

CS120 The Information Era

Course Syllabus

Spring 2005

Introduction

An exploration, with the use of computers, of how information technology is playing an ever increasing role in society. Students will explore a host of topics for using and accessing information such as: searching and navigating the Internet, the World-Wide Web (WWW), interactive multimedia, communications, and ethics. This is not a programming class and is intended to give students the ability to access and manipulate information in a variety of ways. Class includes lab projects

Aim

Become a sophisticated Internet user and learn how to develop web pages.

Objectives

On completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Develop web pages using plain html.
- Develop web pages using Macromedia Dreamweaver.
- Understand the basics of computers, data, and networking.
- Learn the best way to search the Internet and how to assess the credibility of information on the world wide web.
- Understand the concept of copyright and the consequences of violating it.

Instructor Details

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Course Basics

Course Title: CS120 The Information Era
Notes: Prerequisite for MedA 260 Elements of Multimedia Design and MedA265 Web Design
Meeting Times: MW 04.00 - 05.15 PM
Location: Marsh LL21
Textbook: Web 101 Making the 'Net Work for You (Second Edition) by Wendy G. Lehn-hert
Course Website: <http://zeus.cs.pacificu.edu/shereen/cs120/cs120.html>

Course Assessment

Grade Distribution

3 Assignments	240 pts
Debate	90 pts
1 Midterm	120 pts
1 Final	150 pts
Total	600 pts

Percent Breakdown

		92-100%	A	90-92%	A-
88-90%	B+	82-88%	B	80-82%	B-
78-80%	C+	72-78%	C	70-72%	C-
68-70%	D+	60-68%	D		
0-60%	F				

Important Dates

Date of Midterm

Monday, 14 March, 2005

Date of Final

Friday, 13 May, 3:00 PM TO 5:30 PM in Marsh LL21

Other Dates

11	February	Last day to add courses. Last day to drop courses with no record
21 - 25	March	Spring Break
8	April	Last day to withdraw from courses
20	April	Senior Projects Day (no class), class will be held on Friday, April 22 instead
11	May	Reading day

Course Policies

Class Policies

1. Attendance at every class is critical to your success in this course. I expect you to be on time and ready to go once it's 4:00 pm and that you stay till the end of class. Any missed lecture is your responsibility to make up; just remember, if you fall behind, it will be very difficult to catch up.
2. Computers are not to be used while I am lecturing. Once I begin lecturing, you must stop typing on the keyboards and monitors must be ignored. Failure to do so will result in you being excused from class.
3. Cell phones are to be turned off and put away during class. Any cell phone that rings during class will be confiscated. Leaving during the middle of class to answer a page/call is extremely rude. Such offences could lead to you being asked to leave the classroom.

Assignment and Exam Policies

1. Assignments are to be turned in by 4pm on the day they are due.
2. Assignments can be turned in up to 24 hours late with a penalty of 10% of the grade. If the assignment is between 24 and 48 hours late you will lose 20% of your grade. Anything later will not be accepted.
3. No early or late midterm or final will be given under any circumstance. Do not make early Spring Break or end of term arrangements.
4. No incompletes will be given.
5. The cheating policy is defined in Pacific Stuff & the Pacific Catalog as well as the Academic Policy that each of you signed. Be sure you read this policy carefully. The Web, textbooks and any other references are simply references for you. This means that copying text or images from any source must be completely cited. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated, and any assignment or exam that has been cheated on will result in a zero on that assignment or exam.
6. Computer failure, software failure, and lack of computer access are not accepted as excuses for late assignments; therefore, start work on the programs as soon as they are assigned and don't put them off until the last minute. Make sure to keep backup copies of your assignment. Corrupting or accidentally deleting your assignment is also not an acceptable excuse for late assignments.
7. The instructor reserves the right to raise or lower a student's grade based on class participation and attendance.