

M&IS 44048 Software Integration Fall 2013

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Objectives

WRITING

This is a writing intensive course; as such you and your team will write documents and rewrite until the result is excellent. The primary objective of this course is to ensure that you are able to consistently produce high quality, clear, and to the point communication. The other objective is that you think with clarity. You will perform the writing as a member of a project team.

INFORMATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Your team will be a consulting team and learn to produce high quality professional business results. Success will be largely determined by organization, engagement, determination, commitment to team work, and most importantly the quality of your development results. Your team will create a mobile app.

Learning Objectives

Become an excellent writer
Learn to manage projects
Learn to think clearly and express ideas clearly
Learn to share responsibilities as a member of a team
Learn to design and build an information system

Requirements

As a member of a team contribute to the team's creation of The Companion (see separate document).

Textbook

None.

Course Grade

The course grade is composed of six parts. Each weighs equally as 1/6th of your grade.

1. Three versions of your team's functional design (everyone gets the same grade).
2. Three personal statements about your contribution to the team's result (*not effort but result*).

The grading scale is: 90+ = A; 80+ = B; 70+ = C; 60+ = D; 0+ = F

Due Dates

Due dates for each assignment will be announced by the instructor.

Equity

This is a team project. It is up to the team to figure out how to work together. This means each person must know what exactly is expected of him/her and must also know what is expected of the other team members. To make this work each person must be trustworthy and get done what is expected, on time, and with quality results. It is not a good idea for one or two persons to “do all the work” even though “we feel that the others are not doing their part and we do not want our grade to suffer.” The point here is to learn to work effectively as a member of a team and not to take matters into your own hands.

Could an individual team member not pass the course? Sure; re-read about the personal statements.

Read This Important Note

If your team has one or more members not carrying their weight your team should:

Address the issue with the team member

Address the issue with the instructor if it is not cleared up within the week

If you attempt to address the issue and the team member does not change behavior you should discuss this with the instructor by e-mail. If appropriate the instructor will “fire” the team member, however, if the instructor determines that the team is inappropriately ganging up on someone the team will suffer. It is best to clear team issues up without the instructor's intervention.

--- Official KSU/College of Business Information Follows ---

Cheating and Plagiarism

Academic honesty: Cheating means to misrepresent the source, nature, or other conditions of your academic work (e.g., tests, papers, projects, assignments) so as to get undeserved credit. In addition, it is considered to be cheating when one cooperates with someone else in any such misrepresentation. The use of the intellectual property of others without giving them appropriate credit is a serious academic offense. It is the University's policy that cheating or plagiarism result in receiving a failing grade for the work or course. Repeat offenses result in dismissal from the University.

Disabled Students

University policy 3342-3-01.3 requires that students with disabilities be provided reasonable accommodations to ensure their equal access to course content. If you have a documented disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to make arrangements for necessary classroom adjustments. Please note, you must first verify your eligibility for these through Student Accessibility Services (contact 330-672-3391 or visit www.kent.edu/sas for more information on registration procedures).

Official Registration

Students have responsibility to ensure they are properly enrolled in classes. You are advised to review your official class schedule (using Student Tools on FlashLine) during the first two weeks of the semester to ensure you are properly enrolled in this class and section. Should you find an error in your class schedule it is your responsibility to correct the error. If registration errors are not and you continue to attend and participate in classes for which you are not officially enrolled, you are advised now that you will not receive a grade at the conclusion of the semester for any class in which you are not properly registered.

GRADUATION INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

It is your responsibility to apply for graduation before the set deadline. If you apply after the deadline you will be assessed a \$200 late fee. Please see your academic advisor as soon as possible if you are uncertain as to your progress toward graduation.