

Surviving the Information Age

LTEC 2100.020/.026

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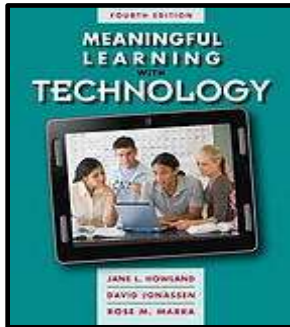
Office Hours: By appointment only. Please send me email through BlackBoard Learn to set up either an electronic or face-to-face appointment.

Objectives:

Surviving the Information Age was designed to help you efficiently locate, manipulate, and use information found on the Internet and the World Wide Web. This course focuses on the following topics: facilitating meaningful learning with technology, building knowledge with online resources and survey tools, experimenting with technologies, communicating and collaborating with technologies, writing with technologies, visualizing with technologies, authentic assessments with technology, using Web 2.0 and 3.0 tools, and examining the concept of cloud computing. ***CECS 1100*** is a prerequisite for this course. After completing this course, you should be able to successfully complete the following tasks:

- 1.) Distinguish between procedural, declarative, and experiential knowledge,
- 2.) Explain the benefits of social bookmarking,
- 3.) Evaluate online surveys and websites,
- 4.) Locate and use general academic resources for research, inquiry, and exploration,
- 5.) Explain ubiquitous computing,
- 6.) Describe the technologies that are used for building meaning learning experiences for students,
- 7.) Distinguish between a search engine and a directory,
- 8.) Explain the following tools: Microworlds, simulations, virtual worlds, concept mapping, digital documentaries,
- 9.) Explore copyright, fair use, and plagiarism,
- 10.) Examine and critique Web 2.0 and 3.0 tools, and
- 11.) Develop a conceptual view of cloud computing and its advantages and disadvantages.

Required Text:



Howland, J. L., Jonassen, D. H., Marra, R. M., & Jonassen, D. H. (2012). Meaningful Learning with Technology. Boston: Pearson.
4th edition – ISBN-13: 9780132565585

You can purchase the textbook from either of the following urls:

<http://www.coursesmart.com/meaningful-learning-with-technology-fourth/jane-l-howland-david-jonassen-rose-m-marra/dp/9780132565592>

Or <http://www.chegg.com/textbooks/meaningful-learning-with-technology-ebook-4th-edition-9780132565585-0132565587>

Or <http://www.amazon.com/Meaningful-Learning-Technology-Edition-ebook/dp/B008VIMCS6> or another source to purchase or rent an e-book.

Course Grading:

There is no make-up work. All content is delivered online, and all course assignments must be submitted by the due date. ***No grades will be dropped*** in this course. Your grades will be weighted as follows:

Activity	Percentage
(2) Article Summaries	30%
(3) Discussion Posts and Responses to two Classmates for each post	15%
(4) Assignments	40%
(3) Student Blog Entries	15%
(2) Class Chats	(Extra Credit 2 pts. Each)

The grading scale is as follows:

- A - 90% and above
- B - 80-89%
- C - 70-79%
- D - 60-69%
- F - 0-59%

Course Information LTEC 2100.020/.026:

It is to your advantage to read the assigned material and complete the required activities for each week. This will help you better learn the material and keep you from falling behind. You should plan to spend 1-2 hours each day on this class. Please plan your schedule accordingly. All activities are due on the dates specified, unless there is a mail message from me altering the schedule. You should check your mail frequently, and promptly reply to all queries.

If you are unfamiliar with Blackboard Learn and need to set up your computer, please take a look at the following url

https://learn.unt.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/UNT_Denton/BBLearn_Start_Here_5jch/index.html . If you need further assistance, please see the Help Tool in the course or view https://en-us.help.blackboard.com//Learn/9.1_2014_04/Student .

A course schedule is available under Start Here on the Course Menu that contains information on all the requirements for the course (Blogs, Discussions, Assignments, etc...). Please print the schedule so that you will have a handy reference. You may also view my notes (PowerPoint Presentations) of the chapters either before or after you read the chapters. They may be a good overview or summary for you. A link to each .ppt can be found in each weekly module. You will need to click Learning Modules and then you will see each week's material.

Class Assignments and Activities:

Three discussion posts, two article summaries, three blog entries, and four assignments are required. Each assignment is worth a total of ten points, and the requirements for each can be found in the assignment tool. I expect you to complete the assignments yourself and submit them on or before the posted due date. I must have ***your completed work by 11:00pm on the due date specified .A 2-point penalty per day will be applied to late work. This can be a significant reduction the longer you wait, so plan to get your work in on time to receive maximum credit.***

Three Class Chat dates have been selected. These sessions will permit you to ask questions and synchronously participate in discussions with your classmates. The sessions are not mandatory, but they are good for extra credit (2 points each), and they will provide you with the opportunity to share information you have learned. We will use hand raise mode to allow you to express our ideas and control the conversation. Only the person who has been recognized should enter a response. Each chat will

be edited and posted so that you can read the discussion. You will have to be active in the chat by asking questions, and making comments in order to receive credit for the experience. The dates for the chats are *Aug. 27th, Sept. 24th, and Nov. 18th, 2015 from 8:00-9:00pm*. The chats will be conducted in Adobe Acrobat Pro. An announcement with the url for each chat session will be posted.

