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CLASS INFORMATION:

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Periods: T | Periods 8 - 9 (3:00 PM - 4:55 PM)—MAT 117

R | Period 8 (3:00 PM - 3:50 PM)—MAT 15

COURSE OVERVIEW:

In the West, Arab and Muslim women are typically viewed as voiceless and oppressed and Islam and Arab culture are often cited as the reason for their supposed oppression. This course seeks to dispel this stereotype following two strategies. First, it explores the roots and motives of this stereotype and assesses its impact on Arab and Muslim women. Second, it examines the historical, economic, political, and social factors that shape women's experiences and gender relations in the Arab world both in the past and in the present. Through the study of social institutions and structures and the legacies of individual women, students will gain more nuanced and critically informed appreciation of gender relations in the Arab world.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students who complete this course successfully should be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical familiarity with the Arab world's history and geography
- Demonstrate competence in the theory of Orientalism
- Identify, describe, and analyze key elements, biases, and influences that shape views about Arab and Muslim women in the West
- Explain and analyze the historical, cultural, economic, political, and social factors and processes that shape Arab women's experiences
- Describe, discuss, and assess the legacies of key female Arab figures



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 Describe and explain social institutions, structures, and processes that shape gender roles and relations in the Arab world.

UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG OBJECTIVES FOR GENERAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course confers General Education credit for Writing (W), Humanities (H), International (N), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (S).

Writing Description

The Writing Requirement (WR) ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning. The writing course grade assigned by the instructor has two components: the writing component and a course grade. To receive writing credit a student must satisfactorily complete all the assigned written work and earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) for the course. It is possible to not meet the writing requirement and still earn a minimum grade of C in a class, so students should review their degree audit after receiving their grade to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.

Humanities Description (H)

Humanities courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and theory or methodologies used within a humanities discipline or the humanities in general. Students will learn to identify and to analyze the key elements, biases and influences that shape thought. These courses emphasize clear and effective analysis and approach issues and problems from multiple perspectives.

Humanities SLOs

- Identify, describe, and explain the history, underlying theory and methodologies used in the course (Content).
- Identify and analyze key elements, biases and influences that shape thought within the subject area. Approach issues and problems within the discipline from multiple perspectives (Critical Thinking).
- Communicate knowledge, thoughts and reasoning clearly and effectively (Communication).

International Description (N)

International courses provide instruction in the values, attitudes and norms that constitute the







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culture of countries outside the United States. These courses lead you to understand how geographic location, development level and geopolitical influences affect these cultures. Through analysis and evaluation of your own cultural norms and values in relation to those held by the citizens of other countries, you will develop a cross-cultural understanding of the rest of the world.

International SLOs

- Know the values, attitudes and norms that shape the cultural differences of peoples who live in countries other than the United States.
- Know the roles of geographic location, development level and geopolitical influences on the lives of citizens in other countries
- Analyze and evaluate your cultural norms and values in relation to those held by citizens in other countries.

Social and Behavioral Sciences (S)

Social and behavioral science courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and underlying theory or methodologies used in the social and behavioral sciences. Students will learn to identify, describe and explain social institutions, structures or processes. These courses emphasize the effective application of accepted problem-solving techniques. Students will apply formal and informal qualitative or quantitative analysis to examine the processes and means by which individuals make personal and group decisions, as well as the evaluation of opinions, outcomes or human behavior. Students are expected to assess and analyze ethical perspectives in individual and societal decisions.

Social and Behavioral Sciences SLOs

- Identify, describe, and explain key themes, principles, and terminology; the history, theory and/or methodologies used; and social institutions, structures and processes.
- Apply formal and informal qualitative or quantitative analysis effectively to examine the processes and means by which individuals make personal and group decisions. Assess and analyze ethical perspectives in individual and societal decisions.
- Communicate knowledge, thoughts and reasoning clearly and effectively.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Reading and audio-visual assignments

The typical reading load in this course is one article/chapter per class session (therefore two readings for double-block sessions). If more than one article is assigned for the Thursday session,

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they will be shorter or lighter readings. Because this is a student-centered class, these readings form the foundation of our discussions and other class activities. It is therefore crucial that you complete the readings and watch the assigned videos carefully before coming to class and that you be prepared to discuss them. The "Discussion posts" are meant to motivate and help you do this.

