

## LIS 690 (203) Special Topics in LIS: Social Media

**Dates of Semester: August 23 – December 8, 2017**  
**Course to be Conducted Online**

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**

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Response time: If you email me, you should expect a response within 24 hours. There may be a delay over weekends or holidays.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The goal of this course is to introduce major theories and methods for understanding and analyzing social media. This course will review topics such as social networks, ethics and policy, marketing approaches, and social analytics, and then discuss various applications of social media in different disciplines and organizations including scholarship, library, healthcare, and education.

### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Students will understand major theories and methods related to social media.
- Students will describe the important aspects and impacts of social media via interpreting and evaluating mainstream studies on social media.
- Students will examine the applications of social media in various settings.

### **COURSE MATERIALS**

There is NO required textbook. Instead, reading materials such as journal articles, book chapters, etc. will be provided for each week.

### **ASSESSMENT & ASSIGNMENTS**

**Assignments & Grading** (total grade = 300 points):

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| - <b>Social Media Strategy</b>              | 120 points (40%) |
| - <b>Four Hands-on Exercises</b>            | 120 points (40%) |
| - <b>Participation on Discussion Boards</b> | 60 points (20%)  |

### **Final Grading Scale:**

90% and above (270 – 300) =	A
80% to 89% (240 – 269) =	B
70% to 79% (210 – 239) =	C

Below 70% ( 0 – 209) = E

### **Social Media Strategy:**

The detailed description will be made available on Canvas. **Late submissions are subject to a penalty of 6 points off per day.**

### **Exercises:**

Four hands-on exercises (30 points per exercise) will be assigned. Detailed instruction for each exercise will appear on Canvas.

### **Participation on Discussion Boards:**

Participation is a large portion of your grade (4 points per week x 15 weeks = 60 points) because it is an important component of facilitating learning in this asynchronous online class. 1-3 discussion questions will be posted every Monday. You are required to make **one original posting on the topic of your choice**. A quality original post is both substantive (in most instances this means **at least one hundred fifty words**) and thoughtful (“I agree with the author” is not a credit-worthy response). You are also required to make **one response to other students’ postings**. **No credit will be given for postings that occur after the week.**

### **ETHICS & POLICIES**

**Excused Absences:** Students need to notify the professor of absences prior to class when possible. *Senate Rules 5.2.4.2* defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c) University-related trips, (d) major religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit “reasonable cause for nonattendance” by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays no later than the last day in the semester to add a class. Two weeks prior to the absence is reasonable, but should not be given any later. Information regarding major religious holidays may be obtained through the Ombud (859-257-3737, [http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents\\_ExcusedAbsences.php](http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents_ExcusedAbsences.php)).

Per *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2*, students missing any graded work due to an excused absence are responsible: for informing the Instructor of Record about their excused absence within one week following the period of the excused absence (except where prior notification is required); and for making up the missed work. The professor must give the student an opportunity to make up the work and/or the exams missed due to an excused absence, and shall do so, if feasible, during the semester in which the absence occurred.

**Verification of Absences:** Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2* states that faculty have the right to request “appropriate verification” when students claim an excused absence because of illness, or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to University-related trips is required prior to the absence when feasible and in no case more than one week after the absence.

**Academic Integrity:** Per University policy, students shall not plagiarize, cheat, or falsify or misuse academic records. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the University may be imposed.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Complete information can be found at the following website: <http://www.uky.edu/Ombud>. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense against the charge of academic dishonesty. It is important that you review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be properly credited.

*Senate Rules 6.3.1* (see <http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/> for the current set of *Senate Rules*) states that 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.

When students submit work purporting to be their own, but which in any way borrows ideas, organization, wording, or content from another source without appropriate acknowledgment of the fact, the students are guilty of plagiarism.

Plagiarism includes reproducing someone else's work (including, but not limited to a published article, a book, a website, computer code, or a paper from a friend) without clear attribution. Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work, which a student submits as his/her own, whoever that other person may be. Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual work is done, it must be done by the student, and the student alone.

