

ITLS 6300 ORIENTATION

Course Description

This 7-week course is geared toward assisting master's students in completing their degrees. It provides continuity from the first semester and encourages continued professional development in the discipline.

Prerequisite/Restriction: Matriculation into ITLS department.

Pass/Fail only.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will:

1. Know where to find information, resources, and forms pertinent to your graduate program.
2. Get to know other students in your cohort.
3. Get to know faculty and staff in the ITLS department.

Instructor

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Course Resources

All course resources are found within the Canvas course and the itls.usu.edu website. There is no textbook requirement.

Course Requirements

Each student will:

1. View all class modules and lectures
2. Complete all assignments

3. Participate in all group assignments and activities

Evaluation Methods and Criteria

Points will be given for all assignments and projects. Full points will be awarded if the student completes all that was asked for in the assignment and it was submitted on time. Late assignments may be accepted at the discretion of the instructor. (Basically please let me know if you need an extension, in advance if possible.)

Grade Scheme

This is a Pass/Fail course. You must receive 80% of the total overall points to receive a passing grade.

Course Schedule/Outline

Weekly modules will be assigned on Mondays, although you can work ahead if you would like, with assignments usually due on the following Monday night at 11:59 pm.

Attendance and Excused Absence Policy

This course is taught completely online with some small group work required (unless other arrangements are made). Group work times will be the responsibility of the students in the group and will be flexible.

Nonattendance Policy: If a student does not attend a class during the first week of the term or by the second class meeting, whichever comes first, the instructor may submit a request to have the student dropped from the course. ***(This does not remove responsibility from the student to drop courses which he or she does not plan to attend.)*** This option is typically used for classes that are full and the instructor is trying to make a seat available for another student, but may be considered for other courses. Requests must be made during the first 20 percent of the course and will be considered on an individual student basis. Students who are dropped from courses will be notified by the Registrar's Office through their preferred e-mail account (see [2018-2019 General Catalog](#)[Links to an external site.](#)).

Assumption of Risk

All classes, programs, and extracurricular activities within the University involve some risk, and certain ones involve travel. The University provides opportunities to participate in these programs on a voluntary basis. Therefore, students should not participate in them if they do not care to assume the risks. Students can ask the respective program leaders/sponsors about the possible risks a program may generate, and if students are not willing to assume the risks, they should not select that program. By voluntarily participating in classes,

programs, and extracurricular activities, a student does so at his or her own risk. General information about University Risk Management policies, insurance coverage, vehicle use policies, and risk management forms can be found at: <http://www.usu.edu/riskmgmt/Links to an external site.>

Library Services

All USU students attending classes in Logan, at our Regional Campuses, or online can access all databases, e-journals, and e-books regardless of location. Additionally, the library will mail printed books to students, at no charge to them. Students can also borrow books from any Utah academic library. Take advantage of all library services and learn more at libguides.usu.edu/rc.Links to an external site.

Online Course Fee

A fee of \$15 per credit is applied to all online courses to sustain current digital technologies and support services required for engaging and effective online learning.

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Appropriate Use of Canvas and Other IT Resources

Canvas and all other course technologies are information technology services provided as tools to further the mission of the university. By using these services, users agree to comply with [USU Policy 550: Appropriate Use of Computing, Networking, and Information ResourcesLinks to an external site.](#) and the accompanying [Terms of use for USU ITLinks to an external site.](#) resources, as well as [Article V-3.B.25.cLinks to an external site.](#) of the USU Student Code. Using course technologies in ways that are inconsistent with the university's mission or are disruptive will not be tolerated. Disruptive behavior includes any activity that interferes with either the faculty member's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program.

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- Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for oneself, in taking an examination or preparing academic work;
 - Acquiring tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty member, staff member, or another student without express permission;
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For additional information go to: [ARTICLE VI. University Regulations Regarding Academic Integrity](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct

General Overview

USU strives to provide an environment for students and employees that is free from [discrimination](#)[Links to an external site.](#) and [sexual misconduct](#)[Links to an external site.](#). If you experience sexual misconduct or discrimination at any point during the semester inside or outside of class, you are encouraged to contact the USU Title IX Coordinator via Distance Education room 400 in Logan, 435-797-1266, titleix@usu.edu, or at equity.usu.edu/report[Links to an external site.](#). You can learn more about the USU resources available for individuals who have experienced sexual misconduct at sexualrespect.usu.edu[Links to an external site.](#). Resources for individuals who have experienced discrimination are listed at equity.usu.edu/resources[Links to an external site.](#).

Required Reporting of Sexual Misconduct and Threats of Harm

USU cares about our students and provides a number of resources and supportive measures to students who may be experiencing thoughts of self-harm or who have experienced sexual misconduct. To ensure students are informed about resources and

services available to them, including available grievance or criminal processes for incidents of sexual misconduct, USU has implemented [reporting policies and practicesLinks to an external site.](#) that require designated employees to report any information they receive about incidents of sexual misconduct. This reporting policy also assists USU with its efforts to prevent sexual misconduct and keep our campus community safe.

Under USU's sexual misconduct reporting policy, I am designated as a "[reporting employeeLinks to an external site.](#)" This means that if you share information with me about incidents of [sexual misconductLinks to an external site.](#) (sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, or sex-based stalking), including within a course assignment, , I *will report* that information to the [USU Title IX CoordinatorLinks to an external site.](#) I will also share with you information about [designated confidential resourcesLinks to an external site.](#), [supportive measuresLinks to an external site.](#), and [how you can file a reportLinks to an external site.](#) with the USU Title IX Coordinator.

Self-disclosures about sexual misconduct that you experienced are not required for your course work.

Similarly, if you disclose thoughts of harm to self or a threat to others to me, including within a course assignment, I will report the information to the appropriate campus administrators. I will also share with you information about the [mental health and wellness resourcesLinks to an external site.](#) available to you.

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The Code of Policies and Procedures for Students at Utah State

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Grievance Process

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Date	Details	Due
Tue Sep 3, 2024	Discussion Topic Introduce Yourself	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Honor Code	due by 11:59pm
Mon Sep 16, 2024	Assignment Small Group Meeting 1	due by 11:59pm
Mon Sep 30, 2024	Assignment Small Group Meeting 2	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 7, 2024	Discussion Topic LinkedIn Profiles	to do: 11:59pm
Mon Nov 4, 2024	Discussion Topic Portfolio Discussion	due by 11:59pm
Mon Nov 11, 2024	Assignment DegreeWorks Plan Approval	due by 11:59pm