



SAMPLE SYLLABUS

CREATIVE ECONOMY

LLAMS 18/ARTS-EXT 508

Arts Extension Service

Arts Management Program

University of Massachusetts Amherst

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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:



John Delconte is a Doctoral Student in Regional Planning at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His main topic of study relates to creative placemaking—measuring its effects and testing its relationship to other outcomes, such as tourism. His experience in arts administration includes chairing of the Hillsborough Arts Council (HAC) of North Carolina for 10 years while having a simultaneous career in the health sciences as a medical writer. He has taught courses on downtown revitalization and world cities at the University at Albany and at the University of Massachusetts. He received an MS in sustainable tourism from East Carolina

University, an MS in psychology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a BS in biology from Union College.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to help students involved in cultural work to think more expansively and act more effectively as the vital forces they can be in their communities. Through this course students will explore roles played by culture, artists, and cultural organizations in advancing community vitality with emphasis on the economic life of geographically-defined communities. They'll examine theoretical and practical ways to become effective players in economic as well as social development. Topics include historical overview of the community development field,

strategies for creative community building, civic involvement, and ways the civic and economic impacts of the arts can be measured. Case studies of cooperative partnerships will be explored and students will participate in the civic process of their own community. Through the final project they will develop strategies for culture-based economic development and devise ways to measure the difference they can make.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to

- 1) Analyze characteristics of community development programs including who is benefiting
- 2) Identify and assess the assets of geographic communities
- 3) Discuss the unique role of arts in the development of social and economic capital
- 4) Discuss economic and social indicators relevant to community development
- 5) Articulate the process of engaging community members in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of community projects
- 6) Design effective, measurable community development initiatives that integrate cultural assets

PREREQUISITES

LLAMS 01/HM&FNART 500 Introduction to Arts Management is the mandatory prerequisite for this class. In order to complete the assignments for this class, you will need to have and know how to use Microsoft Word (or comparable word processing program) and Adobe Acrobat (Reader). You will also need access to a nonprofit organization or public agency as a case study. See below.

HOW TO START THIS CLASS

For those of you who have never taken a blended or online class, the process can be a bit disorienting. For online students, we will work in Blackboard Learn. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the features of the class before you plunge in will help to smooth the transition to this new system. For campus students, this course may be blended, and all assignments and discussions are in Moodle.

I suggest that you take the following steps to get started with this class:

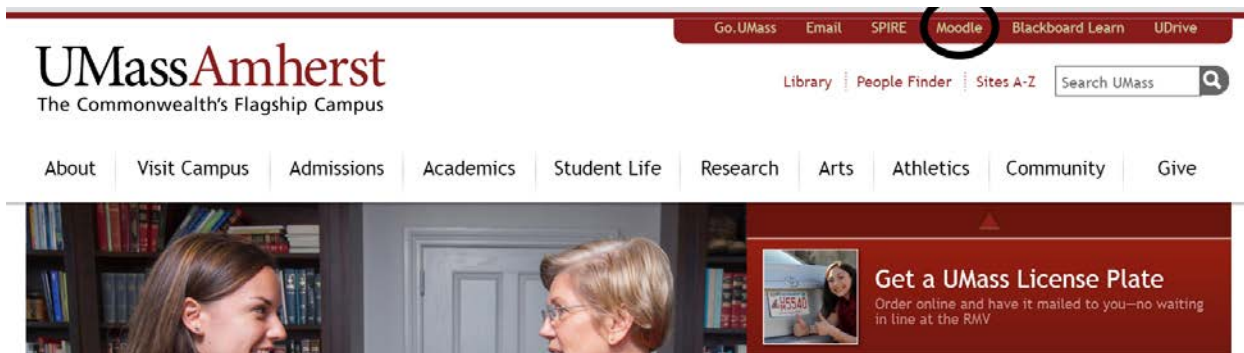
1. Begin by reading this syllabus in its entirety.
2. Order the book listed under “Required Readings” below.
3. Take the tutorials available to learn the online portion of the class. (Moodle: <https://www.it.umass.edu/moodle> and Blackboard Learn: <https://uma.umassonline.net/> click “support center”).
4. Under your **Courses** tab on the main Blackboard screen, you will see **Student Orientation for Blackboard Learn**. This is a general overview of Blackboard Learn

provided by the University. Although not all of the information will be applied directly to this class, it is a quick and effective way to get oriented with the system.