When a student's assignment involves research in outside sources or information, the student must carefully acknowledge exactly what, where and how he/she has employed them. If the words of someone else are used, the student must put quotation marks around the passage in question and add an appropriate indication of its origin. Making simple changes while leaving the organization, content, and phraseology intact is plagiaristic. However, nothing in these Rules shall apply to those ideas, which are so generally and freely circulated as to be a part of the public domain.

Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

**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 (DRC). The DRC coordinates campus disability services available to students with disabilities. It is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive in the Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407. You can reach them via phone at (859) 257-2754 and via email at [drc@uky.edu](mailto:drc@uky.edu). Their web address is <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/>.

Policies concerning academic integrity, excused absences and academic accommodations due to disability are available online at:

<https://ci.uky.edu/sis/sites/default/files/policies.pdf>

## **TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

Distance Learning Students are expected to have a minimum level of technological acumen and the availability of technological resources. Students must have regular access a computer with a reliable Internet connection and audio capabilities. Internet Explorer 7 (IE) or Firefox 2.x are the recommended browsers for those using a Windows-based PC. Those using Firefox 3.x may encounter problems with assignment uploads. Those using an Apple computer with MAC OS X (10.5.x) may use Firefox 3.x or Safari 3.x.

Please be certain that your computer and/or browser allow you to view Adobe Reader documents (.pdf). Microsoft Office and other software products are free for students: <http://download.uky.edu/>.

As your instructor, I am your first go-to person for technology problems. If you need more immediate assistance, please contact UKIT.

### **Information Technology Customer Service Center (UKIT)**

<http://www.uky.edu/UKIT/>; 859-218-4357

### **Library Services & Distance Learning Services**

<http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/DLLS>

- Carla Cantagallo, DL Librarian
- Phone number: (859) 218-1240
- Email: [carla@uky.edu](mailto:carla@uky.edu)
- DL Interlibrary Loan Service: [http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lweb\\_id=253&llib\\_id=16](http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lweb_id=253&llib_id=16)

For more resources about online classes and student resources, visit <http://www.uky.edu/ukonline/>

[The School of Information Science has a page with a comprehensive list of technology resources here: http://ci.uky.edu/sis/students/techtips](http://ci.uky.edu/sis/students/techtips)

### **MILITARY MEMBERS AND VETERANS**

We recognize the complexities of being a member of the military community and also a student. If you are a member of the military or a military veteran or dependent, please inform your instructor if you are in need of special accommodations. Drill schedules, calls to active duty, mandatory training exercises, complications with GI Bill disbursement, and other unforeseen military and veteran related developments can complicate your academic life. If you are aware of a complication, we will work with you and put you in contact with university staff members who are trained to assist you. Please contact the Coordinator of the University of Kentucky Veterans Resource Center at (859) 257-1148 for additional assistance. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/veterans> for more available resources.

### **INTEGRATION OF THE SYLLABUS WITH THE THEMES OF DIVERSITY, ASSESSMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY**

All UK professional education programs address and affirm the value of diversity in education, the use of technology to support all aspects of instructional programming, and the importance of attaining high levels of skill in assessing the outcomes of instruction. This course provides students an opportunity to demonstrate attention to these themes and reflect on the mechanisms that this course has provided to demonstrate improved skills in these areas.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE**

**Week Topic**

1 **Course and syllabus overview:**

2 **Understanding social media:**

3 **Social capital:**

4 **Social networks I:**

- 5      **Social networks II:**
- 6      **Social media and public sphere:**
- 7      **Ethics and policy:**
- 8      **Social media marketing:**
- 9      **Social media analytics I:**
- 10     **Social media analytics II:**
- 11     **Applications I: Social media and scholarship:**
- 12     **Applications II: Social media in education:**
- 13     **Applications III: Library use of social media:**
- 14     **Applications IV: Social media in health care:**
- 15     **International use and future of social media:**