

General Studies 1181
Oh the Places You'll Go!
Fall 2016 12:00 MW (Eight Week Course)

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Office Hours:

MWF 8:30-10:00 MWF and 12:00-12:30 Friday

TTH 8:30-9:30 and 10:45-11:45 and 1:30-2:00

**Additional hours by appointment. I anticipate being in my office many more hours than this appears. I serve on both university committees and community organizations. If I will be unavailable, I will leave a note on my office door. Please contact me via e-mail or leave a message to contact me. I will get back to you!

**All class communication will be done through Blackboard and angelo.edu email accounts. Please check these often!

Communication with all of your professors is an important component in university success. Remember that we are here to help you in the transition into your collegiate experience! Try to make it a point that your professors learn your name! There will be a course assignment to ensure that you have this opportunity!

Course Description

This course will focus on various techniques to explore the world of travel and academic preparedness. How can you plan an ultimate adventure to satisfy something on your "bucket list"? How can you ensure that your academic experiences enhance your opportunity to secure a college degree? These challenges each have similar organizational strategies and students will have the opportunity to explore the world and investigate various career interests through systematic strategies.

***The major themes for each week will include strategies for BOTH academic success and travel adventures. Campus field trips may supplement class discussion.

In a manner consistent with the expectations of all GS 1181 Signature Courses, students actively engage with the ASU community. Students interact with other students, faculty, and staff through an exploration of the university resources and participation in campus activities.

Required Materials/Suggested Success Materials

1. Email/Internet/Computers: You have access to these as ASU students. Activate your email account and be sure to check your email frequently to receive notices/information from professors regarding your courses.
2. Blackboard Account: This tool is a course management system used to track all courses. Professors will update grades, assignments, and post information to assist you in your classes. Be sure you know how to navigate Blackboard!
3. 3 Ring Binder and folders: These will assist you to stay organized!

Textbook

A text is not required for this course. However, you will be required to access articles, books, and websites to complete course assignments.

Prerequisites and Skills Required

1. It is imperative that you possess a willingness to utilize the Academic Support Services at Angelo State University. These include but are not limited to tutoring, and supplemental instruction.
2. The ability to email and use web-based search engines.

Course Objectives

Students demonstrate appropriate competency related to the following ASU Core Objectives:

- Critical Thinking (CT1): Gather, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information relevant to academic preparedness and travel.
- Communication Skills (CS1, CS2): Develop, interpret, and express ideas related to academic planning and travel through effective written and oral communication;
- Personal Responsibility (PR1): Demonstrate the ability to evaluate choices, actions and consequences as related to academic success and travel choices;
- Social Responsibility (SR3): Demonstrate the ability to engage effectively in the campus community.

Course Expectations

- All Angelo State University policies are upheld in this course. (See current university catalog and student handbook)
- The instructor will be available during office hours or by appointment. Any student having questions or difficulties is encouraged to contact the instructor as soon as possible.
- Attendance is recorded each time that the class meets. Tardiness or leaving class early constitutes $\frac{1}{2}$ of an absence.

- In order to be successful, students should expect to spend approximately one hour outside of class each week for every one hour in class each week. The design of classroom activities is based on this expectation.
- Any student distracting from the overall effectiveness of the learning environment will be dismissed from the class and must confer with the instructor before returning.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of GS 1181 (Oh the Places You'll Go), students will be able to:

1. Summarize and evaluate information
2. Use library resources and other electronic databases to gather information
3. Follow a systematic process to improve written and oral communication

Attendance Policy

Attendance is necessary to fully understand the concepts and theories introduced in class. I expect you to be at class! Students who miss class **MUST** contact me within 12 hours by email with a written explanation and you are still responsible for class work missed. ASU functions **must** have a sponsor note. This is an eight week course.... You need to be in class!

Student Responsibilities/Behaviors

Be prepared for class by reading the material and participating in class discussions. Complete the homework assignments and attend class each day.

Take notes!

Ask for help!

No hats will be worn at in class!

Please respect your classmates and your professor by turning off your cell phone prior to coming into class. If your phone rings during class, you will be asked to leave and will be counted absent.

NO TEXTING permitted during class! If you choose to text and I see you, you will be asked to leave and will be counted absent!

Evaluation

Attendance/Class Participation	20%
Homework (several opportunities)	20%
Summaries of campus activities (4 are assigned)	20%
Article Summaries (2 are assigned)	20%
Final Exam	20%

**Each class session, I will take attendance. Each class session, I will observe and note if you participate in class discussion and activities.

No late work will be accepted.

Grading Scale

90-100---->A

80-89 ----->B

70-79---->C

60-69---->D

59-BELOW---->F

Students with Disabilities

Angelo State University is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation.

The Office of Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Office of Student Affairs, University Center, Room 112 at (325) 942-2047 or (325) 942-2211 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at studentservices@angelo.edu to begin the process.

Academic Honesty

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook. In essence, the willingness to cheat undermines our purpose at the university. Students who cheat, risk failing the course.

Students who inappropriately use others to complete work or plagiarize receive a "0" on the assignment and may be dropped from the course with a grade of "F."

*Please advise the professor of an absence for observance of a religious holy day **prior** to absence. Accommodations will be made.

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TENTATIVE SYLLABUS

Week 1

Monday August 29 Introduction to the university and course
Wednesday August 31 Planning the “ultimate journey”

Week 2

Monday Sept 5 Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday September 7 Planning your academic/career journey

Week 3

Monday September 12 Location of resources
Wednesday September 14

Week 4

Monday September 19 Prerequisites for success
Wednesday September 21

(You are responsible for attending 2 University/Community Activities during Weeks 1-4. These are due NO LATER THAN noon on Thursday September 22.)

Week 5

Monday September 26 Funding issues
Wednesday September 28

Week 6

Monday Oct 3 Mapping your plan
Wednesday Oct 5

Week 7

Monday October 10 Communication strategies
Wednesday October 12

Week 8

Monday October 17 Marketing your “ultimate journeys”
Wednesday October 19 Wrap-up and Final Exam is the Connect! Signature Course Survey

(You are responsible for attending 2 University/Community Activities during Weeks 5-8. These are due NO LATER THAN noon on Tuesday October 18.)

KIN 1181 INFORMATION SHEET

Name _____

CID # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (use your angelo.edu email account for all correspondence)

Phone _____

Birthdate _____

Do you have a job during the semester? _____
If yes, where? _____ How many # hrs/wk? _____

Are you involved in athletics or other ASU extracurricular events that may cause you to miss class? _____ which one? _____

Hometown _____

Career Aspirations (What will you be doing in 7 years?)

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I have received and understand the requirements of this course and the academic honesty policy.

_____ (sign)