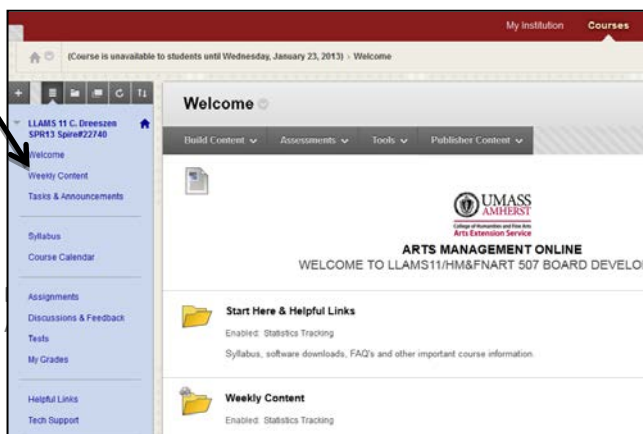
5. Within your Moodle or Blackboard course, click on the every button on the screen to explore the site.
6. Explore the folders contained on the **Welcome** section for this course, especially the **Start Here & Helpful Links** folder.
7. Take the Introductory Course Survey.
8. Read the instructions below.

HOW THIS CLASS IS ORGANIZED

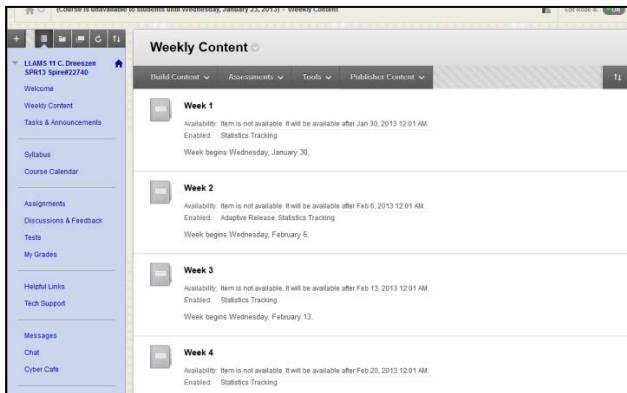
In order to orient you to this class, below is a basic overview of the location of the main areas of your Blackboard Learn (online students) or Moodle (campus students) course. The sites are designed to be as user-friendly as possible. Below are the key components of the class, and which navigational links to use to access them. Find the links for Moodle and Blackboard Learn at the top of the UMass homepage site and login with your netID.



For Blackboard Learn: HOW TO ACCESS YOUR WEEKLY COURSE WORK

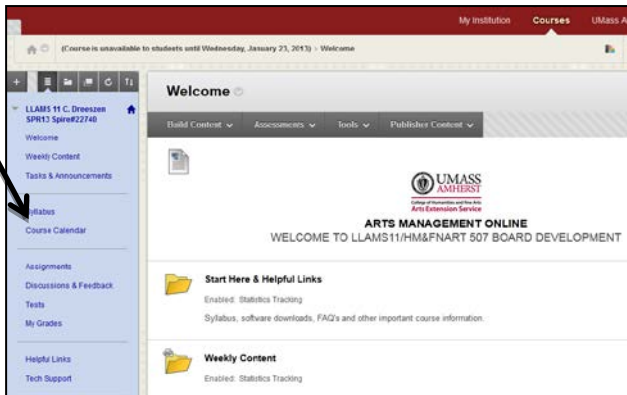


Open **Weekly Content** in the **Welcome** screen or course menu to access your weekly course work.



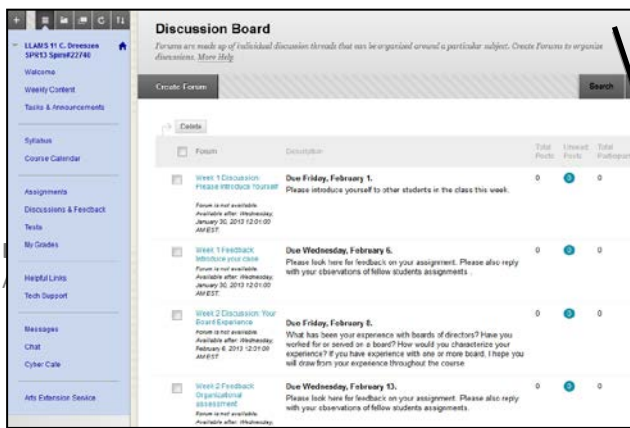
On the **Weekly Content** screen you will find links to each week containing a lecture, discussion question(s), feedback, and readings. *Note: Only a few weeks are visible in the early weeks of the semester. You will not be able to view any weekly content until the first official day of the course.*

