Syllabus

WGSST XXXX

Title of the Course  
Semester Year   
3 credit hours  
Online/In Person/Hybrid

# Course overview

## Instructor Information

Instructor:

Pronouns:

Email address: (preferred contact method)

Phone number:

Office hours:

## Prerequisites

[List any prerequisites, co-requisites, or exclusions]

## Course description

[Course description]

## Course learning outcomes

By the end of this course, students should successfully be able to:

* [Learning outcome]
* [Learning outcome]
* [Learning outcome]
* [Learning outcome]
* [Learning outcome]
* [Learning outcome]

## General education goals and expected learning outcomes

As part of the [GE Category Name] category of the General Education curriculum, this course is designed to prepare students to be able to do the following:

* [Goals]
  + [Expected learning outcome]
  + [Expected learning outcome]
  + [Expected learning outcome]

[A statement about how the course fulfills these GE outcomes]

# How this ONLINE/IN PERSON/HYBRID course works

**Mode of delivery:** This course is 100% online. There are no required sessions when you must be logged in to Carmen at a scheduled time.

**Pace of online activities:** This course is divided into **weekly modules** that are released one week ahead of time. Students are expected to keep pace with weekly deadlines but may schedule their efforts freely within that time frame.

**Credit hours and work expectations:** This is a **3-credit-hour course**. According to Ohio State policy ([go.osu.edu/credithours](http://go.osu.edu/credithours)), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction (instructor content and Carmen activities, for example) in addition to 6 hours of homework (reading and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of (C) average.

**Attendance and participation requirements:** Because this is an online course, your attendance is based on your online activity and participation. The following is a summary of students’ expected participation:

* **Participating in online activities for attendance**: **AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK**  
  You are expected to log in to the course in Carmen every week. (During most weeks you will probably log in many times.) If you have a situation that might cause you to miss an entire week of class, discuss it with me as soon as possible.
* **Office hours and live sessions**: **OPTIONAL**  
  All live, scheduled events for the course, including my office hours, are optional.
* **Participating in discussion forums**: **2+ TIMES PER WEEK**  
  As part of your participation, each week you can expect to post at least twice as part of our substantive class discussion on the week's topics.

# Course materials and technologies

## Textbooks

### Required

### Recommended/optional

## Other fees or requirements

## Course technology

### Technology support

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. Standard support hours are available at [ocio.osu.edu/help/hours](https://ocio.osu.edu/help/hours), and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

* **Self-Service and Chat support:** [ocio.osu.edu/help](http://ocio.osu.edu/help)
* **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
* **Email:** [servicedesk@osu.edu](mailto:8help@osu.edu)
* **TDD:** 614-688-8743

### Technology skills needed for this course

* Basic computer and web-browsing skills
* Navigating Carmen ([go.osu.edu/canvasstudent](http://go.osu.edu/canvasstudent))
* CarmenZoom virtual meetings ([go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings](http://go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings))
* Recording a slide presentation with audio narration ([go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide](http://go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide))
* Recording, editing, and uploading video ([go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide](http://go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide))

### Required equipment

* Computer: current Mac (MacOs) or PC (Windows 10) with high-speed internet connection
* Webcam: built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested
* Microphone: built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone
* Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) to use for BuckeyePass authentication

### Required software

* Microsoft Office 365: All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found at [go.osu.edu/office365help](http://go.osu.edu/office365help).

### Carmen access

You will need to use BuckeyePass ([buckeyepass.osu.edu](http://buckeyepass.osu.edu/)) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

* Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the BuckeyePass - Adding a Device help article for step-by-step instructions ([go.osu.edu/add-device](http://go.osu.edu/add-device)).
* Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
* Download the Duo Mobile application ([go.osu.edu/install-duo](http://go.osu.edu/install-duo)) to all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service

If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-4357(HELP) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

# Grading and faculty response

## How your grade is calculated

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| Assignment category | Points |
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| Total | **100** |

*See course schedule below for due dates.*

## Descriptions of major course assignments

### [Assignment name or category]

**Description**:

**Academic integrity and collaboration**:

### [Assignment name or category]

**Description**:

**Academic integrity and collaboration**:

## Late assignments

Late submissions will not be accepted. Please refer to Carmen for due dates.

## Grading scale

100-93%: A   
92.9-90%: A-   
89.9-87%: B+  
86.9-83%: B  
82.9-80%: B-   
79.9-77%: C+   
76.9-73%: C  
72.9-70%: C-   
69.9-67%: D+   
66.9-60%: D  
59.9-0%: E

## Instructor feedback and response time

I am providing the following list to give you an idea of my intended availability throughout the course. (Remember that you can call **614-688-4357(HELP)** at any time if you have a technical problem.)