Discussion posts: 10% of your final grade

Discussions posts are due on the eve of class days by 11:59pm. There are two main components to this assignment:

- Summary of the article
- Your own reaction to it

The summary part consists of the main thesis and the key ideas of the article/audio-visual assignment. Please write these in the form of one or two paragraphs. When there are two or more readings you may combine your reaction to them in the same passage or discuss each of them individually. The entire post should be about a half-page long and it should demonstrate that you have read the article. Do not make any verbatim quotations or discuss peripheral points, as this will create the impression that you merely skimmed the article.

The reaction part consists of your own reflections. The assigned materials are thought-provoking and raise meaningful and deep questions. If you read them carefully, they will lead you to rethink previous assumptions or discover previously unnoticed aspects of certain subjects. Engage with this dimension and be in conversation with the authors.

This is a "low-stakes" assignment aiming to help you to wrestle with the assigned materials and to give you credit for your effort. You will obtain full credit if your post reflects clearly that you have read the article carefully and given it serious thought. You do not lose points for not observing writing mechanics (spelling, punctuation, etc.), but you lose points if there are indications that you merely skimmed the article. If you encounter some difficulties point them out and explain what makes them difficult; do not use this as a pretext for not turning in a thoughtful reflection. The entire assignment should not exceed one page.

Because I know there will be stressful times in the semester during which you may be unable to turn in a thoughtful assignment, your lowest three grades will be dropped.

Discussion posts should not exceed 300 words (1 page). Excessive length will affect your grade.











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Quizzes: 15% of your final grade

These are both short pop quizzes aiming mainly to evaluate your grasp of the readings and longer ones assessing your engagement with the class materials. Some of them will consist of "multiple choice" or "true or false" questions while others include essay questions. Your lowest one quiz grade will be dropped.

Writing assignments: 50% of your final grade

This course carries 2000 words that count towards the UF Writing Requirement. Students must turn in all written work counting towards the 2000 words to receive credit for this assignment. I will evaluate and provide feedback with respect to content, organization and coherence, argument and support, style, clarity, grammar, punctuation, and other mechanics, using a published writing rubric. There will be two writing assignments of 1000 words each.

First paper: 25% Second paper: 25%

Formal Presentations: 15% of your final grade

These are individual presentations followed by questions and answers. In these presentations you are expected to research a course-related theme and communicate your results orally in a well-structured and clear manner. In your presentation, you are expected to defend an original and worthwhile thesis <u>using the theory of orientalism</u>. A thesis is a claim, a point of view, or an argument that should be demonstrated using well-researched data, theoretical tools, and logical analysis.

Class participation: 10% of your final grade

This is our main class activity. It includes short presentations, role play, small group discussions and debates. See rubric for more details. Please note: The grades you will see in this section during the semester reflect only your work on the short presentation. These grades will be adjusted at the end of the semester to reflect your class participation.

Grade distribution at a glance:

Assignment	Percentage
Discussion posts	10%
Quizzes	15%









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First paper	25%
Second paper	25%
Presentation	15%
Class participation	10%

GRADING SCALE:

Letter Grade	Ra	inge:
A	100 %	to 94.0%
A-	< 94.0 %	to 90.0%
B+	< 90.0 %	to 87.0%
В	< 87.0 %	to 84.0%
B-	< 84.0 %	to 80.0%
C+	< 80.0 %	to 77.0%
C C-	< 77.0 %	to 74.0%
C-	< 74.0 %	to 70.0%
D+	< 70.0 %	to 67.0%
D	< 67.0 %	to 64.0%
D-	< 64.0 %	to 61.0%
F	< 61.0 %	to 0.0%

Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory and will be assessed by roll call. You may miss 3 50-minute sessions without any penalty. After that, your course grade will drop by half a point for each unexcused absence (A becomes A-, and so forth). Absences will be excused in accordance with UF policy. Acceptable excuses include illness, religious holidays, and military obligation and should be documented. Should you miss a class for any reason, you are responsible for informing yourself as to the material covered. Except in the case of certified illness or other UF accepted excuse, there will be no make-up option for missed exams/assignments. Where possible, make-ups should be arranged prior to absence. Alternatively, students should contact me on return to classes. Arriving late or leaving early (before class is dismissed) is considered a half absence and results in minus 0.5% from the final grade. After 15 unexcused absences (equivalent of five









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weeks), a student is not allowed to attend class anymore and s/he will receive a failing grade. Students who do not miss class at all will earn 5 extra-credit points toward the final paper.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work are consistent with university policies specified at:

https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

• UF student honor code, original work, and plagiarism:

- UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this course.
- Original thought, writing, and discussion is critical for core questions about our place in
 the natural world and for meaningful discussions about culture and nature. Please be
 thoughtful and meticulous in your citations. This video offers useful information for how
 to avoid plagiarism and cite appropriately.
 https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/adaa44500eaf460a84f238e6b9a558f9 If
 you have any questions, please ask your instructor.
- Plagiarism on any assignment will result in a 0 for that assignment. A second incident of plagiarism will result in a failing grade (E) for the course.
- Accommodations for students:
- Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the
 Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing
 appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation
 letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation.
 Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the
 semester.

• Online course evaluation by students:

• Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals.

Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available









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at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

• Important Student Wellness Resources:

- U Matter, We Care:
- If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.
- Counseling and Wellness Center:
- https://counseling.ufl.edu/, 392-1575; and the University Police Department:392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.
- Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)
- **Student Health Care Center**, 392-1161. University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). http://www.police.ufl.edu/
- Important Academic Resources:
- **E-learning technical support**, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml.
- Career Connections Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. https://career.ufl.edu/
- **Library Support**, http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- **Teaching Center**, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/
- **Writing Studio**, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/
- Student Complaints On-Campus:
- https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:

- Rajaa Alsanea, Girls of Riyadh, translated by Rajaa Alsanea and Marilyn Booth. (New York: Penguin, 2007)
- William Strunk Jr. and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style* (Ithaca, N.Y.: W.P. Humphrey, 1918). The first edition is available online for free at: http://www.bartleby.com/141/)

Tentative Course Plan:



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Week 1 - Aug. 25

Introductions

Thursday: Introductions and syllabus

Week 2 – Aug. 30, Sept. 1

Situate the Arab world in time and space Introduction to Orientalism

Tuesday:

- 2 al The Arab World: Group presentations
 - Geography and landscape
 - Major historical periods
 - Pre-Islamic Arabia and the advent of Islam
 - Important dynasties: Umayyads, Abbasids, Mamluks,
 - Colonialism
 - Language and culture
 - Economy

Instructions:

In groups of 2 to 3 students, explore the web to learn and prepare PowerPoint presentations on one of the themes specified above. Use maps, timelines, and other visual aids. Each presentation should be around 10 minutes. The presentations will be followed by brief lectures to fill the gaps and a quiz to test your knowledge of the Arab world. In the quiz I will ask you to:

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- Identify Arab countries by name and distinguish between them and non-Arab ones in the Middle East
- Describe the major economic and social features of different parts of the Arab world
- Identify and describe the major historical periods of the Arab world
- Identify the cultural and linguistic clusters of the Arab world



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- 2_a2_An Introduction to Orientalism: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aNwMpV6bVs
- 2_a3_Orientalism and Power: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZST6qnRR1mY

Thursday:

• 2_b_Muhja Kahf_"Western Representation Muslim Woman"

Week 3 – Sept. 6, 8

Orientalism: content, methods, and impact

Tuesday:

• No class/Conference participation

Thursday:

• 3 b Lindsey Moore – Arab, Muslim, Woman 25-33

Week 4 – Sept. 13, 15

Orientalism: content, methods, and impact

Tuesday:

- 4_a1_Maya Jaggi, review of Sarah Graham Brown's book *Images of Women: The Portrayal of Women in Photography of the Middle East, 1860-1950:*https://merip.org/1991/11/graham-brown-images-of-women/
- 4 a2 Linda Nochlin The Imaginary Orient

Thursday:

• 4_b_Reel Bad Arabs: https://ufl.kanopy.com/video/reel-bad-arabs-how-bollywood-vilifies-people (Links to an external site.) (login to your library account to gain access to this film)



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Literature: Discerning Arab women's literary place and voice

Tuesday:

- 5 al Michelle Hartman, "Reconsidering the Ambivalent Legacy of Khansa"
- 5 a2 Renate Jacobi, "Layla al-Akhyaliyya: An Umayyad Feminist?"

Thursday:

• 5 b1 1001 Nights Frame story and first three nights

Week 6 – Sept. 27, 29

Literature: Discerning Arab women's literary place and voice

Tuesday:

• 6_a_Girls of Riyadh, chaps. 1 – 12 (pp. 1 – 81)

Thursday:

• 6 b Girls of Riyadh, chaps. 13 – 18 (pp. 82 – 113)

Week 7 – Oct. 4, 6

Literature: Discerning Arab women's literary place and voice

Tuesday:

• 7 a Girls of Riyadh, chaps. 19 – 31 (pp. 114 – 182)

Thursday:

- 7 b Girls of Rivadh, chaps., 32 38 (pp. 183 215)
- First draft of paper is due on October 7th, 11:59 pm

Literature: Discerning Arab women's literary place and voice

Tuesday:

• 8 b *Girls of Riyadh*, chaps., 39 – 50 (pp. 216 – end)

Thursday:

- Bring a hard copy of the first draft of your paper to class
- 8 b Strunk and White, *The Elements of Style*
- Final draft of first paper is due on Friday, October 14th at 11:59 pm



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Week 9 – Oct. 18, 20 Arab women and art

Tuesday:

- 9 al Virginia Danielson Listening to Arab Women's Voices
- 9_a2_Silvia Naef_Between Symbol and Reality the Image women in 20th C Arab Art

Thursday:

• No class/conference participation

Week 10 – Oct. 25, 27 Arab women in social life

Tuesday:

- 10 al Yossef Rapoport Marriage, divorce and the gender division of property
- 10_a2_Yossef Rapoport_Working women, single women and the rise of female ribat

Thursday:

• 10 b Randi Deguilhem Consciousness of Self Women and Waqf Damascus

Week 11 – Nov. 1, 3 Women in politics

Tuesday:

- 11_a1_Maya Yazigi, "Some Accounts of Women Delegates to Caliph Muʿāwiya: Political Significance"
- 11 a2 Shahla Haeri sayyida hurra queen arwa

Thursday:

- 11_b1_Sjoberg and Whooley_The Arab Spring for Women Representations of Women in Middle East Politics in 2011
- 11 b2 Lila Abu-Lughod and Rabab El-Mahdi Beyond the Woman Question

Week 12 – Nov. 8, 10









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The veil

Tuesday:

- 12_a1_Muhja Kahf, "From Her Royal Body the Robe was Removed: The Blessings of the Veil and the Trauma of Unveilings in the Middle East"
- 12_a2_Lila Abu-Lughod, "The Muslim Woman: The Power of Images Danger of Pity"

Thursday:

Presentations

Week 13 – Nov. 15, 17

Tuesday:

Presentations

Thursday:

• no class/conference participation

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Thursday: Thanksgiving

Tuesday: Presentations Thursday: presentations

• Second paper is due on November 28th, 11:59 pm

Tuesday: Presentations

Writing Rubric

Criteria/Scale	90 - 100	80 - 90	70 - 80	Less than 70
Content	Paper focuses	Paper presents one	Paper presents	Paper does not
Pay attention	clearly on one	main idea or topic	central idea, but it	present a unified
to:	significant main	but the	is vague or too	purpose; presents
• Clarity of	idea or topic	significance is less	broad; shows	main idea but
purpose	throughout; meets	clear; meets	some evidence of	does not state it
• Critical	length	length	critical, careful	precisely or
and	requirements;	requirements;	thought and	clearly; work does