Discussion Postings: You'll need to answer the question(s) posted, and respond to **at least two of your classmates. Posting and responding to two of your classmates is a required part of the course.** These communication activities are listed under the discussions tool, and they should be completed during the week we read the chapter associated with the question. Postings made at any other time, including the end of the semester will not be graded. Your posting should be meaningful which means it should contribute information, offer your personal perspective, present information that has not been covered, or move the discussion to a deeper level. Simple phrases are not encouraged: “Great post!” and “Good work!” are not considered meaningful discussion posts. While a long essay is unnecessary, a meaningful post of 50-60 words has these characteristics:

1. Disagrees respectfully,
2. Makes a comment that links several comments from others,
3. Offers a different point-of-view,
4. Summarizes discussion points from different perspectives,
5. Explains comments by pointing out common themes,
6. Encourages another person to elaborate or further explain a statement that has been made.

Class Supplies:

You must access BlackBoard Learn regularly with your EUID and password to complete course material. You should use <https://learn.unt.edu> to get to the course, and login. Click on your course number (LTEC 2100.020/.026 – Fall 2015 1). Please make sure you backup your work so you have copies of everything you send me. It takes me a few days to grade, and I begin that process once I have all papers (due date). Feel free to contact me via e-mail through Blackboard Learn to ask questions about graded papers or anything in the course that is unclear.

Cheating:

Cheating and plagiarism are forms of academic dishonesty. The definitions and disciplinary actions for these offenses are defined in the *UNT Policy Manual Code of Student Conduct and Discipline*:

"Plagiarism and cheating refer to the use of unauthorized books, notes, or otherwise securing help in a test; copying tests, assignments, reports, or term papers; representing the work of another as one's own; collaborating, without authority, with another student during an examination or in preparing academic work; or otherwise practice scholastic dishonesty."

"Academic dishonesty matters may first be considered by the faculty member who may assign penalties such as failing, reduction or changing of a grade in a test, course, assignment, or other academic work, denial of a degree and/or performing additional academic work not required of other students in the course. If the student does not accept the decision of the faculty member, he/she may have his/her case heard by the academic department chairperson or head for review of his/her case. If the student does not accept the decision of the academic department chairperson, he/she may then follow the normal appeal procedures listed in Disciplinary Procedures."

For additional information, please see <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>.

EEO/ADA Statement:

The University of North Texas does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, gender, or veteran status in its educational programs, activities, admissions, or employment policies. Questions or complaints should be directed to the Equal Opportunity Office (940) 565-2456. TDD access is available through Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989 (TDD Callers).

The University of North Texas does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's disability, and it complies with Section 504 and Public Law 101-336 (Americans with Disabilities Act) in its admissions, accessibility, treatment, and employment practices.
ADA Policy

The University of North Texas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation. Reference Public Law 92-112 - The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. Federal legislation (The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)) pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act renews

UNT's commitment to providing disabled Americans with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. **Students are responsible for** informing faculty of their need for accommodation by providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels – specifically the UNT Office of Disability Accommodation. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found here: <http://www.unt.edu/oda/apply/index.html>. You may visit the Office of Disability Accommodation in Sage Hall (Suite 167) by appointment on M-F. Please call ODA for additional information on their services or walk-in hours (940) 565-4323.

By law, UNT provides academic adjustments and auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities who are otherwise qualified to meet the institution's academic and employment requirements. If you have registered with ODA, you should deliver a letter of accommodation to your professor, who may ask that you meet with him or her to confidentially discuss your needs in the course.

Expectations of Students:

1. **Class Preparation and Participation.** You should read and work on activities each week. See the electronic course calendar to see required weekly readings and activities.
2. **Appropriate Materials.** You should back-up your work, and adhere to deadlines listed in the electronic course calendar.
3. **Class Attention.** You should check your Email Account weekly to keep abreast of any changes, special announcements, and course-related information.
4. **Assignments, Blogs, Discussion Postings.** You should complete all assignments, blog entries, and discussion posts and submit them for grading on their due dates. For your convenience, all course requirements have been entered and you may work ahead of the schedule.

NOTE ABOUT MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: If you have a medical emergency that will prevent you from completing the course as scheduled, you **MUST** notify your instructor at the time of your medical problem. Requests for an Incomplete (INC) or

to DROP the course must come at the time of the medical emergency and must be supported by a letter from your physician indicating that your medical situation will NOT permit you to work at your computer to complete and submit your assignments as scheduled. Requests for an Incomplete (INC) or to DROP this course based on a medical emergency **CANNOT be granted after the medical emergency**. All requests must meet standard university policy. Please see the following url for the paperwork that must be submitted:

http://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.coe.unt.edu%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F796%2FINcomplete_grade_Form_0.doc .

Add/Drop Policy The department adheres to the add/drop schedule established and published by the UNT Office of the Registrar. See the registration calendar for information (<http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/index.html>).

Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses: Federal Regulation

To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website at <http://www.ecfr.gov>. The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at "Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f) (6) (i) (G)" and can be found buried within this document: <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/get-cfr.cgi?TITLE=8&PART=214&SECTION=2&TYPE=TEXT>

The paragraph reads:

(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

University of North Texas Compliance

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or

lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course. If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:

- (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
- (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office.

ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email internationaladvising@unt.edu) for clarification before the one-week deadline.