

INTS 4910 – Senior Interdisciplinary Project (3 cr.)
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NP 113B

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Course Description

Required of all Integrated Studies majors in their final year. The second in a two-course sequence providing the culminating experience in the program. Students will select a topic, theme, issue, or problem and relate their two areas of concentration through careful analysis and creative synthesis, producing a major project that exhibits skill in interdisciplinary understanding. *Prerequisite: INTS 4900.*

Course Outcomes

In consultation with the program director and faculty advisors from each emphasis area, students will design and produce their senior projects and prepare public presentations of their work.

The senior project will demonstrate

- competency in both discipline emphasis areas
- proficiency in integrating theories, knowledge, models, concepts, or phenomena from each discipline
- advanced research skills
- cogent and articulate writing
- intellectual rigor and depth appropriate for senior undergraduate work

Grades

Project Submissions (3)	15%
Senior Project (final submission)	85%

Important Dates to Remember

Please visit the following link for important dates related to course registration, fees, financial aid, grading, and final exams. <http://dixie.edu/reg/?page=calendar>

Disability Statement

If you are a student with a medical, psychological or a learning difference and requesting reasonable academic accommodations due to this disability, you must provide an official request of accommodation to your professor(s) from the Disability Resource Center within the first two weeks of the beginning of classes. Students are to contact the center on the main campus to follow through with, and receive assistance in the documentation process to determine the appropriate accommodations related to their disability.

You may call (435) 652-7516 for an appointment and further information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Our office is located right next to the Testing Center on the bottom floor of the Financial Aid and Career Center building.

Academic Services

Please visit the links below and take advantage of these important services.

- Library - <http://library.dixie.edu>
- Computer Lab - <http://new.dixie.edu/reg/faculty/index.php?page=Syllabus>
- Writing Center - http://dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php
- Testing Center - <http://dixie.edu/testing>
- Tutoring Center - <http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/>

Academic Dishonesty & Integrity

Students are bound by the following college policy regarding cheating and disruptive behavior.

3-34 ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

34.1 Cheating: Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated at Dixie State College, including but not limited to plagiarism on written assignments, submitting other person's work as one's own, and cheating on exams or quizzes. Teachers at Dixie State College may discipline students proven guilty of academic dishonesty by:

- 34.1.1 Giving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty occurred,
- 34.1.2 Failing the student in the entire course,
- 34.1.3 Immediately dismissing and removing the student from the course, and/or

34.1.4 Referring the student to Student Affairs, a committee which may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, and/or expel the student.

34.2 Disruptive Behavior: Teachers at Dixie State College have the right to manage the classroom environment to ensure a good learning climate. Toward this end, teachers (or college security) may dismiss and remove disruptive students from individual class activities. If a student's behavior continues to disrupt class activities, the teacher may dismiss and cause the removal of disruptive students from their course.

34.3 Student Appeals: Students who believe themselves wrongfully disciplined may appeal those disciplinary actions through the standard grievance procedure. (Policy 5-35)

Dmail

You are required to frequently check your dmail account. Important class and college information will be sent to your dmail account, including DSC bills, financial aid/scholarship notices, notices of cancelled classes, reminders of important dates and deadlines, and other information critical to your success at DSC and in your courses. If you don't know how to access your dmail account, go to www.dixie.edu and select "Dmail" from the left column. To locate your dmail username and password, go to www.dixie.edu, and click on "Log in to student services" (upper right corner).

Attendance & Absences

The following college policy relates to class attendance and excused / un-excused absences. If you are a student-athlete or involved with any other college organization that may require you to be absent from class, please read the policy carefully and contact your instructors at the beginning of the semester to discuss missed periods and assignments.

5-23 ATTENDANCE

23.1 Regular and prompt attendance in classes and laboratory sessions is expected of every Dixie State College student.

23.2 Attendance requirements are established by each instructor and such requirements are enforced by the college.

23.3 An absence does not excuse a student from completing work missed.

23.4 It is the student's responsibility to find out which assignments are missed during an absence.

23.5 Class Absences Related to College Functions

23.5.1 Attendance at class is an integral part of the learning process. Students who are absent from class for any reason compromise their learning opportunities. Students should make every attempt to register only for those courses for which they have no scheduling conflicts that will interfere with their ability to complete course requirements.

23.5.2 Students periodically may miss classes for various college-related functions; including athletics, club events, or to fulfill the requirements of a course or a program. These absences often conflict with the instruction, assignments, and tests in courses. The college seeks to maintain reasonable guidelines that will enable students to participate in college functions without harming the integrity of the curriculum in the courses they miss or undermining the responsibilities and authority of the instructors of these courses. These guidelines are intended to foster an environment that is supportive and sensitive to the roles and needs of both students and faculty.

23.5.3 Students who must miss class because of a college-sanctioned activity, such as an athletic event, club activity, class assignment, or other approved event, are responsible to assuring that their instructors have been notified and for completing any missed assignments.