HOW TO ACCESS THE COURSE CALENDAR



The date of each class and associated assignment due dates can be found in a PDF located in the **Course Calendar** link on the course menu under your syllabus. You will also find the course calendar in this syllabus.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR WEEKLY DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK TOPICS

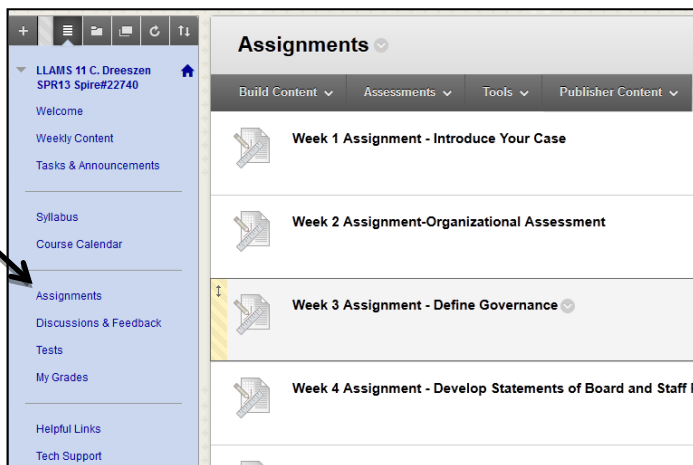


Almost every week, you are asked to respond to an open-ended question about a particular aspect of the lecture or readings.

Discussion is only relevant and interesting during the week of the topic. We move on quickly, so post and monitor others' posts. Do not fall behind as this is where students lose the most points (A's turn to C's). Online students will also post weekly Assignment in the Feedback section so that peers can offer feedback on written assignment (see below). Everyone must offer feedback on at least one other student's paper each week. You can access the discussion and feedback areas in two ways. Click on the Week's link in **Weekly Content**, or click on **Discussions & Feedback** on the course menu bar located at the left side of the screen.

A tutorial on posting in Discussion forums is located in your Student Orientation course under "Collaborating".

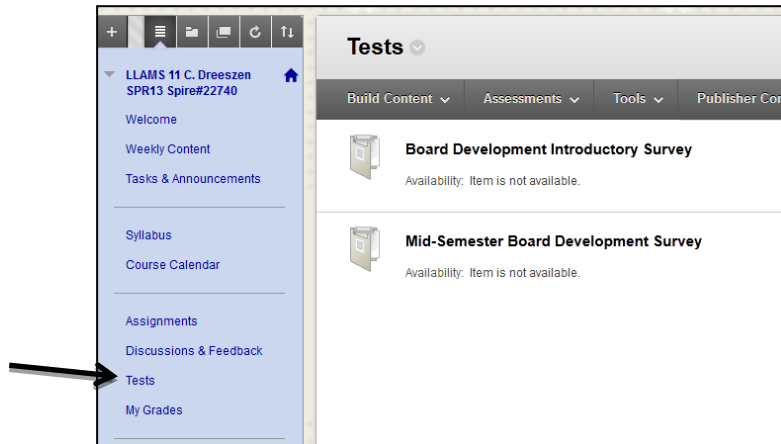
HOW TO ACCESS YOUR WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS



You will upload written assignments in response to problems that I pose for the class. You can find your assignments by clicking on the link for the appropriate week in **Weekly Content** or clicking the **Assignments** link in the Course Menu. When you are ready to submit your assignment, click on the course module for that week and navigate to the weekly written assignment. *Former Blackboard Vista students please note: the Publishing option in the Assignments*

