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Fall Semester 2015

DEPARTMENT: Geosciences

COURSE PREFIX: GSC

COURSE NUMBER: 100T-01

CREDIT HOURS: 1

I. TITLE: Transitions

- II. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITE(S):** Course is designed to assist students in their transition to Murray State University. Content includes orientation to specific area or major(s) and minor(s) within the academic program; university procedures, policies, and resources; strategies for personal and academic success, and extracurricular opportunities. Only one transitions course will count towards graduation. **Graded Pass/Fail.**
Prerequisite(s): None

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to

- A. Understand the academic services and opportunities available to students at Murray State University.
- B. Be knowledgeable about the faculty, curriculum, policies, and academic resources of the Department of Geosciences and the Mid America Remote Sensing Center.
- C. Help develop the college success skills to prepare you to achieve a successful freshman year.

IV. CONTENT OUTLINE:

Topics to be discussed include:

- A. Computing resources of the department and university
- B. Map-Works
- C. Undergraduate Research Opportunities
- D. Academic Advising
- E. Geosciences Faculty/Staff research and teaching interests
- F. Student Success Seminar Modules

V. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Meetings and presentations with faculty and staff from several offices at Murray State University

VI. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES: N/A

VII. TEXT(S) AND RESOURCES:

Required Text:

Title: Making Your Mark, 9th edition ISBN: 978-0-9735298-3-8

Author: Lisa Frasier Publisher: LDF Publishing, Inc.

VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADING PROCEDURES:

This course is graded Pass/Fail. Your grade will be determined by attendance and participation in course activities. Missing **more than three classes or activities** will result in a Failing Grade.

IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

As noted above, the grade in this course is based largely on weekly attendance and participation. See p. 10 of the MSU 2015-2016 Undergraduate Bulletin for the university's general policy on Attendance.

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:

Policy on Academic Honesty [Approved by the MSU Board of Regents on June 1, 2012]

Murray State University takes seriously its moral and educational obligation to maintain high standards of academic honesty and ethical behavior. Instructors are expected to evaluate students' academic achievements accurately, as well as ascertain that work submitted by students is authentic and the result of their own efforts, and consistent with established academic standards. Students are obligated to respect and abide by the basic standards of personal and professional integrity.

Violations of Academic Honesty include:

Cheating - Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized information such as books, notes, study aids, or other electronic, online, or digital devices in any academic exercise; as well as unauthorized communication of information by any means to or from others during any academic exercise.

Fabrication and Falsification - Intentional alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification involves changing information whereas fabrication involves inventing or counterfeiting information.

Multiple Submission - The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work, including oral reports, for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor.

Plagiarism - Intentionally or knowingly representing the words, ideas, creative work, or data of someone else as one's own in any academic exercise, without due and proper acknowledgement.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Requiring the student(s) to repeat the exercise or do additional related exercise(s).
- Lowering the grade or failing the student(s) on the particular exercise(s) involved.
- Lowering the grade or failing the student(s) in the course.

If the disciplinary action results in the awarding of a grade of E in the course, the student(s) may not drop the course.

Faculty reserve the right to invalidate any exercise or other evaluative measures if substantial evidence exists that the integrity of the exercise has been compromised. Faculty also reserve the right to document in the course syllabi further academic honesty policy elements related to the individual disciplines.

A student may appeal the decision of the faculty member with the department chair in writing within five working days. Note: If, at any point in this process, the student alleges that actions have taken place that may be in violation of the Murray State University Non-Discrimination Statement, this process must be suspended and the matter be directed to the Office of Equal Opportunity. Any appeal will be forwarded to the appropriate university committee as determined by the Provost.

XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Policy Statement

Murray State University endorses the intent of all federal and state laws created to prohibit discrimination. Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, or disability in employment, admissions, or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal access to participate in all programs and activities. For more information, contact the Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access, 103 Wells Hall, (270) 809-3155 (voice), (270) 809-3361 (TDD).

Students with Disabilities

Students requiring special assistance due to a disability should visit the Office of Student Disability Services immediately for assistance with accommodations. For more information, students should contact the Office of Student Disability Services, 423 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071. 270-809-2018 (voice) 270-809-5889(TDD).

XII. Other Required Departmental or Collegiate Information N/A