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original	demonstrates	demonstrates	analysis; comes	not meet length
thought	superior	good knowledge	close but does not	requirements; uses
• Use of	knowledge of	of resource	meet length	incorrect
examples	resource	documentation but	requirements; uses	documentation or
	documentation;	may not be error	incorrect	no documentation;
	shows abundant	free; shows	documentation;	has little or no
	evidence of	evidence of	there are some	evidence of
	critical, careful	critical, careful	examples and	analysis, uses too
	analysis; provides	analysis; provides	evidence, though	few or no
	vivid and specific	good, relevant	too general or not	examples
	examples while	supporting	illustrative enough	
	focus remains	examples and		
	tight	evidence		
Structure	Maintains clear	Uses a suitable	Inadequate	Uses no
Pay attention	and logical	organizational	paragraphing with	organizational
to:	organization;	plan; contains	few transitions;	plan; paragraphs
• Paper'	demonstrates	adequate	unclear or	are unclear and
S	effective	paragraphing with	jumbled	contain no
organi	paragraphing	some transitions	paragraphs;	transitions;
zation	using appropriate	that attempt to	unclear or	unclear or
• Flow	transitions with	convey	jumbled	jumbled
of	emphasis upon	relationships	sentences;	sentences;
thoug	conveying the	between ideas.	paragraphs are	paragraphs not
hts	relationship		sometimes not	balanced in
 Transi 	between ideas.		balanced in	amount of
tions	Paper is easy to		amount of	development and
• Forma	follow.		development and	support.
t			support.	
Grammar	Uses correct,	Uses sentences	Exhibits some diff	Exhibits <i>multiple</i>
and	varied sentences	that are usually	iculties with:	difficulties with:
Mechanics ¹	with no errors in	correct but	fragments, person	fragments, person
Pay attention	mechanics,	sometimes	shifts, comma	shifts, comma
to:	grammar, syntax,	awkward; some	splices, in-text	splices, in-text
• Sente	or spelling.	errors in	citation	citation
nce		mechanics,	punctuation,	punctuation,
struct		grammar, syntax,	subject-verb	subject-verb
ure		or spelling that	agreement, works	agreement, works
		does not affect	cited punctuation,	cited punctuation,
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¹ Mechanics of writing include spelling, punctuation, italics, names of persons (state a person's name fully, accurately, and as it appears in the original source), titles of works, quotations (only the most important words, phrases, lines and passages should be quoted in the research paper as briefly as possible. The researcher should put them within quotation marks if they are 50 words or less. If the quotation is more than 50 words it should be put under indent), capitalization and personal names, references









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• Punct uation /mech anics		reader understanding	spelling errors, other distracting features in usage.	spelling errors, other distracting features in usage.
Language Pay attention to: • Use of Vocab ulary • Tone ²	Uses language effectively: vocabulary is sophisticated and correct; sentences vary in structure and length, uses and manipulates subject specific vocabulary for effect, tone is consistent and appropriate for the intended audience.	Uses language that is adequate but occasionally unclear; writer's tone emerges and is generally appropriate for intended audience, though it may be uneven or inconsistent	Uses language that is sometimes inadequate and unclear; sentences may be simple, vocabulary is often unclear and repetitious; passive voice is used; diction is often nonstandard; inconsistent voice or tone; terminology is often difficult to understand or is misused.	Uses language that is inadequate and unclear; vocabulary is unclear and repetitious; uses passive voice; diction is nonstandard; inconsistent voice or tone; terminology is difficult to understand or is misused.

Oral presentation rubric

Criteria	90 – 100	80 – 90	70 – 80	60 – 70
Content: Importance of topic Relevance Accuracy of facts Overall treatment of topic	Knowledgeable of content, includes engaging introduction, detailed body of memorable facts, topic is highly focused and relevant to the subject matter of our course, presentation	Topic is adequately focused and relevant to the subject matter of our course; major facts are accurate and generally complete	Topic is somewhat focused and relevant to the subject matter of our course; presentation contains some errors or omissions	Presentation lacks focus and contains multiple errors

² Tones include joyful, humorous, formal, and informal. The tone of academic papers is formal.









