

LIBS 300
Introduction to Liberal Studies
Summer 2023
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

EVALUATION

Quizzes:	40%
Discussion Board:	10%
Individual Education Plan:	20%
Annotated Bibliography: (5% + 5% + 20%) =	30%

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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Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

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READING AND DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 *Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies*

June 5-11 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 1

Reading 2: Repko et al. Chapter 2

Reading 3: Repko et al. Chapter 3

Reading 4: Repko et al. Chapter 4

Complete reading quizzes and discussion posts.

WEEK 2 *Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies III*

June 12-18 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 5

Reading 2: Repko et al. Chapter 6

Interdisciplinary Education Plan Work Week

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

WEEK 3 *Interdisciplinary Research and Writing*

June 19-25 Reading 1: Repko et al. Chapter 11

Reading 2: Harris Ch. 1

Reading 3: Harris Ch. 2

Reading 4: Harris Ch. 3

Complete reading quizzes and discussion posts.

*Annotated Bibliography **TOPIC** due to discussion board Sunday, June 27, 11:59 p.m.*

WEEK 4 *Research Week*

June 26- Reading 1: Harris Ch. 6
July 2

Reading 2: Harris Ch. 8

Reading 3: Harris Ch. 9

* Bibliography (before annotations) Due Friday, June 30 11:59 p.m.*

FINAL EXAM WEEK

July 3-6 No Final Exam Scheduled

Annotated Bibliography Research Work Week

Annotated Bibliography Due Thursday, July 6, 11:59 p.m.