23.5.3.1 Prior to the absence, students traveling with a club, team, or other group on a college-sanctioned activity must request leave from their instructors.

23.5.3.1.1 Students involved in a club event or an activity related to another course or program requirement must provide written notification from the faculty or staff member supervising the activity that explains the nature of the activity. This should include a list of eligible students and be provided in advance of the expected absence.

23.5.3.1.2 By the second day of class, students with recurring absences must provide each instructor written notification from the appropriate department that includes a schedule of competition, the names of those students on specific teams likely to travel, and the dates and approximate times of departure and return to campus. So that student participation in travel can be verified, the appropriate department will be responsible for informing individual faculty of changes to team rosters and travel schedules throughout the semester.

23.5.3.2 Students must arrange with the instructor to complete missed instruction and/or coursework.

23.5.3.2.1 One week prior to an absence, the student will meet with the instructor to arrange a reasonable accommodation, if feasible, to allow the students to complete any missed coursework and/or exams. The instructor may require the student to submit work prior to the due date if the student will be absent. It is the student's responsibility to complete the Student Absence Schedule with the instructor and abide by it.

23.5.3.2.2 Students with recurring or frequent absences from a course are required to check their schedules against the course syllabus and provide a list of expected absences for the semester by the second day of class. Upon reviewing the list, the instructor may determine that the absences will interfere with the student's ability to succeed in the course. If so, the instructor will recommend that the student seek an alternative. If a student chooses to remain in the course, it is the student's responsibility to complete the Student Absence Schedule with the instructor and abide by it.

23.6 Students receiving scholarship assistance other than federal aid are being sponsored by the citizens of the state of Utah or private donors.

23.6.1 As recipients, these students are expected to exert a full effort in their academic studies, which includes attendance.

23.6.2 As a condition of accepting these funds and for the privilege of representing Dixie State College in co-curricular activities, these students are expected to attend classes and laboratories for which they are registered.

23.6.3 Attendance may be monitored, and students not attending on a regular basis may be subject to termination of their scholarship and/or suspension from participation in activities.

23.7 Non-Students in the Classroom and Other Designated Study Areas

23.7.1 The classroom is the domain of the instructor. Libraries, study areas and other organized support areas at Dixie State College are extensions of the classroom, and are therefore included in the instructional domain of the directors of such facilities.

23.7.2 In order to fulfill the assigned responsibilities of the instructors and the institution, college personnel are deemed to have the right and authority to control the learning environment, to perform their duties, and to maintain the classroom for optimal learning.

23.7.3 In support of existing policy of the Dixie State College Handbook, it is expected that only bona fide students as defined and classified by the Dixie State College catalog, will attend classes, unless specific prior permission for guests has been obtained from the instructor.

23.7.4 Infants, children, and adolescents are not allowed at Dixie State College except in certain areas and under certain circumstances. College facilities and classrooms are not designed for children, and their presence may disrupt students and teachers.

23.7.5 In the event of an emergency where prior approval cannot be obtained 24 hours in advance, the student shall request permission to bring children to class prior to the beginning of class.

23.7.6 The decision of the instructor regarding non-students in the classroom is final.

23.7.7 Children must not be left unattended in the halls or any other place on campus.
23.7.8 Non-students of any age will not be allowed in courses that involve the use of hazardous materials or items that could be considered dangerous in any way. The "hazardous nature" of these courses will be determined by the individual instructors.

SCHEDULE (subject to change, if necessary)

Week 1 (1/10 – 1/14)	Initial Meeting / Schedule **Research Proposal / Source List due (1/14)
Week 2 (1/17 – 1/21)	Individual Meetings (G1)
Week 3 (1/24 – 1/28)	Individual Meetings (G2)
Week 4 (2/7 – 2/11)	**Project Submission 1 due (G1)
Week 5 (2/14 – 2/18)	**Project Submission 1 due (G2)
Week 6 (2/21 – 2/25)	Open Meeting Times / Assistance
Week 7 (2/28 – 3/4)	Open Meeting Times / Assistance
Week 8 (3/7 – 3/11)	**Project Submission 2 due (G1) Individual Meetings (G1)
Week 9 (3/14 – 3/18)	SPRING BREAK
Week 10 (3/21 – 3/25)	**Project Submission 2 due (G2) Individual Meetings (G2)
Week 11 (3/28 – 4/1)	Open Meeting Times / Assistance
Week 12 (4/4 – 4/8)	**Project Submission 3 due (G1)
Week 13 (4/11 – 4/15)	**Project Submission 3 due (G1)
Week 14 (4/18 – 4/22)	Open Meeting Times / Assistance
Week 15 (4/25 – 4/29)	**Final Project due (G1) (4/29)
Week 16 (5/2 – 5/5)	**Final Project due (G2) (5/5)