

Project Implementation

CREDIT 4 credits

INSTRUCTOR Dr. Scot Morse

OFFICE HOURS See website for current hours.

CLASS TIME Lecture: 12:00 to 13:50 Monday and Wednesday in ITC 301

TEXTBOOK None required.

Brief Course Description

In this course students complete the project that was developed in their IS 641 course. At least one program faculty member supervises each project regarding the milestones, deliverables and content that are expected throughout the term. At the initiation of the course students deliver a set of milestones, developed in conjunction with their project proposal, to the course instructor, which will be used to measure progress throughout the term. Students report to the course instructor each week regarding completion status relating to the milestones. *Prerequisite: IS 641 and approved professional project proposal.*

Learning Outcomes

The purpose of this course is for students to

- initiate, work on and complete an independent research project on a topic of their choosing, and to
- perform significant independent research at a Master's degree level,
- that shows the knowledge and skills they have learned within the M & IS program, as well as
- advanced mastery of a topic within the Management and Information Systems discipline.

Students

- research and analyze, and
- invent, discover, criticize, solve or explain their chosen topic/problem at an advanced and mature level and then
- write a high quality research paper/report
- following academic or professional writing standards and formats.

Learning in this course contributes to a student's

1. ability to apply specialized knowledge in Management and Information Systems to a particular problem
2. ability to perform independent, self-driven and self-motivated research and analysis
3. ability to synthesize results of their research into coherent ideas
4. ability to write a lengthy and well-written research paper

Course Requirements: Students

Students will be required to complete work in two areas, which are described below. All work is to be done individually; there will be no group work.

Written assignments (50%) Students work on and complete a lengthy research paper. This constitutes half of the Professional Project Exit requirement and forms the Professional Project itself.

Audio/visual presentations (50%) Students present their project to their committee as part of the final exit requirement Oral Examination.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students will most likely need assistance editing their written work. Students will be responsible for finding a **professional editor** and arranging for regular editing of their papers. Note: this usually involves paying the editors. **Students are responsible for this cost; it is not included in the course.**

The course grade will be based upon the four requirements with the percentages shown above. A grade of C or better is awarded to all projects approved by the graduate committee faculty.

Course Requirements: Instructor

The role of the instructor in this course is to act as:

- research advisor
- project manager and facilitator
- content area expert for certain subjects
- peer reviewer

Attendance

Attendance for this class is critical, and may be included as a component of your course grade.

Disability Statement

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations at Western Oregon University, you are required to have your accommodations coordinated through the Office of Disability Services (ODS). ODS is located in APSC, Rm. 405. Phone: 503-838-8250 VTTY. Email: ODS@wou.edu

Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances are welcome and encouraged to communicate these, in advance if possible, to the instructor.

Wolf Connection System Referral Program

Students in this class may be referred to the WOU Student Success Specialist (SSS) if the instructor determines their performance in the class is placing them at academic risk. The SSS will offer to work with referred students to address issues and develop a student success strategy. Irrespective of whether a referral has or has not been made, you are ultimately responsible for tracking your own progress in this course.

Academic Honesty

Code of Student Responsibility 574-031-0030 Specific Standards and Policies

The following list of prohibited forms of conduct is not all inclusive since it is not possible to list all potential violations. The University requires that all students behave in a manner congruent with established community standards and in a manner conducive to the development of the individual. Actions detrimental to the mission of the University and the legitimate activities of the academic community which constitute the University are in violation of this Code and may be subject to judicial procedures.

1. Academic dishonesty, which includes but is not limited to:

Cheating intentional use or attempted use of artifice, deception, fraud, and/or misrepresentations of one's academic work;

Fabrication unauthorized falsification and/or invention of any information of citation in any academic exercise;

Facilitating dishonesty helping or attempting to help another person commit an act of academic dishonesty. This includes students who substitute for other persons in examinations or represent as their own papers, reports, or any other academic work of others;

Plagiarism representing without giving credit the words, data, or ideas of another person as one's own work in any academic exercise. This includes submitting, in whole or in part, prewritten term papers of another of research of another, including but not limited product of commercial vendor who sell or distribute such materials. And the

appropriation of and/or use of electronic data of another person or persons as one's own, or using such data without giving proper credit for it; or

Any use or attempted use of electronic devices in gaining an illegal advantage in academic work in which use of these devices is prohibited, and such devices include but are not limited to cell phones, pdas, laptops, programmable calculators, etc.