

GS 1181: Freshman Seminar

Course Syllabus



This syllabus is current and accurate as of its posting date, but it will not be updated. For the most complete and up-to-date course information, contact the instructor.

Contact Information

Instructor: Dr. Dennis Hall

Office: MCS 220J

Office Hours: Monday: 10:50AM – 1:00PM & 1:50PM – 2:20PM

Tuesday: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Wednesday: 10:50AM – 1:00PM

Thursday: 10:20AM – 11:00AM

Friday: 10:50AM – 1:00PM & 1:50PM – 2:20PM

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Course Information

Course Description: An introduction to the idea of how to “Get Rich Slowly”. A guide to investing and personal finance, risk assessment, loans, and avoiding scams.

Textbooks: This course has no required textbooks.

Technology Requirements: You must have internet access to complete assignments and watch videos from days that you are not in attendance.

Communication: Most email will receive a response within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Please include your course name (Freshman Seminar) in your messages for the quickest reply.

Course Evaluation

Your grade for this course will be determined by your performance on exams and homework. Final grades will *be based on a standard 10-point grading scale.*

35%: Class Participation

24%: Information Literacy Quizzes

10%: Professor Assignment

10%: Stock Assignments

10%: Budget Assignment

11%: Article Summary

Class Participation (35%): Attendance and participation in this class is required. You may miss one class without penalty. Every class missed after the first will be assessed a 5% penalty from your final grade. You are considered “missing class” if you do not attend, are late, are not paying attention, are not responding to questions, or if you leave early. You should not attend class if you are not feeling well. In such a case, you should fill out your wellness survey with such information and forward me the email that you will receive. Feel free to delete any personal information before you forward it.

Information Literacy Quizzes (24%): The Freshman College supplies 12 Information Literacy videos with 12 corresponding quizzes. Each of these quizzes is worth 2% of your final grade.

Stock Assignment (10%): Near the beginning of the semester, you will be asked to pretend “purchase” stocks by submitting to me the stocks you would like to “purchase”. We will track these purchase throughout the semester.

Professor Assignment (10%): Near the beginning of the semester, you will be given an assignment that involves you meeting with some of your professors during their office hours. This assignment can be completed in-person or with virtual office hours.

Budget Assignment (10%): You will complete a hypothetical personal budget for the years after you graduate. This will involve looking up possible jobs you might have, their salaries, looking at cost of living in different areas, etc.

Article Summary (11%): Near the end of the semester, you will be asked to summarize a finance article.

Course Schedule

Important Dates

August 23: First day of class

September 6: Holiday

September 30: Last day to drop this course

Dr. Hall's GS 1181 Course Calendar						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	23-Aug	24-Aug	25-Aug	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug
1		Intro & Syllabus		Stocks	IL Quizzes Due	
29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep
2		Stocks Stock Buys Due		Checking	IL Quizzes Due	
5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep
3		Scams Professor Due		Taxes	IL Quizzes Due	
12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep
4		Shorting		Budgets	IL Quizzes Due	
19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep
5		Math Lab		Insurance	IL Quizzes Due	
26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct
6		Loans Budget Due		Credit	IL Quizzes Due	
3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct
7		Gambling		Labor	IL Quizzes Due	
10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct
8		MLM Summary Due		Wrap Up		

Other Information

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- [Angelo State University Student Handbook](#)ⁱ
- [Angelo State University Catalog](#)ⁱⁱ

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the university's [Statement of Academic Integrity](#).ⁱⁱⁱ

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the [Student Disability Services website](#).^{iv} The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dr. Dallas Swafford

Director of Student Disability Services

Office of Student Affairs

325-942-2047

dallas.swafford@angelo.edu

Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Incomplete Grade Policy

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work.

Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 [Grading Procedures](#)^v for more information.

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 [Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day](#)^{vi} for more information.

Title IX at Angelo State University

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Miller, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: [Incident Reporting Form](#)^{vii}

Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

Phone: 325-942-2022

Email: michelle.miller@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State's policy please visit the [Title IX website](#).^{viii}

Information About COVID-19

Please refer to ASU's [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Updates](#)^{ix} web page for current information about campus guidelines and safety standards as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ⁱ <https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.angelo.edu/live/files/27603-student-handbook-2020-21#page=96>

^{iv} <https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/>

^v <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures>

^{vi} <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of>

^{vii} <https://www.angelo.edu/incident-form>

^{viii} <https://www.angelo.edu/title-ix>

^{ix} <https://www.angelo.edu/covid-19/>