

LIBS 300
Introduction to Liberal Studies
Autumn 2020
Texas A&M University-Commerce

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LEARNING GOALS

- Demonstrate and communicate the core concepts of interdisciplinary scholarship
- Construct a personalized plan of study informed by interdisciplinary academic principles
- Create an annotated bibliography based on research of a topic from multiple disciplinary fields

REQUIRED TEXTS

Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies by Allen F. Repko

Using Sources Effectively: Strengthening Your Writing and Avoiding Plagiarism, 5th ed., Robert A. Harris

Additional required readings are posted on Learning Studio/eCollege. Articles, book chapters and other materials **posted on Learning Studio/eCollege are required reading.**

EVALUATION

Weekly Quizzes:	(5% x 10)	=	50%
Discussion Board:			10%
Individual Education Plan:			15%
Annotated Bibliography:	(5% + 5% + 15%)	=	25%

ASSIGNMENTS

Quizzes and discussion board participation will be due most weeks.

More detailed descriptions of other assignments will be posted on D2L

COURSE POLICIES

Plagiarism & Academic Misconduct

Students are expected to know and understand the rules regarding academic misconduct and plagiarism. Sharing or accessing someone else's answers to exams or searching for answers on the internet during an exam constitutes academic misconduct. Plagiarism is the representation of another's works or ideas as one's own. Always cite sources. If questions arise regarding what constitutes plagiarism, please ask. All cases of plagiarism and academic misconduct will be treated very seriously.

All coursework is to be an original work by the student and created specifically for fulfilling the requirements for this course. Plagiarism, cheating, or otherwise representing another's work or ideas as one's own without proper attribution will not be tolerated. It is the student's responsibility to:

1. research and write their own papers
2. give proper credit through documentation when using words or ideas of others
3. rely on their own knowledge when taking tests
4. refuse to give another student the opportunity to be dishonest

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in the automatic failure of the course and may be subject to further disciplinary action by the university

Student Conduct

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READING AND DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 *Introductions & Syllabus Review*

Aug. 24 Introductions & Syllabus Review

WEEK 2 *Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies I*

Aug. 31 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 1

Reading 2: Repko et al. Chapter 2

WEEK 3 ***Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies II***

Sept. 7 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 3

Reading 2: Repko et al. Chapter 4

WEEK 4 ***Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies III***

Sept. 14 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 5

Reading 2: Repko et al. Chapter 6

WEEK 5 ***Thinking Critically About Interdisciplinary Studies***

Sept. 21 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 7

Reading 2: "Introduction, Science and Inequality: Controversial Issues" by Sandra Harding

WEEK 6 ***Thinking Critically About Interdisciplinary Studies II***

Sept. 28 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 8

Reading 2: "Difference Matters: Studying Across Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality" by Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber and Michelle Yaiser

WEEK 7 ***Thinking Critically About Interdisciplinary Studies III***

Oct. 5 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 9

Reading 2: "Whose history is it? Selection and Representation in the Creation of a Text" by Caroline Brettell

WEEK 8 ***Interdisciplinary Research and Writing***

Oct. 12 Interdisciplinary Education Plan Work Week

Interdisciplinary Education Plan Due Sunday, Oct. 18, 11:59 p.m.

WEEK 9 ***Interdisciplinary Research and Writing***

Oct. 19 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 10

Reading 2: Repko et al. Chapter 11

Reading 3: Repko et al. Chapter 12

WEEK 10 ***Using Sources Effectively***

Oct. 26 Reading 1: Harris Ch. 1

Reading 2: Harris Ch. 2

WEEK 11 ***Using Sources Effectively II***

Nov. 2 Reading 1: Harris Ch. 3

Reading 2: Harris Ch. 6

WEEK 12 ***Research Week***

Nov. 9 Reading 1: Harris Ch. 8

Reading 2: Harris Ch. 9

WEEK 13 ***Using Sources Effectively III/Thanksgiving Week***

Nov. 16 Annotated Bibliography Research Work Week 1

* Bibliography (before annotations) Due Sunday, Nov. 22, 11:59 p.m.***

WEEK 14 ***Using Sources Effectively IV***

Nov. 23 Reading: Harris Ch. 5

WEEK 15 ***Annotated Bibliography Work Week***

Nov. 30 Annotated Bibliography Research Work Week 2

Annotated Bibliography Due Sunday, Dec. 6, 11:59 p.m.

FINAL EXAM WEEK

Dec. 7 No Final Exam Scheduled