



Syllabus Language Blended Learning

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A blended learning course is one where part, but not all, of the traditional face-to-face instruction is replaced by web-based online learning. Blended learning courses provide more flexibility around when and where you learn than a traditional course. In return, you are required to take a more active, participatory role in the learning process. You can do this by engaging and collaborating with other students and the instructor on a regular basis both in the classroom and online, and completing all required preparatory work in order to be an active participant in class discussions and activities.

Course Structure

The course is structured into weekly modules. Each module:

Starts on _____ day morning and

Ends on _____ day night.

For the required discussion submission before class please note that you have 24-48 hrs between post due dates in order to provide time for reflection, and:

Initial discussion post is due on: _____ day midnight EST

Response discussion post is due on: _____ day midnight EST

Time Expectations

Each week, in addition to any scheduled face-to-face class time, you should expect to spend 2-3 hours online watching videos, taking quizzes, and completing learning activities. This time does not include regular homework such as reading the text, completing problems, and studying.

Tips for Success

- **Participate:** Discussions and group work are a critical part of the course. You can learn as much, if not more, from the ideas and perspectives of your peers and instructor. Participation can also help you articulate your ideas and develop critical thinking skills.
- **Manage your time:** Make time for your online learning and discussion participation each week. Give yourself plenty of time to complete assignments (plus extra time to handle any technology problems).
- **Login regularly:** Log in to Canvas several times a week to view announcements, discussion posts and replies to your posts. You may need to log in multiple times a day when group submissions are due.
- **Try not to fall behind:** This class moves at a quick pace and each week builds on the previous. It is very difficult to catch up if you wait until the last minute to complete your assignments or skip a learning unit. Please **reach out to me early if you feel you're slipping behind** on the content and I will try to help.
- **Utilize the Canvas settings:** Canvas can ensure you receive timely notifications in your email or via text. Be sure to enable announcements to be sent instantly or daily. You can find more information at this link to the [student canvas community website](#).
- **Ask for help if needed:** If you need help with Canvas ELMS or other technology, contact Smith IT or email OTL-EdTech@umd.edu. If you are struggling with a course concept, reach out to your peers, TAs, and me for support.