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	contains accurate information with no errors			
 Appropriate introduction, body, and conclusions logical ordering of ideas transition between major ideas 	Ideas are presented with logical order with effective transitions between major blocks; presentation is clear and concise	Most ideas are in logical order with adequate transitions between major blocks; presentation is generally clear and understandable	Some ideas are not presented in proper order, proper transitions are occasionally lacking; some points are wordy or unclear	Ideas are not presented in proper order, transitions are lacking; several parts of the presentation are wordy or unclear
 Completeness: Level of detail Appropriate length Adequate background information 	Presentation provides good depth and detail; ideas are well developed; facts have adequate background; presentation is within specified time	Presentation provides adequate depth, few needed details are omitted; major ideas are adequately developed; presentation is within specified time	Additional depth is occasionally needed; important information omitted or not fully developed; presentation is too short or too long	Presentation does not provide adequate depth; key ideas are omitted or underdevelop ed; presentation is too short or too long
 Proper support and sourcing for major ideas Inclusion of visual aids that support message 	Effective message support provided in the form of facts and visual aids; sourcing is current and supports major ideas.	Adequate message support provided for key concepts by facts and visual aids; sourcing is generally adequate and current	Some message support provided by facts and visual aids, sourcing may be outdated or thin, visual aids need work	Little or no message support provided for major ideas; visual aids are missing or inadequate; little or no









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				sourcing provided
Delivery: Adequate volume Appropriate pace Flow (pauses, verbal fillers: um, uh, er) Personal appearance Enthusiasm Posture Effective use of visual aids Interaction:	Good volume and energy; proper pace and diction; avoidance of distracting gestures and verbal fillers; professional appearance; visual aids used effectively Good eye contact with audience, excellent listening skills, answers audience questions with authority and accuracy	Adequate volume and energy, generally good pace and diction, few or no distracting gestures and verbal fillers; professional appearance, visual aids used adequately Fairly good eye contact with audience, displays ability to listen, provides adequate answers to audience questions	More volunteering needed at times, pace too slow or too fast, some distracting gestures or posture, adequate appearance, visual aids could be improved Additional eye contact needed at times, better listening skills needed, some difficulty in answering questions	Low volume or energy, pace too slow or too fast, poor diction, distracting gestures or posture, unprofessiona l appearance, visual aids poorly used Little or no eye contact with audience, poor listening skills, uneasiness or inability to answer questions

Class Participation Rubric: 100 points

Points	90 – 100	80 - 89	70 – 79	60 – 69
Participation	Student initiates	Student initiates	Student initiates	Student participates
and	discussion more	discussion once in	discussion at least	when instructor
Engagement	than once in each	each class session,	in half of the class	solicits input.
	class session,	participates in most	sessions and	
	participates	class discussion is		













	enthusiastically in all class discussion and remains alert and focused throughout class session	alert and focused most of the time.	participates occasionally.	
Quality of	Comments are	Comments are	Comments are	Comments are
comments	always insightful and reflect critical engagement with the reading materials. They are balanced between impressions and thoughtful critical analysis.	mostly insightful and reflect some level of critical engagement with the reading materials. Occasionally comments are too general or not relevant to the discussion.	sometimes insightful. They reflect familiarity but little or no critical engagement with the reading materials. They are not always relevant to discussion.	uninformative and rely heavily on personal opinion.
Listening	Student always	Student is mostly	Student is passively	Student is
skills	listens carefully to and engages thoughtfully and respectfully with others' contributions.	attentive when others present their ideas and occasionally engages with them. Student occasionally needs encouragement.	attentive. Though reluctant to participate in class discussions, when called upon will be able to demonstrate their full presence.	inattentive, does not pay attention when others speak, detracts from discussion, sleeps, etc.
Impact on	Student makes	Student makes	Student's impact is	Student makes
Class	excellent and positive impact on class.	positive impact on class.	neutral.	negative impact on class