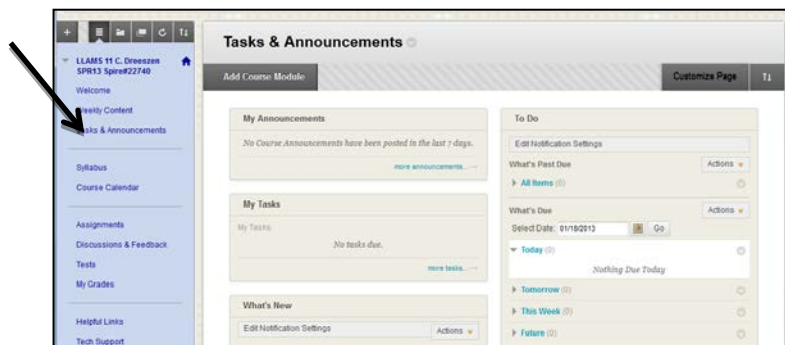
tool is no longer available. You must also post your assignment in the Feedback forum for that week so that other students may read and respond to it. A tutorial on posting Assignments is located in your Student Orientation course under "Assignments and Grades".

HOW TO TAKE TESTS/QUIZZES



Exams and surveys can be accessed in the **Tests** link in your course menu, or through the link for the week when the exam is assigned.

TASKS & ANNOUNCEMENTS PAGE



Access the Tasks & Announcements page by clicking to it from the course menu. Under **My Announcements** is where you will find announcements posted by your instructor. In your **To Do** list you will be able to view your upcoming assignments. *(Please note:*

Discussion & Feedback will not appear in your To Do list) You can customize this page to your liking by clicking **Customize Page** in the top right corner.

CYBER CAFÉ

The Cyber Café in Blackboard Learn is where you will have the opportunity to have off-topic discussions with your classmates. Cyber Café is located on the home page area of the site or again, click on the course tools bar on the left of the screen. Here you can connect with other classmates about topics unrelated to the week's assignments.

WHO'S ONLINE

Finally, this feature may appear on Blackboard Learn if you are working and have a question or just want to talk to a peer, look on the course tools bar, click on **Who's Online**, and it may be possible that a classmate is working. You can send him/her a chat invitation visible only to you. This is a great feature, but please be respectful of others' time!

ASSIGNMENTS

You will be asked to complete one assignment and one discussion every week (in addition to required readings and the moderation of at least one discussion or feedback thread during the course of the semester). Some of these assignments may be substituted with other activities (such as an exam), but generally, you will be required to do the following each week:

1. **CONTRIBUTE TO A DISCUSSION TOPIC**, in which you are asked to respond to an open-ended question about a particular aspect of the lecture. Each week, one or two students will be assigned the task of moderating this discussion thread. *Please see MODERATION OF DISCUSSIONS below.*
2. **SUBMIT A WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT OR TAKE AN EXAM**, where you will upload a weekly one-page written assignment in response to a problem that I pose for the class, or, alternatively, take an exam.
3. **OFFER FEEDBACK IN A DISCUSSION THREAD**, in which you are asked to offer feedback on at least one written assignment of a fellow classmate. Each week, one or two students will be assigned the task of moderating this feedback thread. *Please see MODERATION OF DISCUSSIONS below.*

DISCUSSION THREAD MODERATION:

Beginning in the second or third week of class, each student will be assigned the task of moderating one feedback or discussion topic as a way to build community and foster a deeper engagement with course material. While I will also participate in discussions, my role will be to provide summary comments and respond to questions you direct specifically to me.

Moderators will be asked to do the following:

- Introduce yourself as the moderator through the class email or in the discussion thread and restate the discussion question that I've posed.
- Contribute your own response to the discussion question.
- Read and respond to all main student discussion threads (i.e. you do not have to respond to every student, but must offer input into each thread that is opened by students).
- Pose follow up questions to stimulate discussion, drawing upon class material.
- Foster a civil and positive classroom environment.
- Move "off topic" conversations to the designated chat room area.

Typically, the discussion moderator will remind fellow students that s/he is moderating that week's discussion or feedback thread by sending an email to all students and instructors. Here's an example of an email that was sent out in a previous semester:

Hello Everyone!

I will be moderating the discussion board this week!

Discussion Topic: Week 9 (the student then pasted the instructions for that week's discussion thread from the course)

Looking forward to our chats on the discussion board! Have a good week!

Best,
(name of student)

If you are not available to moderate the discussion during your assigned week, it is your responsibility to swap dates with another student and notify me of this change.

