## ACE Assignment Analysis – ASTR 1310

**Syllabus**

To search for your course syllabus, follow these instructions.

1. Visit the following website: https://info.tamiu.edu/
2. Input your course (ex: ASTR 1310) into the "Search" box and make sure you are in the current term (ex: Fall 2023). Click "Search."
3. Scroll down until you find your specific course (ex: ASTR 1310.180) and professor's name.
4. Click on "Syllabus" under your course and the file will automatically download. You are done!

**Course Assignments**

| Assignments | Points |
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| **Quizzes**<br>• Quizzes 1-9, 12, 13<br>• Quiz 10<br>• Quiz 11 | 50 points each<br>70 points<br>80 points<br><br>**= 700 points** |
| **Meet and Greet Discussion Board** | **15 points** |
| **Final Exam** | **175 points** |
| **Research Project**<br>• Topic Selection<br>• Finding Credible Sources Discussion Forum<br>• Reference List<br>• Research Paper | 5 points<br>7 points<br>8 points<br>90 points<br><br>**= 110 points** |
| **TOTAL POINTS** | **1000 points** |

**Assignment Tasks**

| Assignment | Time Needed | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **Weekly Quizzes** | • Read Chapters for the Assigned Module and take helpful notes. (~ 40 mins to 1 hr.)<br>  - Recommended: Read one section from the chapter daily prior to the quiz.<br>• Watch Instructor's lecture videos for each Module and take helpful notes. (~ 30 mins to 1.5 hr.)<br>• Review notes taken and key terms/points.<br>• Take the Quiz online through Respondus Lockdown Browser -- expect multiple choice and essay questions. (Timed = 1 hour)<br>• Review feedback from instructor and prepare for the following module. | You will be ready to take the weekly quiz and gather important notes that might be needed for the midterm/final exam.<br><br>The lecture videos posted by the professor provide the necessary content to answer the questions on the quizzes. |
| **Final Exam** | Begin studying for the final at least **three weeks in advance!!!**<br>• To study:<br>  o Re-read Chapters and notes taken for the previous quizzes. (~1.5 – 2 hours)<br>  o Re-watch lecture videos for the modules you may need to revisit. (~ 2 hrs. depending on the module)<br>• Taken online through Respondus Lockdown Browser.<br>• You have **3 hours** to complete it.<br>• This exam has multiple choice questions along with some essay questions and problems.<br>• Essay questions will be checked for plagiarism on Turnitin. | If you plan to study in a timely manner, you will be ready to take your final exam *mostly* stress-free.<br><br>By re-watching the lecture videos, you may find concepts and possible answers that may come out on the exam that the professor has previously mentioned.<br><br>If you try to answer possible essay questions ahead of time, you will be ready to submit them on the final exam. |

| **Research Project:** | Students will work on a research project in groups of one or two and will submit a written report of 4 pages for a single person and 5-6 pages for a group of two. Project is divided into four tasks and various due dates:<br><br>• Topic Selection: (30 – 40 mins)<br>   o Decide if you wish to work individually or with a partner.<br>   o Select a topic for your research paper.<br>   o Submit in the drop box a brief summary of your selected Research Paper Topic and Name of Authors.<br>• Find Credible Sources: (1 hour)<br>   o Watch videos on finding credible sources provided by professor.<br>   o Research credible sources to use on your paper.<br>   o Participate in the designated Discussion Forum.<br>• Reference List: (40 mins – 1 hour)<br>   o Complete Research Paper Reference Assignment.<br>• Final Research Paper: (< 2 weeks)<br>   **Plan accordingly!**<br>   o Review the Grading Rubric and guidelines for the research paper.<br>   o Check for grammar and plagiarism. (Sign up for Grammarly Premium).<br>   o Submit your written report that clearly describes the topic. | The research paper assignment is worth a high percentage of your total grade. Therefore, having a well-written essay and submitting it on time will increase your overall grade.<br><br>The project consists of four different steps that you must submit in order to help your grade. Not submitting them will lower your grade. |

**Task Scheduler**

Use this section to schedule when and how you will complete your assignment tasks. Include what the outcome of the task was. You should not move on to the next task until the previous task is completed. Stick to your schedule.

Review the example below and then create your own task schedule.

*Task: ___Complete research paper project____*

| Time Needed | Step | Outcome |
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| *2 hours* | *Search for articles on TAMIU Library website.* | *Spent 1.5 hours researching; found 10 articles that could be used.* |
| *1 hour* | *Make a list of which will be used for research paper.* | *Chose 5 articles for paper.* |

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