

CSCI 114 Distance Learning Syllabus

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I will hold virtual **office hours** 10:00-11:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time every weekday.

You will be able to contact me by -Skype (voice overIP), Netmeeting (windows XP) or DimDim (other platforms)[Platform = Operating system]. All are free .With Skype and DimDim you must set up a user name.

Required texts: None

Essentials for design XHTML comprehensive by Michael Brooks. ISBN0131877968 is Strongly recommended for the XHTML section, but not required.

Other Requirements

A College of Charleston email account (you are given one when your register)

A 1GB or larger USB flash storage device

Skype (BUY Sandisk brand flash drive w/ u3 and it has skype or download skype from the Web)

A computer Microphone (\$5-\$10)

A web cam will be necessary to engage in video web conferencing. (\$30-\$50)

Netmeeting (Microsoft XP) or dimdim (open source) -we will use these for office hours

You must Download and install **Scribus** and **Gimp** and **Filezilla** Client.

(If you have image editing software and know how to use it you will not need Gimp)

COURSE DESCRIPTION This course focuses on using the computer as a communication tool. You will learn how to create publications with graphics and text using a desktop publishing program (DTP) and how to create and publish a web site using HTML. Because each class lays the foundation for the next class, it is extremely important that you stay on schedule.

The course is divided into two parts -the first part of the course will cover creating printed materials such as flyers, brochures, calendars, menus, and forms. We will use an open source desktop publishing program named Scribus to create these documents. If we need to manipulate pictures we will use Gimp.

The second part of the course will cover creating documents for the Web and publishing them. You will create documents using eXtensible Hypertext Markup Language (XHTML) with a simple text editor. If you have windows you will be able to use notepad (not Wordpad). If you are using Linux notepad++ will do. You will be required to publish a web site on the CofC's Web server before the end of the course.

I will make the lesson materials such as videos, reading assignments and web sites available to you online. They must be completed by the dates shown on the course calendar. You will be able to access and study these materials whenever it is convenient for you up to the completion date. After the completion date you will be able to access the graded assignments based on the material you have studied. They must be completed by the scheduled date.

You will create the documents, attach them to an email and send it to me before the deadline.

All emails must include your name.

Example subject line of email - JonesB Flyer1 (your last name and first initial and assignment name)

Distance learning is different than class room learning. It requires more self discipline, time management and responsibility than classroom learning.

In the classroom you have a specific time for class and you must attend. I can interact with students and recognize when they are not doing well and help them. We do have that capability in this class. I will not know how you are progressing until I get your graded exercises. If you are not careful you will miss completion dates and not be able to complete the graded exercises.

I recommend that you set up your own class schedule (2 hours a day) and treat it like a regular class period.

Grading Policy

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| Classwork/homework assignments | 50% |
| Tests (2 tests) | 20% |
| Personal web site | 30% |

Grading Scale

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| 91- 100 | A |
| 90 | A- |
| 88-89 | B+ |
| 82-87 | B |
| 80-81 | B- |
| 78-79 | C+ |
| 72-77 | C |
| 70-71 | C- |
| 68-69 | D+ |
| 66-67 | D |
| 65 | D- |
| BELOW 65 | F |

Course Calendar CSCI 114 DE - May Evening - 2009

You must complete all Scribus lessons (Video/reading/online) by Midnight 5/17/09
(This is approximately 6 hours of work- Plan accordingly)

Scribus Assignment 1 will be graded and must be submitted no later than Midnight EDT 5/19/09

Scribus Assignment 2 will be graded and must be submitted no later than Midnight EDT 5/25/09

Scribus Assignment 3 will be graded and must be submitted no later than Midnight EDT 5/28/09

The Scribus test will be taken online on 5/29/09

All XHTML lessons and accompanying graded assignment must be completed no later than Midnight 6/7/09

You must submit the subject for your web site to me via email by 6/7/09. I must approve your subject before you begin work. You will be publishing of the College of Charleston's web server and the content must be controlled by the College.

Web sites must be published on the College of Charleston's server before Midnight 6/18/09

XHTML test will taken online on 6/19/09.

Your web site must be completed and ready for grading before 6/22/09. I will begin grading at 6:00AM EDT on 6/22/09.

4/6/09