ISAT 498E—Senior Capstone Presentation Syllabus

3 credit hours

Course Description

This is the third course in a three-course sequence. Student finishes the research and prepares an oral and a written report on the work (either alone or within an investigative team), addressing a technologically based problem and developing alternative solutions.

Course Objectives

The primary goal of this course should be for you to grow as an academic and a professional. This is the time for you to work on things like conscientiousness, attention to detail, personal organization and time management, initiative, and focus. This is a real opportunity for you to demonstrate to your professors, potential employers, graduate schools, your peers, and your family, and yourself that you have become an educated and enlightened citizen who will lead a meaningful and productive life. It is also a time to deepen your skills and your knowledge in the areas related to the problem you have chosen to solve, and to broaden your outlook so that you can see many of the potential solutions.

Course Content

You will meet weekly with your instructor at a time that is mutually agreed upon at the beginning of the semester. At each weekly meeting you are expected to make an account of your progress over the past week on your project, and to demonstrate forward momentum at a pace that will ensure the successful completion of your project. You will make a presentation of your project work at the ISAT Senior Symposium in April, and you will turn in a written report of significant scholarly length and content by the last day of the semester, prior to the final exam period.

Evaluation

You will receive feedback at least weekly from your instructor during your weekly meeting. Most of this will be verbal. Your instructor will assign a grade for you at the end of the semester that reflects his impression of the quality and quantity of progress made on the project including the symposium presentation and final paper.

Project Scope

Please be aware that the scope of your senior project is subject to change and may or may not reflect the quantity of work outlined in the project proposal. This means that the scope may be expanded or reduced to take into account the changing situations that will occur naturally as you make progress. Although there may not be a formal agreement as to scope changes, i.e. in writing, the amount of work to be done should be reasonable and mutually agreed upon. If you are unsure of whether or not you are making sufficient progress and covering significant territory, please address this with your advisor promptly.

Attendance Policy

Your weekly meetings with your instructor are mandatory. If you need to reschedule please do so, but failing to show up is likely to bring serious consequences.

Other Policies

You can see other JMU policies regarding add/drop, inclement weather, disability accommodations, and religious observances can be found at
http://www.jmu.edu/syllabus

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