LIS690-205 Syllabus
Special Topics in Library and Information Science: Content Management Systems
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Online

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Meeting Information
This course is an online course and will have no required meetings. We may have some
meetings via Adobe Connect which will be optional and will be recorded for later viewing.

Course Description
The course focuses on the practice and theory of designing, building and maintaining content
management systems.

Course Objectives
Upon successful complete of this course, the student will:

1. Understand the theoretical foundation of a Content Management System (CMS), such as:
   content strategy, information architecture, analytics, usability, and responsive design.

2. Understand the technological foundation of a CMS, such as: markup languages, styling, web
   applications, and relational databases.

3. Be able to build and advanced CMS using open source code (Drupal 7).

4. Have had exposure to CMSs other than Drupal.

Prerequisites
There are no official prerequisites for this course, however, previous experience with web design
and/or LIS636 and/or LIS638 may be helpful.

Textbooks
There are two required textbooks for this course, they are:

- **Content Management Systems in Libraries - Case Studies** edited by Bradford Lee

- **Drupal 7 Primer** by Todd Kelsey, Course Technology Cengage Learning, 2012.
Grading

Your final grade in the course will consist of the following:

- Homeworks 30%
- Papers 30%
- Midterm Exam 10%
- Final Project 30%

[NOTE: There will be no final exam in this course]

Grading Scale:

- 90 - 100 => A
- 80 - 89 => B
- 70 - 79 => C
- 60 - 69 => D
- < 60 => E

Technology Requirements

- Access to a computer with Internet access
- An email account that is check regularly
- Access to Blackboard (https://elearning.uky.edu)
- Access to Adobe Connect (https://connect.uky.edu)
- Access will be provided to a server running Drupal

Policies

Academic Integrity

According to Senate Regulation 6.3.1: “All academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about a question of plagiarism involving their work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.” For specific information regarding the University’s code and regulations on plagiarism and cheating, visit:

http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/
http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html
http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/Plagiarism.pdf (Plagiarism: What is it?)

Academic Accommodations Due to Disability

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource
Center (Room 2, Alumni Gym, 257-2754, email address jkarnes@email.uky.edu) for coordination of campus disability services available to students with disabilities.

**Late Work Policy**

Assignments will each have a due date. Completion of work is expected by the date specified. Late work may be accepted under extreme circumstances at the discretion of the instructor (possibly with a penalty).
There will be homeworks and papers assigned throughout the semester. The chart below contains information about the first few weeks of class and key assignments.

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