

**COMP 390**  
**Professional Issues Seminar**  
**Spring 2012**

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Office Hours:			
Monday	2:30 – 5:30	12:30 – 1:20, 2:30 – 3:20	10:30 – 12:00, 2:30 – 3:30
Tuesday	2:45 – 5:30	1:30 – 3:30	10:30 – 12:00, 1:30 – 3:30
Wednesday	2:30 – 3:30	12:30 – 1:20, 2:30 – 3:20	10:30 – 12:00, 2:30 – 3:30
Thursday	By Appointment	3:00 – 4:30	
Friday	2:30 – 4:30	12:30 – 1:20, 2:30 – 3:20	10:30 – 12:00

  

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Course Pages: Login to D2L

Prerequisite: Junior Standing and Comp 306 or consent of instructor

Text: None

Objectives: This course is designed to provide you with an opportunity to develop your research skills, explore current computer science literature and provide fundamental career preparation. You will bring together the knowledge and skills you gained from each course you have taken.

Structure: The class will have two components. The main component will consist of a presentation of a literature review of a topic of your choice. You will select a topic and then comb the literature to discover what is known about that topic. You will synthesize your findings and present them to the class. You may work individually or in pairs on this component. The second component will be geared towards career preparation. You will prepare a resume and other materials and have them critiqued by the class. You must work individually on this component.

Grades: Final grades will be based on the following percentages.

Paper and Presentation	75 %
Career Preparation Assignments	15 %
Attendance	10 %

Presentation: Your presentations will be graded based on the following criteria.

Is the topic and presentation at an appropriate level?	10 %
Are the sources of sufficient quality?	10 %
Have you included a sufficient number of sources?	10 %
Have you met the deadlines?	10 %
Quality of paper	30 %
Quality of presentation	30 %

Attendance: You are expected to attend each day the class meets. The attendance portion of your grade will be the percentage of classes for which you are actively present.

Academic Dishonesty: Acts of dishonesty will be handled in accordance with SMSU's academic dishonesty policy.

## Semester Schedule (Tentative)

Week#		Activity
1	Jan 12	Introduction and Assignments
2	“ 19	Example Literature Review
3	“ 26	Career Preparation Presentation
4	Feb 2	Presentation of Topics
5	“ 9	Work Day
6	“ 16	Resume and Cover Letter Critique
7	“ 23	Resume and Cover Letter Presentation
8	Mar 1	Work Day
9	“ 8	<b>Spring Break - No Class</b>
10	“ 15	Work Day
11	“ 22	Presentation of Sources for Papers
12	“ 29	Presentation of Outlines
13	Apr 5	Work Day
14	“ 12	Work Day
15	“ 19	Presentations
16	“ 29	Presentations

## Assignments

### Career Preparation Component

1. 1. Resume – Draft
2. 2. Cover Letter – Draft
3. 3. Resume & Cover Letter – Final

### Research Component

1. 1. Topic Presentation
2. 2. Sources Presentation
3. 3. Outline Presentation
4. 4. