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Class Delivery: Access https://westernonline.wiu.edu starting on the first day of the semester. Log in using your ECOM username and password. These are the same username and password used to access your WIU email account.

Technical Assistance: If you need technical assistance for the WesternOnline system, please call the University Technology Support Center (uTech) at (309-298-2704), or you can email the Help Desk at support@wiu.edu.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this course is to help students who are enrolled in the IDT master’s degree obtain a good start in their academic work for successfully program completion. This course provides an introduction to the field of instructional design and technology; overview of IDT programs; practice designing and writing a research study plan; and use of academic writing and APA style conventions.

The course is organized on the paradigm of collaborative learning where student participation is a necessity for effective online education. The course is divided into modules. Information is provided through readings, online resources, discussions, and assignments.

You may be requested in this class to ask subjects to evaluate your projects. The data are intended only for class use and for the purpose of providing formative evaluation of your projects. It is your responsibility to keep this information confidential and not share it outside of this class. If you intend to use such data outside of class, you must notify me beforehand to determine if you need to file an Institutional Review Board (IRB) request.

Student activities may be used as part of a professional development or publication process. If you do not want your postings used, please contact me immediately.
Objectives

Based on the information presented in the course and through conducting personal research, the students will be able to:

- Participate in meaningful online discussions and other interactions with other students and the instructor.
- Reflect on the characteristics of a successful online learner and apply it to the student’s own learning.
- Demonstrate understanding of the process and key strategies for successfully completing the IDT master’s degree.
- Complete a tentative degree plan.
- Describe career paths and related skills in the IDT field.
- Describe an area within the IDT field and explain why the area is of interest to the student.
- Create a personal definition of the IDT field.
- Describe the challenges of the IDT field, the student’s role in the field, and what the field will look like in the future.
- Describe the areas within the IDT field that they are most interested in and explain why.
- Successfully complete the Protecting Human Research Participants training, demonstrating awareness of what is involved in doing ethical research.
- Develop a research study plan, including selection of a relevant IDT research topic; significance of the proposed study; research questions; literature review of primary and secondary sources, method design (including data analysis methods), expected research findings; and additional research opportunities related to the topic.
- Demonstrate the ability to write clearly and effectively, using writing and APA style conventions appropriate to the IDT field and avoiding plagiarism.

Prerequisites

Access to email, the World Wide Web, and the required software and hardware.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Textbooks (You MUST have the correct editions of the books in order to be successful in this course. No exceptions!)


Additional Resources

Additional resources will be accessed from the World Wide Web and Western Illinois University’s online library resources.
Hardware and Software Requirements

All students participating in this course must have a computer capable of running the recommended web browsers for accessing the Western Online course on the Internet and for running the software described below. Contact the uTech Help Desk if you have questions about hardware requirements for Western Online.

The following requirements are necessary to complete this course:

1. A WIU email account.
2. World Wide Web access with a forms-capable browser. Go to http://www.wiu.edu/CITR/resources/wo_tech_requirements.php to check on the WesternOnline technical requirements, including Internet and browser requirements.
3. You will need to submit some of your course activities in Microsoft Word format or Rich Text Format (RTF).
5. You may be required to download other programs during the course.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

This course will be delivered in an online format. It is a two-hour credit course and will be conducted over an eight-week period.

Course Assignments: Expect to spend approximately 10 to 12 hours per week on this course. This includes approximately three hours of class instruction and interaction, plus two to three hours per semester hour of outside work. You are responsible for completing the reading assignments, participating regularly in the discussions, posting assignments, and contributing your equal share in group projects. You are required to log on to the online course area at least three times each week.

Assignment Due Dates: Specific due dates and points for assignments are described at the end of this document. Unless otherwise specified, late completion of the assignments will result in a 20% deduction per day late. Your grades will be posted on the WesternOnline website.

Final Grade: Your final grade for this course will be the result of adding all individual grades together. Final grades will be based on the following percentages: A (90-100%), B (80-89%), C (70-79%), D (60-69%), F (<60%).

Incompletes: The IDT program does not give grades of Incomplete unless the student has been unable to complete course work due to circumstances beyond his or her control and the request is approved by the instructor. The program recommends you drop the course and re-enroll in it the following semester, instead of taking an incomplete grade.
Instructor Response and Feedback: I try to respond to your questions in the WesternOnline Mail and General Questions Discussion area within 24 hours on the week days, unless otherwise specified. Note that I do not respond to all discussion postings, but monitor them closely and respond as needed. I try to grade your activities within one week after the due date.

Use of WesternOnline: Do everything in this course within the WesternOnline online course. Use WesternOnline Mail for sending messages to me and other students.

TITLE IX

University values, Title IX, and other federal and state laws prohibit sex discrimination, including sexual assault/misconduct, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of any of these offenses, we encourage you to report this to the Title IX Coordinator at 309-298-1977 or anonymously online at: http://www.wiu.edu/equal_opportunity_and_access/request_form/index.php. If you disclose an incident to a faculty member, the faculty member must notify the Title IX Coordinator. The complete Title IX policy is available at: http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/titleIX.php.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In accordance with University values and disability law, students with disabilities may request academic accommodations where there are aspects of a course that result in barriers to inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement. To file an official request for disability-related accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 309-298-2512, disability@wiu.edu or in 143 Memorial Hall. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible to ensure that this course is accessible to you in a timely manner.

STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Please refer to the WIU Students Rights and Responsibilities website at http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students.php for information on WIU policies on academic dishonesty, grade appeal, etc.