For Moodle: HOW TO ACCESS YOUR WEEKLY COURSE WORK

The screenshot shows a Moodle course page for 'HM&FNART500-SEC01 Introduction to Arts Management, HM&FNART 500'. The page is titled 'Introduction to Arts Management, HM&FNART 500'. The main content area includes a welcome message from Dee Boyle-Clapp, contact information, office hours, and a link to the 'Fall 2014 Intro to Arts Management Syllabus'. Below this, there is a list of course sections with expandable arrows. A black arrow points to the 'Open all' link above the first section, 'Week 1 - Introduction to Arts Management, Class Expectations, and Overview of Arts Management Roles and Responsibilities'. The right-hand sidebar contains 'Quick Settings' (Course available?, Show Gradebook?, Number of visible sections: 14) and 'Activities' (Assignments, Choices, Forums, Quizzes, Resources). A search forums box is also visible at the bottom right.

For campus students only. Open **Weekly Content** by expanding one section or expanding all.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR WEEKLY DISCUSSION TOPICS

Home > My courses > HM&FNART508-SEC01 FA14

How they missed their attendance to every third class. That won't work for us. We only meet once a week, so our time together is limited and important. I look forward to meeting you soon!

[Welcome to Moodle](#)

[Week 1 Discussion](#)

Not available unless:

- It is on or after **September 3, 2014**
- It is before end of **December 19, 2014** (hidden otherwise)

[Week 1 Assignment](#)

[EVENTS for WEEK 1](#)

Not available unless:

- It is on or after **September 3, 2014**
- It is before end of **December 18, 2014** (hidden otherwise)

[Week 1 Assignment Part 2 - Due in Week 2](#)

[Week 1 Lecture: Introduction to Arts Management and Course Expectations](#)

Readings - Read chapter one of our text book. If yours has not yet arrived, I have posted a pdf below. In addition, I have posted a work from Americans for the Arts that may help to amplify the potential of the field.

[Chapter 1 of our Fundamentals Book](#)

[Get your book: Fundamentals of Arts Management Week 1 assigned reading](#)

[Reading Week 1: Publically Engaged Scholarship](#)

[Week 1 Powerpoint](#)

Alternate Emails Configuration

Recent activity

Activity since Saturday, October 24, 2015, 12:05 PM
Full report of recent activity...
No recent activity

Calendar

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Events key

- Hide global events
- Hide course events
- Hide group events
- Hide user events

Under the weekly content, you will see links to access discussions, assignments and lectures. You must complete your discussions and assignments in deadlines specified by clicking on the links and following the instructions.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

Only students with documented disabilities (see Students with Disabilities section below) are permitted to submit their assignments later than the agreed due dates. If your assignment is one week late, you will be marked down one full grade (for credit students only). **Assignments submitted 10 days beyond their due dates or later will receive an F. This includes discussion and feedback postings, exams and all written assignments.**

REQUIRED READING:



This class will draw from the following required text:

Fundamentals of Arts Management, sixth edition, 2016 (published by the Arts Extension Service). If you do not already own a copy of the Fundamentals of Arts Management, please order one online today by visiting the AES website at <http://www.umass.edu/aes/publications/fundamentals-arts-management-6th-edition>. The cost of the book is \$69.00, plus shipping and handling. For international orders, please contact the AES office directly at aes@acad.umass.edu. If you live locally, you may waive the shipping charge by buying the book directly at our office during business hours Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm.

All other readings will be posted in the course shell (Blackboard or Moodle) or will have links to websites.

Note that the bookstore does not ship international orders, so contact the Arts Extension

Service at aes@acad.umass.edu to discuss options. Students who own a 5th edition may use it; new students should purchase the 6th edition.

INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

You will find my comments on your assignments in the “assignments” area of your course. I provide individual feedback to each student, and if I see common challenges emerging in the assignments, I will occasionally provide group feedback in the same feedback area you use to respond to your fellow classmates written assignments (see “How this Class is Organized” above). I will respond to discussion threads in the same area that you and your classmates offer responses to each other.

If you are new to distance education, you may find it frustrating to post a question (say on Friday) and not hear back from me until the next Tuesday.

METHOD OF EVALUATION/GRADING:

I will update the grade book regularly to reflect the completion of your assignments. Please check the Grade Book to see if I have recorded all of your work, and notify me if I have missed a contribution.

