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Textbook

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The textbook for this course is: Internet Literacy, 4th Edition by Fred Hofstetter (ISBN 0-07-226061-0).



Tue, Feb 28, 2006 -- Welcome to CIOS146B!

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Welcome to CIOS146B, the second unit of the three unit Using the Internet Course. In this unit, we will focus on browser usage. Topics include: searching for information on the Internet, evaluating web resources and documenting them, common Internet file types, downloading, and browsers & multimedia. You should learn more about the browser you are currently using as well as the other browser options available to use!

Please read the Course Information (see button to the left) now. It contains important information you should find useful about the course policies and procedures.

Finally, welcome aboard!



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 **Course Information**

**CIOS 146B Course Policies and Procedures**

Welcome to CIOS146B, part two of the Introduction to the Internet course offered through the Center for Distance Education. Be sure and read the **CDE Administrative Policies**, which can be found at the end of this document.

Textbook

Internet Literacy, 4th Edition by Fred T. Hofstetter. In addition, there is substantial material from the Internet used in this course (so be sure and go through the links to the Interlit site in the Assignments).

Assignments

All information about assignments for this course can be found in the assignments section of this website.

Submitting Work

All e-mailed assignments must include the sender's name and the course number in the body of the e-mail and on all attachments in order to receive credit. This is a college class. Your homework submissions, whether assignments e-mailed to me or posted to the class Discussion Board need to be written in grammatically correct, fully formed sentences and paragraphs. Work that does not meet college level writing standards will have to be redone

Examinations

One exam and a final exam are part of the coursework. All will be taken online, and you should have experience with online testing from taking CIOS146A. All exams are comprehensive and will cover material from all modules up to that point.

Honor Code

The Honor Code is in effect for this course, and will be strictly enforced. All aspects of students' work are subject to provisions of the code and suspected violations will be promptly dealt with through the appropriate channels. Such violations include, but are not limited to:

- requesting or providing information on examinations;
- submitting someone else's work, or parts thereof, as your own.

Grading

Your final grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Test 1: 35%

Final Exam: 45%

Exercises and Discussion Board: 20%

Other Important Information

The Internet is an exciting and valuable resource that is constantly evolving. Be prepared to work hard because it does take time, effort, dedication, and, most of all, patience to master. If there's one thing that I've learned most about over the years of using the Internet and working to keep up with its evolution it is that great patience is required (and, ultimately, justly rewarded). My patience quotient has grown immensely using this medium.

In this course, we will focus on Web Browsers. We will cover configuring the preferences in browsers, the different browsers available to use, researching on the Internet, the need to evaluate web sources and how to document them for academic and professional purposes, file types found on the Net, downloading from the net (including virus information and protection), and how browsers use multimedia.

One misconception that some students have when they sign up for an Internet-based class is that it will be easier than a face-to-face class for some reason. However, as you will discover, this class is just as demanding as a "regular" class (as indeed it should be since it is for "regular" college credit). In fact, it is probably more demanding since you don't have regular class meetings scheduled and there are no deadlines for getting the work in. The only constraint is that the work must be finished in a 14 week period since it is a semester-based class. This means that students must take the responsibility of scheduling their work so that it can be completed in an orderly and thoughtful way. Otherwise, you'll find that you either get too far behind to complete it within the prescribed time limits, or that you are rushing through the assignments so quickly that you really aren't learning anything.

I would strongly suggest that you locate someone who can serve as a mentor for you in your community when you do encounter difficulties. Also, if you are using a private ISP as your connection to the Net, make yourself known to the people who run the ISP. They can be a wonderful resource helping you with the quirks of their system as well as a general source of information on the Internet. For students connected through the UA system, UAF has a good source of technical help: FXHELP@UAF.EDU. They will try to help you with problems as well. I am also a resource, but, as you'll find, if you have a resource close to you, it is much easier to get things straightened out.

Whatever resource you use for assistance, be as specific as possible when you encounter a problem. It doesn't help someone to hear that some kind of screen popped up on your monitor when you did something. They need to know exactly what you did and exactly what the screen said. I keep a notepad by my computer to write that information down when it occurs. It saves a tremendous amount of time and frustration in the long run.

IMPORTANT: As a final note, since I teach multiple online classes and receive e-mails from numerous people, it is important that you put your name (first and last) and the course number (e.g. CIOS146B) in the body of any e-mail message and on any attachments you send to me so that you can be sure you get credit for the submission.

Assignments



Module 1B

Netiquette, streaming media and synchronized multimedia.



Module 2B

Searching for Information and Societal Issues.



Module 3B

Commonly Found Internet File Types and Downloading from the Internet.



Test 1B

Contact me when you are ready to take Test 1B, and I will send you the password and directions for taking the exam.



Module 4B

Bibliographic Style for Internet Sources and How Web Browsers do Multimedia.



Module 5B

Emerging Technologies and How to Keep Up.



Final B

Contact me for information on taking FinalB.



Tests