

CTEC 4321 Sec. 001
DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT
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Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-3:20 AM, 412 FAB
Course Web Site: <http://omega.uta.edu/~cyjang/ctec4321>

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Required Textbook

Powers, David (2010) PHP Solutions: Dynamic Web Design Made Easy. 2nd Edition (Friends of ED)
Goto, Kelly & Cotler, Emily (2004). Web ReDesign 2.0: Workflow that Works. (Peachpit Press)

Additional required readings will be available online through the class web site.

Course Description

Grounded in corporate and organizational communication theories, students will study the methods to design, analyze, and evaluate the organization and structure of information and interactive digital communication. Students will also critically examine communication technology applications needed to effectively service user needs.

Student Learning Outcomes

As a graduate of this course, you will

- posses the knowledge about digital communication infrastructure and related management and design principles
- be able to develop digital communication applications for organizational uses
- be able to conduct usability analyses in an iterative design process

Course Communication

All course-related messages will be posted on the class web site (<http://omega.uta.edu/~cyjang/ctec4321/>). On this site you will find the course syllabus, the written assignments, online readings, and other announcements. Students may contact the instructor via UTA email, phone or in-person. When sending emails, please put "[CTEC4321]" in the subject heading to clearly identify the emails as course related. It will ensure your important emails get instructor's prompt attention.

Exams, Term Project, and Grading

Your grade will be based on your performance in tests and assignments. There will be two major exams including the final during the semester. You are also required to complete a term project. This term project includes writing a proposal and building a simulated Web site. Points will be awarded for exams, assignments, and the project as described below. Project and assignment instruction will be delivered in class. Late submission of assignments and the project may not be accepted.

Test #1	150
Test #2	150
Term Project	400
Assignments & In-class Exercises	300
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Total	1000

Grade Scale

900-1000 --> **A**; 800-899 --> **B**; 700-799 --> **C**; 600-699 --> **D**; 0-599 --> **F**

The assignment of a grade of "I" will only be made for the reasons specified by university regulations. "Running out of time" or "not getting done" is not one of the specified reasons.

Expectations for Out-of-Class Study

Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 9 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

Make-Up Policy:

Exams must be taken during the scheduled exam time. A make-up exam can only be taken if the student presents documented proof of a valid medical excuse or extenuating circumstance.

Medical excuses and extenuating circumstances will be verified and judged as warranting a special case by the instructor. If you have to miss an exam, you have to inform the instructor before the exam time to be considered to take a make-up exam.

No make-up will be granted for quizzes.

Attendance Policy:

You are expected to be present for all classes. Your attendance may be recorded. However, your grade will not be adjusted for your attendance record.

Drop Policy:

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration

period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/ses/fao>).

Other Important Class Policies

Americans With Disabilities Act

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA). All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity

All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

Instructors may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

Student Support Services Available

UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.

University Electronic Communication Policy

UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>

Student Feedback Survey

At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week

A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures

Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest stairwell, which is located in the north side of the Fine Arts Building, and then exit the building when reach the first floor. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

Schedule of Topics

A tentative schedule is attached at the end of the syllabus. This schedule and any update to it will also be posted on the course web site.

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Class Schedule

Please note that, as the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course.

Week	Tuesday	Thursday
Aug 20, Aug 22		Introduction
Aug 27, Aug 29	Digital communication analyses	PHP Basics (Powers, Ch. 1&3)
Sep 03, Sep 05	PHP Basics (cont.)	PHP Basics (cont.) Working with Complex Functionality (ReDesign Ch.9)
Sep 10, Sep 12	PHP Includes (Powers, Ch. 4)	Form Processing (Powers, Ch. 5)
Sep 17, Sep 19	Form processing (cont.)	Form processing (cont.)
Sep 24, Sep 26	Review	Test #1
Oct 01, Oct 03	Database Design (Powers, Ch. 11)	SQL (Powers, Ch. 12-13) Project Proposal Due (10/4, by midnight)
Oct 08, Oct 10	Connecting to the Database	Modify Records
Oct 15, Oct 17	Sorting Options & SQL injection attack prevention	Review
Oct 22, Oct 24	Review	Test #2
Oct 29, Oct 31	Session (Powers, Ch. 9)	File Upload (Powers, Ch. 6)
Nov 05, Nov 07	Project consultation	Project consultation
Nov 12, Nov 14	Usability Evaluation (Lecture & Preparation) Project work	Project Work
Nov 19, Nov 21	Project Work	Project Work
Nov 26, Nov 28	Project Draft Due before class; Usability Evaluation	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 03, Dec 05	Project presentation	No class
Dec 10, Dec 12	Project Presentation 12/10 2:00 - 4:30 PM Project Due 12/10 by 2:00 PM	