Note that I use a point system in lieu of letter grades in the course grade book, with 4=A, 3=B, 2=C, 1=D and 0=F for each assignment. Noncredit students who take this course on a pass/fail basis receive 10=pass and 0=fail.

Grading will be based on the following criteria:

1. Written Assignments and Exams: 50% of overall grade (60% on campus)

You will be assigned papers and a final project. Written assignments will be assessed according to the criteria below. Written assignments and exams comprise 50% of your overall grade. Note that your final project alone constitutes 50% of this grade, or 25% of your overall grade. Written assignments will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Grade	Grade	Description	Criteria
A (4 points in grade book)	A	Exceptional	OUTSTANDING level of analysis that incorporates citations from course lectures and readings. Those that are worthy of the highest grade may draw upon additional resources that the student has spent the time to research (interviews, other readings, personal experiences, etc.). Student may expand upon the assignment by bringing in specific examples from cultural organizations that demonstrate that the student has engaged in the assignment and learned something new from it. Student responds fully to the assignment. Work reflects a student’s original thinking. Written assignments are checked for grammar and spelling, and are well organized and clearly presented.

			Any visual presentations are presented professionally and clearly. Equivalent to letter grade A.
B (3 points in grade book)	B	Exceeds Minimum Expectations	GOOD level of analysis. Would be A level work except lacks either supporting evidence from course lectures and readings, professional presentation, and/or original thinking. Student responds fully to assignment. Paper is posted on time. Equivalent to letter grade B.
C (2 points in grade book)	C	Meets Minimum Expectations	BASIC level of analysis or did not fully respond to assignment. Paper may be poorly organized or contain significant grammar or spelling errors. Equivalent to letter grade C.
D (1 point in grade book)	D	Needs Improvement	SUPERFICIAL level of analysis, minimal effort, or paper is late and downgraded accordingly. Student does not respond fully to the assignment or provides incomplete or missing answers. Equivalent to letter grade C.
F (0 points in grade book)	F	No Participation	No posting, posted late (see syllabus policy), failed to revise returned work, work is plagiarized (see syllabus policy). Equivalent to letter grade F.
PASS (10 points in grade book)	PASS	NONCREDIT STUDENTS ONLY	FOR NONCREDIT STUDENTS ONLY: this posting is equivalent to a letter grade of C or better. See the criteria above for specific details of how work is evaluated. If you are a credit student and have been given this grade in error, please notify me immediately. Equivalent to the letter grade P (Pass).

2. Discussion Contributions and Moderation: 30% of overall grade (40% attendance and discussion)

Almost every week, you are required to contribute to a discussion thread, by responding to questions posed by the instructor. Create a new thread to respond to the discussion topic. I will grade your discussion topic and response using a rubric below. Note that moderators will be assessed using the criteria after the word MODERATORS in the rubric below. Discussion threads and moderation comprise 30% of your overall grade. See rubric above.

3. Online Feedback Thread: 20% of overall grade for online students

Each week, you are required to download one other student's written assignment and respond to it in a feedback thread in the online portion of this class. Create a new thread for each response you offer.

QUALITY IN DISCUSSIONS....

This is usually the easiest area for students. Students who receive higher grades tend to ...

- *respond fully* to the discussion questions (this may seem obvious, but answer all parts of multi-part question!)
- are comprehensive and reflect a comprehension of the material presented (or at least, an effort to comprehend it!)
- acknowledge and build upon the responses of others
- display a high level of grace and encouragement of others, and draw upon personal experience to help others to overcome challenges in their case study organizations or to grapple with the discussion questions. We are all learning together!
- remember to move off-topic discussions to a chat room so you have privacy.

QUALITY IN PEER FEEDBACK (online only)...

This is typically the most problematic part of the course for students. This is partly due to shyness and a lack of familiarity with how to give feedback to others in the course without offending them. My experience is that, with sensitivity and encouragement, you can offer substantive feedback that is both constructive and positive.

When providing peer-to-peer feedback on the written assignment of one other student each week, a student who receives a higher grade will often

- compare and contrast information within another student's assignment or draw upon that student's other written assignments, for example... "Chris, I noticed that you said you were confused with the differences in job descriptions in cultural organizations' Executive Director and the Development Director. Could you elaborate on this?....etc."
- draw upon other content in the course and apply it in the feedback they offer others. "...As we learned in the book (or lecture), volunteers play a vital role in the work of nonprofits... I noticed that some cultural organizations are intentionally excluding volunteer help, can you tell us why that is and what you think they could be gaining from a volunteer force?..."
- draw upon their own experiences and weave this into their analysis of other student's work, offering respectful and sensitive advice to others, while paying attention to the content of the assignment.
- respond comprehensively to a fellow student's work, not with a one-line response, but a more elaborate and in-depth reflection on the work.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

I am very committed to full access to *all* students, including those with disabilities, and am aided by the University's Disability Services in helping to make our courses fully accessible. I am proud of, and am fully committed to, our University's nondiscrimination policy, which can be found at <http://www.umass.edu/eod/aapolicy.html>. If you have a documented disability, please contact the Disability Services department to get assistance with accommodations, and they will help to make this course fully accessible to you. **If I do not receive notification from Disability Services of your documented disability by the second week of class, I will not be able to offer you accommodations** which are available here:

<http://www.umass.edu/disability/students.html>. Please see their brochure about accommodations at <http://www.umass.edu/eod/brochures/ds.pdf> and their web site at <http://www.umass.edu/disability/index.html>.

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

The University prohibits dishonesty in all programs of the University. According to University policy, "academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and facilitating dishonesty." Please see the University's academic honesty policy for a full definition of academic honesty and our statement of policy. Obviously, I will be very strict about enforcing this policy in all of your assignments, so please read and be aware of this policy: http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/codeofconduct/acadhonesty/ At times it can be difficult to understand what plagiarism is when you are working in an online environment. For instance, if you copy text from a web site or from materials from a cultural organization, please be sure to footnote the source of this text. I will follow the University's procedures if I suspect academic dishonesty, so please familiarize yourself with these policies. Also, please be aware that I may use a grading tool called *Turn It In* to grade your papers, which helps to detect plagiarism.

STUDENT CONDUCT:

The University has very clear guidelines about proper conduct in courses, including harassment and assault which are articulated in the Code of Student Conduct at http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/codeofconduct/studentcode/. I will take immediate corrective action if I observe any student acting in a manner that endangers other students. I also deeply value the principal that the classroom is a place for constructive dialogue and learning and I expect that students will treat each other with civility and respect, even when they disagree. A positive learning environment benefits everyone in the class, and I will do all I can to foster this atmosphere, and expect that you will do the same.

INCOMPLETES AND WITHDRAWALS:

Please keep up with the work each week and move through assignments, discussions, and feedback together with other students. I will not accept or grade more than two weeks of late assignments posted at the end of the course.

If you are falling seriously behind in your work, I highly recommend that you withdraw from the class by the mid-semester deadline, so that a failing grade does not appear on your transcript. If you are in this predicament, please go to the academic calendar page at http://www.umass.edu/registrar/gen_info/academic_calendar.htm and scroll down to the current semester to locate the **last day to drop with a “W.”**

EXTRA CREDIT POLICY:

I do not offer extra credit for coursework, except in those cases where I have created an additional assignment or exam that is specifically marked “extra credit.” You will not receive extra credit for reworking graded assignments, nor will I change grades with further editing.

INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC CREDIT AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (online only):

Availability of Undergraduate and Graduate Credit:

For many of you this is a non-credit course. The Arts Extension Service grants three credits for each course for an additional fee. Because this course is a 500 level class, it is my understanding that it can be applied to both undergraduate and graduate-level programs. If you wish to receive credit for this course, please do this prior to the start of the semester, but if it is done later, the last date you may switch to credit is during the ADD/DROP period.

Students enrolled in a graduate course may seek permission from their advisors to use this course to fulfill independent study or practicum graduate course requirements. Contact your advisor and the Arts Extension Service for more information at aes@acad.umass.edu. Credit students are held to a higher standard for class participation and assignments (see above).

Noncredit Certificate in Arts Management

The Arts Extension Service offers a noncredit *Core Certificate* in Arts Management for those who successfully complete (with a passing grade) any four online courses offered by the Arts Extension Service. A *Professional Certificate* is granted to those who successfully complete eight courses. This course may be used towards the completion of your certificate program. You can also earn the courses for credit towards our certificate program. There is also a new campus Certificate in Arts Management for undergraduate students. Please visit <http://www.umass.edu/aes/degreescertificates/campus-certificate> for more details.

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