

# AIL 604

## Distance Technologies

Fall 2012

3 Credit Hours

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Syllabus subject to change.

### Office Hours

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### Prerequisites

From the Student Records System

No prerequisites found.

### Course Description

As found in the Graduate Catalog: Prepares students with knowledge and skills in methods of distance education, which incorporates telecommunications and computer technology to instruct students at remote locations or to serve as an adjunct to classroom instruction. The technology used includes telephony, cable television, satellite communications, videocassettes, videoconferencing, computer-mediated instruction, and/or online computer communication via the Internet.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Students will develop cognitive competencies and/or skills as indicated:

- Discuss research related to distance education.
- Describe past, current, and emerging distance learning technologies.
- Discuss distance learning technical standards and needs assessment.
- Discuss faculty, student, and institutional distance education issues.
- Demonstrate procedures for systematic planning, developing, and adapting of instruction for distance learning based on identifiable learner needs and content requirements.

- Discuss implications for the teaching-learning process when distance technologies are introduced as adjunct activities and/or as primary instructional tools.
- Describe appropriate applications for distance learning in a variety of settings and with various types of content.

## **Grading Policy**

The final grade will be based on completion of all activities outlined in the course outline.

Letter grades will be assigned on the standard scale:

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69% F= <60%

All coursework must be completed before or by the due date.

If a grade of "F" is earned in a required course, the student must repeat the course and earn a passing grade in order to receive credit that will be applied to the requirements for the degree. Grades of "I" ("Incomplete") must be removed within 12 months of the end of the term in which they were awarded but prior to the student's graduation, or the grade of "I" will be changed to "F." The "I" may not be used as a means to re-enroll in a course during a subsequent semester. A grade of "I" may not be used to satisfy a prerequisite requirement.

## **Policy on Missed Exams & Coursework**

Students assume personal responsibility for acquiring information presented at any missed sessions. With the use of technology as an instructional strategy in this course, it can be assumed that, at times, attendance will be defined as asynchronous instruction, with the class, professor and/or subsets of the class. This also sets the stage for a certain amount of individualized progress through the course. Because many students have access to required equipment and software at their homes and/or offices outside of the class, allowances will be made for students to complete assignments on computers elsewhere.

## **Required Texts**

UA Supply Store Textbook Information

Textbook data from the Supply Store not found for this course.

## **Other Course Materials**

Students will be provided with a development course in a learning management system to be used to develop an online course to meet requirements of this course. Students may request to use a different system for the development of the course. It is up to the instructor whether the requested alternative is approved.