meet 13 times, Mondays from 4:30PM-7:15PM, January 26 through May 11 in the Mid-Hudson Library System's Auditorium, Poughkeepsie.

Policies

General

- *Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and be on time.
- *Students are expected to be prepared to discuss all the readings assigned for a given class session.
- *Students are expected to complete assignments, including lab exercises, on time.
- *Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated (see additional information at <http://www.albany.edu/eas/104/penalty.htm>).
- *The rights and privileges of students and the instructor in regards to attendance, academic dishonesty and student conduct in general will conform to the policies set forth in the current University at Albany Undergraduate Bulletin or University at Albany Graduate Bulletin, whichever is appropriate to the student.
- *Any questions regarding the policies, coursework, requirements, assignments, etc. should be directed to the instructor.

Prerequisites

None. A presumption of basic word processing skills and use of e-mail is held.

Coursework

All work is due as assigned and will not be accepted late without express prior approval of the instructor. Coursework that is not completed will receive a grade of 0 (zero).

Student Performance Evaluation

Grades will be determined based upon performance on class assignments, general class participation, a web site (and presentation of such to the class), use of Web 2.0 tools, lab exercises, a midterm examination and final examination. Evaluation is based on:

- 10% general class participation
- 30% midterm and final examinations
- 20% Web site project
- 10% oral presentation
- 20% lab exercises
- 10% use of Web 2.0 tools (class blog & wiki, etc.)

Class Attendance

Although formal attendance is not taken each class, students need to attend class. Individual tutorials for missed work will not be available.

Incompletes

No incompletes will be given in this class without the express permission of the instructor prior to the end of the course. Students should expect their grades to be averaged with a grade of 0 if they do not attend class, do not turn in assignments or projects or do not take the final examination.

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- * Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and be on time
- * Students are expected to be prepared to discuss all the readings assigned for a given class session
- * The syllabus and assignments may be subject to change. Students are expected to be prepared to handle any changes in assignments and other syllabus content
- * Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. The rights and privileges of students and the instructor in regards to attendance, academic dishonesty and student conduct in general will conform to the policies set forth in the current University at Albany Undergraduate Bulletin or University at Albany Graduate Bulletin, whichever is appropriate to the student.

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