COURSE INFORMATION

INFO 6000 Seminar in Information Science Seminar
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTATIONS

Social and technical issues responsible for the evolution of information science. Major problems, trends and developments. Critical, historical survey of major works and developments in research and practice

Objectives & Learning Outcomes

1. Introduce you to the discipline of information science and its key concepts, and researchers
2. Identify and understand major concepts, theories, and researchers in information science.
3. Understand the process of scholarly research and development of scientific knowledge.
4. Identify, analyze, and synthesize significant research in the scholarly literature.
5. Position research areas historically and intellectually in information science and cognate disciplines.
6. Use citation indexes and other indexes and databases for literature searching and analysis.
7. Express ideas in an orderly, concise fashion in both written and oral presentations.
8. Apply the process of analytic and constructive criticism in peer review.
MATERIALS – TEXT, READINGS, SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS

There is no required textbook. Reading will be provided in Canvas at least one week in advance. The following are recommended textbook that covers the fundamentals of information science as well as research design and scholarly writing. Some of these topics will be covered in more detail in other classes such as INFO 6940.

Recommended Textbooks


Weekly Readings:

Weekly readings are assigned and posted in Canvas and it will be required in various modules of the course. Links and/or citations will be provided for these required readings. In the event that the link in canvas is not working, find and retrieve the item from UNT library databases.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

You will be graded according to the following grading scale.  
Grading Formula / Grading Scale  
- 90 - 100 points = A (90% - 100%)  
- 80 - 89 points = B (80% - 89%)  
- 70 - 79 points = C (70% - 79%)  
- 60 - 69 points = D (60% - 69%)

Please see the “Module Folders” within Canvas for assignment details and read the requirements carefully. Some weeks require assignments as well as discussion board posts. Assignments are due at 11:59 PM Central Time on the due dates indicated.

- Class Attendance, Discussion and Presentations = 40%
- Assignments and final Project = 60%
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Assignment Submission Instructions

You can access assignments by clicking on the assignment links in the course modules. There will be times when templates are provided, such as a spreadsheet with specific columns and headings. When they are provided, they must be used. Unless otherwise indicated, assignments must be submitted in Microsoft Word format and include APA 6 style citations and references. It is very important that you familiarize yourself with APA style formatting, as points will be deducted from assignments as well as discussion posts that require the use of citations for supporting your own statements.

COURSE POLICIES

Incompletes

A grade of incomplete (I) will be given only for a justifiable reason (such as a serious illness or military service) and only if you are passing the course. It is your responsibility to contact the instructor to request an incomplete and discuss requirements for completing the course. If you do not remove the incomplete within the time frame agreed upon with the instructor or within one calendar year, you will receive a grade of an F. Please refer to http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/academic-record-incomplete.html for more information.
Withdrawal

A grade of withdraw (W) or withdraw-failing (WF) will be given depending on your participation and grades to date. If you simply disappear and do not file a formal UNT withdrawal form, you may receive a grade of an F.

Drop Policy

To officially withdraw or drop this course, the student must notify the instructor, their academic advisor, and the UNT Registrar. You are not officially dropped until the instructor approves it and the registrar processes it.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to check into class, respond to messages, and read announcements and the discussion boards at least once a day.

Policy on Server Unavailability or Other Technical Difficulties

The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and also contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

Plagiarism Policy

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which may impose further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

a. Use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations;
b. Dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
c. The acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university;
d. Dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage.

The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to:

a. The knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and
b. The knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

Late Work

Late work will only be accepted for a justifiable reason (such as a serious illness, death, or military service). Documentation must be provided and a request must be made to submit the late work. The documentation will be reviewed by the instructor. Late work will not be accepted during the last module.

COURSE EVALUATION

Students will complete the university's course evaluation at the end of the semester to evaluate the class.

UNT POLICIES

Copyright Notice
Some or all of the materials on this course website may be protected by copyright. Academic Honesty Policy You are encouraged to become familiar with the University's Policy of Academic Dishonesty: http://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/untpolicy/pdf/7-Student_Affairs-Academic_Integrity.pdf. The university also provides a Student Affairs website: http://studentaffairs.unt.edu.

The content of the University's Policy of Academic Dishonesty and the guidelines shared on the Student Affairs website apply to this course. If you are in doubt regarding the requirements, please consult with me before you complete any requirements of the course.

Acceptable Student Behavior
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any manner. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.deanofstudents.unt.edu.

ADA Policy
The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation
should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation.

Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

**Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, & Assault**
UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT’s Dean of Students’ website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0. Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT’s Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students’ office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.