



# First Year Seminar Fall 2016

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## **Attendance & Class Participation**

Your attendance and participation in this course are reflected in your grade. According to SRSU policy, any student missing 20% of a class (3 classes), will be dropped with an F. As this course is largely based on participation, missing class is the fastest way to fail. If you must miss a class, please inform me by email, phone or in person within 24 hours of the missed class with a valid excused reason for the absence. Otherwise, absences will count as 0's for all missed work on that day and makeup opportunities will not be allowed. Additionally, participation is critical for this course, so students are expected to interact in class. Sleeping in class, chair warming, and merely breathing does not constitute participation, and such behavior will count as being absence that day.

## **Classroom Behaviors**

You are encouraged and expected to openly engage in class discussions, ask questions, share ideas, and express your thoughts. Please be respectful of others by avoiding disruptive behaviors such as side conversations, cell phone use, arriving late, leaving early, etc. We will discuss this in more detail in the semester when we cover this topic.

## **Academic Honesty**

“The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of their classroom. The University may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.”  
--Excerpt from the Student Handbook

## **Special Needs**

It is Sul Ross State University policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. If you would like to request such accommodations because of a physical, mental, or learning challenge, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Mary Schwartz, in the Counseling office in Ferguson Hall, Room 112. All requests for special accommodations must be related in writing to the professor.

## **Late Work**

Late work is not encouraged, as it reflects poorly on you the student to your professor, and would be very detrimental if it was as a worker missing deadlines for an employer later in life. As such, any work submitted late (either in person or on Blackboard), will have 5 points subtracted per day late.

## **Grading Scale:**

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

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Below 60 = F

## **Grade Breakdown:**

CSI completion and reflection paper	30%
Attendance, Participation, and In-class assignments	30%
Career Interview, Mindmap, & Summary review	20%
Final	20%

## **Weekly Schedule:**

Week	
1-8/23	Intro to Syllabus, Campus Resources
2-8/30	E-mail/Blackboard/Banner Review and CSI on-line assignment
3-9/6	SRSU College Culture: Student Responsibilities and Faculty Expectations
4-9/13	Note-taking/Study Skills/Learning Styles & Interview assignment
5-9/20	Time Management
6-9/27	Motivation/Goal Setting
7-10/4	Student Organizations/Sul Ross Traditions
8-10/11	Information Literacy/Plagiarism
9-10/18	Relationships: Roommates, Dating, Parents
10-10/25	Advising/Registration and Mindmap Due
11-11/1	Financial Aid/Money Matters
12-11/8	Career Planning
13-11/15	Stress Management and Interview Summary Report Due
14-11/22	Career Interview presentations
15-11/29	Career Interview presentations and Final Exam Prep
16-12/5	Final Exam Monday Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM