

## HCS 4560 - Creating A Virtual Perspective (3 cr)

**Description:** In this class, everyone will have a chance to learn about and develop expertise in using a variety of online communication technologies: Graphic Design (Pixlr.com), 2D barcode communication (QRstuff.com), online storage (BuckeyeBox), editing digital video (SPICE), alternative presentation technologies, video montage and virtual reality. Opportunities related to authoring, delivering, and integrating these applications into timely solutions will be explored through hands-on projects. Each project will be added and discussed in your digital portfolio on [Portfolio.com](http://Portfolio.com).

**Prereq:** Desire to learn about new communication technologies and how they can assist professionals in the field.

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**Class Time:** 10:20 AM – 11:40 AM, Monday & Wednesday, Rm. 116 Howlett Hall.

**Attendance:** Required for ALL class sessions. Students involved in activities for other classes which will result in an absence need to submit a letter in writing indicating the activity and affected dates. Students who miss class due to illness or weather conditions need to contact me before class by phone or email. Unexcused absence will result in point deductions from the final grade.

**Course Resources:** No textbook is required. All projects will be uploaded to Portfolio and referenced in Carmen.

**Course Objectives:** This course addresses the following learning objectives at an advanced level by expecting students to demonstrate creativity and competence in all assignments, actively engaging in class discussions and successfully integrating personal experiences and professional goals into each assignment.

1. Be competent in critical thinking and research, i.e., have the ability to effectively gather or generate, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate information.
2. Be able to communicate effectively in all aspects (oral, electronic, written, visual, etc.) at a professional level.
3. Have an appreciation for and ability to practice life-long learning through self-awareness and evaluation, seeking knowledge, and using evaluation and synthesizing skills.

**Assessment:** Course grade will be determined by various assignments including but not limited to:

1. Research and Develop projects utilizing various content formats and communication systems
2. Communicate your project results with others

### 3. Involvement and Participation

Final grades will be determined according to the OSU Grading Scheme: A (93-100%), A- (90-92%), B+ (87-89%), B (83-86%), B- (80-82%), C+ (77-79%), C (73-76%), C- (70-72%), D+ (67-69%) and D (63-66%).

*Assignments not turned in by the due date will lose up to 50% – Unless prior arrangements have been made.*

Grades will be posted and available to each of you through Carmen: <http://carmen.osu.edu> Enter your OSU Username and Password, click on the link for HCS4560, and click on Grades. Assignments not submitted before the next assignment due date will not receive a grade.

#### **Course Policies:**

##### **Academic Misconduct Statement**

Please be aware that all university policies regarding conduct apply to the course websites as well as your social network project.

You will be trusted to act in good faith by performing your own work on all assignments. Academic misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated. 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 examination. If a student has breached the trust placed on him/her, I will report this through appropriate channels to the University Committee on Academic Misconduct (Faculty Rule 335-5-54). The Code of Student Conduct and the Procedures of the Committee on Academic Misconduct thoroughly cover the subjects of academic misconduct and its treatment, if you require further information.

[3335-23-04 Prohibited Conduct](#)

[Code of Student Conduct](#)

##### **Disability Statement**

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office of Student Life Disability Services (<http://slds.osu.edu/>) is located in 198 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue; telephone 614-292-3307, Fax 614-292-4190, VRS 614-429-1334; email: [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu).

##### **Information Technology Policy and Services**

The same academic and personal rights and responsibilities you enjoy extend to your cyber environment.

Information regarding IT policy:

1. [Cloud Computing Guidelines](#) - Defines guidelines for those who wish to use applications and services available on the Web
2. [Disclosure or Exposure of Personal Information \(PDF\)](#) - Defines responsibilities for reporting suspected or actual security breaches
3. [Information Technology Security \(PDF\)](#) - Defines overall intent to support and promote information security in all its practices
4. [Institutional Data \(PDF\)](#) - Defines classifications of data and appropriate security
5. [Responsible Use of University Computing and Network Resources \(PDF\)](#) - Defines appropriate use of university resources