* **Grading and feedback:** For large weekly assignments, you can generally expect feedback within **7 days**.
* **Email:** I will reply to emails within **24 hours on days when class is in session at the university**.
* **Discussion board:** I will check and reply to messages in the discussion boards every **24 hours on school days**.

# Other course policies

## Discussion and communication guidelines

The following are my expectations for how we should communicate as a class. Above all, please remember to be respectful and thoughtful.

* **Writing style**: While there is no need to participate in class discussions as if you were writing a research paper, you should remember to write using good grammar, spelling, and punctuation. A more conversational tone is fine for non-academic topics.
* **Tone and civility**: Let's maintain a supportive learning community where everyone feels safe and where people can disagree amicably. Remember that sarcasm doesn't always come across online.
* **Citing your sources**: When we have academic discussions, please cite your sources to back up what you say. For the textbook or other course materials, list at least the title and page numbers. For online sources, include a link.
* **Backing up your work**: Consider composing your academic posts in a word processor, where you can save your work, and then copying into the Carmen discussion.

## Academic integrity policy

See **Descriptions of major course assignments**, above, for my specific guidelines about collaboration and academic integrity in the context of this online class.

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct [**http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/**](http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/).

**If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by university rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.** If COAM determines that you have violated the university’s Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the university.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

* Committee on Academic Misconduct web page ([go.osu.edu/coam](http://go.osu.edu/coam))
* Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity ([go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions](http://go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions))

## Student Services and Advising

The Student Advocacy Center can assist students with appeals, petitions and other needs when experiencing hardship during a semester. Learn more at <http://advocacy.osu.edu/>.

University Student Services can be accessed through BuckeyeLink. More information is available here:

<https://contactbuckeyelink.osu.edu/>

FOR UNDERGRAD COURSES: Advising resources for students are available here: <http://advising.osu.edu>

FOR GRADUATE COURSES: Contact WGSS Graduate Program Coordinator, Rebekah Sims, for insight into how this how this course fits in with your MA, PhD, or Graduate Minor plan.

## Copyright for instructional materials

The materials used in connection with this course may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course. Copyright law must be considered before copying, retaining, or disseminating materials outside of the course.

## Statement on Title IX

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories (e.g., race). If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleix.osu.edu>  
or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@osu.edu](mailto:titleix@osu.edu).

## Mandatory reporting

As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as an instructor. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep information you share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I am required to share information regarding sexual misconduct or information about a crime that may have occurred on Ohio State’s campus with the University. Students may speak to someone confidentially by calling 1-866-294-9350 or through the [Ohio State Anonymous Reporting Line](https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/7689/index.html).

## Commitment to a diverse and inclusive learning environment

The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

## Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the land that The Ohio State University occupies is the ancestral and contemporary territory of the Shawnee, Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami, Peoria, Seneca, Wyandotte, Ojibwe and Cherokee peoples. Specifically, the university resides on land ceded in the 1795 Treaty of Greeneville and the forced removal of tribes through the Indian Removal Act of 1830. I/We want to honor the resiliency of these tribal nations and recognize the historical contexts that has and continues to affect the Indigenous peoples of this land.

More information on OSU’s land acknowledgement can be found here: <https://mcc.osu.edu/about-us/land-acknowledgement>

## Trigger warning

Some contents of this course may involve media that may be triggering to some students due to descriptions of and/or scenes depicting acts of violence, acts of war, or sexual violence and its aftermath. If needed, please take care of yourself while watching/reading this material (leaving classroom to take a water/bathroom break, debriefing with a friend, contacting Counseling and Consultation Services at 614-292-5766, and contacting the instructor if needed). Expectations are that we all will be respectful of our classmates while consuming this media and that we will create a safe space for each other. Failure to show respect to each other may result in dismissal from the class.

## Your mental health

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learn, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. No matter where you are engaged in distance learning, The Ohio State University’s Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) is here to support you. If you find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, on-demand resources are available at [go.osu.edu/ccsondemand](http://go.osu.edu/ccsondemand). You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at 614- 292-5766, and 24-hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK or at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/). The Ohio State Wellness app is also a great resource available at [go.osu.edu/wellnessapp](http://go.osu.edu/wellnessapp).

# Accessibility accommodations for students with disabilities

## Requesting accommodations

The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions, please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. **SLDS contact information:** [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); 614-292-3307; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

## Accessibility of course technology

This online course requires use of CarmenCanvas (Ohio State's learning management system) and other online communication and multimedia tools. If you need additional services to use these technologies, please request accommodations with your instructor.

* Canvas accessibility ([go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility](http://go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility))
* Streaming audio and video
* CarmenZoom accessibility ([go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility](http://go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility))
* Collaborative course tools

# Course schedule

Refer to the Carmen course for up-to-date assignment due dates.

| Week | Dates | Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines |
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