

Course Syllabus

Course: **Special Projects** MUC298AA
Section 16154 Glendale Community College Fall 2011

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Course Description (from the course catalog): Organized and tailored around the interests and needs of the individual student. Structured to provide an atmosphere of individualized research and study paralleled by professional expertise and guidance. Professional-type facilities and equipment available for student use. Allows the best aspects of independent study and individualized learning to be combined to maximize student development.

Prerequisites: Permission of Department Chair or instructor.

Course Competencies:

1. In consultation with a faculty advisor, select discipline-related projects to be completed in independent study.
2. Identify and develop project goals, objectives, methodology, a timeline for completion, and guidelines for documenting and evaluating the completed projects.
3. Prepare and present a completed projects to the faculty advisor for evaluation, in accordance with established methodology and guidelines.

After consultation with the instructor, the student will write an abstract of the project(s) to be completed. This will include:

1. topics for project(s)
2. goals
3. objectives
4. methodology
5. timeline

This abstract should be turned in by the end of the second week of classes.

Attendance /Grading Policy: There are no regular attendance requirements. Students needing project guidance, feedback, or assistance should contact the instructor during scheduled office hours.

Grading is based on:

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| 1. completion of abstract and projects in a timely manner (A or F are the only 2 possibilities). | 25% |
| 2. the student's self-evaluation of the projects' success. | 25% |
| 3. the instructor's assessment of the projects' success. | 25% |
| 4. the instructor's assessment of the student's professionalism and quality of work. | 25% |

No incompletes will be given and it is the responsibility of the student to drop the course should the need arise. **Students who do not complete their project and do not drop the course will receive a grade of "F"**.

Academic Fraud: Students are expected to turn in their own work. Any student accused of cheating or logging false hours will receive a grade of "F" for the semester. Students have the right to due process. Consult your student handbook for details.

Questions/Complaints/Accommodations: If you have any questions regarding this syllabus or course, are experiencing difficulty related to the course, or need to register a concern or complaint, *please see the instructor*. If you have or think you have a disability, including a learning disability, please make an appointment with an advisor at disability resources as soon as possible. They can assist you with appropriate accommodations for you in your classes.

The course content may vary from this syllabus in order to meet the needs of particular students.

