

**Eastern Wyoming College
Social Science Capstone Experience
Spring 2013**

Course Title: Social Science Capstone Experience
Course Number: SOSOC 2395, Section 40/90
Credit Hours: 1 semester hour

Meeting Times & Location: INET

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Monday9:00—10:00 am
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Thursday.....9:00—10:30 am
Friday.....by appointment

Please contact me by phone, email, or in person to schedule appointments outside of regular office hours. Drop-ins are welcome.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE:

The Social Science Capstone Experience is directed toward the application of broad principles in the social sciences with specific attention given to the student’s discipline of study. The course seeks to enhance and enrich the student’s academic background, and involve the student in activities/experiences that demonstrate an ability to continue study in the social science.

This course is the culmination of all previous work in social science. The focus is on demonstrating the ability to integrate and apply topics, materials, and content covered in all other courses.

****Prerequisite:** Sophomore standing, major in relevant social science, semester of graduation

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES:

- A free Google account
- All syllabi, course notes and materials from your current and previous social Science courses

COURSE SCHEDULE:

This course will not progress in a traditional sense. Students will have the opportunity to work on their capstone project throughout the semester, with progress being evaluated by the instructor at various points in the semester.

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

Due to the nature of an online course, there are no regularly scheduled meeting times. However, certain levels of progress must be achieved throughout the semester which requires regular work.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

It is expected that students conduct themselves with respect for fellow students, faculty, and the institution at all times. You are to complete all reading and assigned activities, participate actively in discussions, and submit work on time.

Guidelines for instructor communication:

Please note that I will be employing the Journal tool within LancerNet, and I will be using this system to contact you as well. Any correspondence initiated by me will be through this tool, so please begin checking it immediately and continue frequently. You will receive notification from LancerNet when you have new Journal messages.

Please indicate the assignment, exam, or other material that you are referring to in the Topic line of each Journal entry (e.g. Unit 3 Assignment or Unit 5 Video). It is essential that you use proper capitalization, spelling, and grammar when contacting me. You should consider any correspondence you have with me to be professional and conduct yourself accordingly. If you do not use the Journal tool as means of communication with me, I cannot guarantee my response.

You can access the Journal tool in LancerNet by clicking on the "My Journal" link in the Student Tools menu along the left side of your screen when on the course homepage.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty of any form including but not limited to plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. The instructor reserves the right to not accept assignments that do not reflect the work of each individual student. Students may receive a grade of zero for a specific assignment or an F in the class depending on the type of offense. Each occurrence will be dealt with on an individual basis and at the discretion of the instructor. Please refer to the EWC Student Handbook for more information on EWC's policy on Academic Dishonesty.

Turnitin© is a cloud-based service utilized by EWC for originality checking, including improper citations or potential plagiarism. Any work you complete in this course may be submitted to this service. You can view information regarding Turnitin's privacy policy at http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/privacy-center/overview.

COURSEWORK:

The capstone experience is designed to allow students to reflect on the courses they have taken in their major and demonstrate learning and growth as a result of these courses. Students will complete an online portfolio over the course of the semester that will display examples of their past coursework, provide a resume, summarize the learning that the student has incurred throughout his or her education, discuss his or her chosen career field, and communicate future goals. Students will be expected to integrate the skills that they have gained throughout their education at Eastern Wyoming College to conduct research, engage in the writing process, and utilize communication skills while demonstrating computer literacy.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Grading for this course is offered as S/U only. Successful completion of assigned project and participation in all activities is required.

I reserve the right to make adjustments to grades on any assigned coursework in order to correct unintentional errors or unfairness. These adjustments will not be to the detriment of the student.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- *Communication Skills:* Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their disciplines.
- *Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning:* Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their disciplines.
- *Technology Skills:* Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence using technology appropriate to their disciplines.
- *Social Awareness:* Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- *Information Literacy:* Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS:

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has a disability and desires a reasonable accommodation for such disability, the student should contact Mrs. Debra Ochsner (532-8238) or Mr. Stuart Nelson (532-8330) as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT:

Information contained in this syllabus is, to the best knowledge of the instructor, correct and complete when distributed for use at the beginning of the course. However, this syllabus should not be considered a contract between Eastern Wyoming College and the student. The instructor reserves the right, acting within the policies and procedures of EWC, to make changes in course materials and course schedules.