

LASS 4882 - General Studies Capstone Part 2

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Course Description

4882. General Studies Capstone Part 2. Practical and applied learning within the primary concentration area. Development of a capstone project over two courses. Part 1 is conception and approval of the project and initial research. Part 2 is execution of the project. The project may be a field experience or scholarly thesis. The capstone project must be approved by the professor in Part 1. Prereq.: LASS 4881. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Capstone and Thesis Research Guide: Making an Outline. University of Wisconsin-Superior – Jim Dan Hill Library. https://library.uwsuper.edu/Capstone/Writing_Outline .		
Required	Types of Outlines and Samples. Purdue University. https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/the_writing_process/developing_an_outline/types_of_outlines.html		
Required	Newell, W.H. and Thompson-Klein, J. "Interdisciplinary Studies into the 21st Century." <i>The Journal of General Education</i> 45, No. 2 (1996): 152-169.		
Required	Noam Chomsky – The Purpose of Education. Learning without Frontiers		
Required	Interview Strategies Guide. BUSPH Career Services Office. https://www.bu.edu/sph/files/2020/08/Interview-Strategies-2020.pdf .		
Required	Interview Tips. Rutgers Camden. https://careercenter.camden.rutgers.edu/interviewing-tips/		



Required	A Beginner's Guide to Networking. Harvard Business Review. March 22, 2023. https://hbr.org/2023/03/a-beginners-guide-to-networking .
Required	Why Networking and Not Your Resume Lands You a Job in 2026. Forbes. June 12, 2026. https://www.forbes.com/sites/colleenbatchelder/2026/06/12/why-networking-and-not-your-resume-lands-you-the-job-in-2026/ .
Required	Capstone and Thesis Research Guide: Reviewing Your Writing. Jim Dan Hill Library – University of Wisconsin-Superior. (n.d.). https://library.uwsuper.edu/Capstone/Reviews
Required	Proposal and Capstone Project. Utah State University. (n.d.). https://qanr.usu.edu/mnr/proposal-examples

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Course Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Capstone and Thesis Research Guide: Making an Outline. University of Wisconsin-Superior – Jim Dan Hill Library. https://library.uwsuper.edu/Capstone/Writing_Outline . Types of Outlines and Samples. Purdue University. https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/the_writing_process/developing_an_outline/types_of_outlines.html	Module 1: Evaluating the Research Proposal	Module 1 Discussion (Due: 10/25) Outline Draft (Due: 10/25)
10/26	Newell, W.H. and Thompson-Klein, J. "Interdisciplinary Studies into the 21st Century." The Journal of General Education 45, No. 2 (1996): 152-169. Newell, W.H. and Thompson-Klein, J. "Interdisciplinary Studies into the 21st Century." The Journal of General Education 45, No. 2 (1996): 152-169.	Module 2: Finding the Balance	Module 2 Discussion (Due: 11/01)
11/2	Interview Strategies Guide. BUSPH Career Services Office. https://www.bu.edu/sph/files/2020/08/Interview-Strategies-2020.pdf . Interview Tips. Rutgers Camden. https://careercenter.camden.rutgers.edu/interviewing-tips/	Module 3: Creating a Personal Sales Pitch	BGS Mock Interview (Due: 11/08)



11/9	Capstone and Thesis Research Guide: Making an Outline. University of Wisconsin-Superior – Jim Dan Hill Library. (n.d.) https://library.uwsuper.edu/Capstone/Writing_Outline Types of Outlines and Samples. Purdue University. (n.d.). https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/the_writing_process/developing_an_outline/types_of_outlines.html	Module 4: Finalizing Your Plan	Final Outline (Due: 11/15)
11/16	A Beginner's Guide to Networking. Harvard Business Review. March 22, 2023. https://hbr.org/2023/03/a-beginners-guide-to-networking . Why Networking and Not Your Resume Lands You a Job in 2026. Forbes. June 12, 2026. https://www.forbes.com/sites/colleenbatchelder/2026/06/12/why-networking-and-not-your-resume-lands-you-the-job-in-2026/ .	Module 5: Networking a BGS Degree	Module 5 Discussion (Due: 11/22)
11/23	Capstone and Thesis Research Guide: Reviewing Your Writing. Jim Dan Hill Library – University of Wisconsin-Superior. (n.d.). https://library.uwsuper.edu/Capstone/Reviews Proposal and Capstone Project. Utah State University. (n.d.). https://qanr.usu.edu/mnr/proposal-examples	Module 6: Making the Final Touches	Module 6 Discussion (Due: 11/29) Capstone Project [Draft – Peer Revision] (Due: 11/29) Capstone Project [Draft – Instructor Submission] (Due: 11/29)
11/30	No Readings this Week!	Module 7: Submitting the Capstone Project	Exit Interview (Due: 12/06) Capstone Project (Due: 12/06)

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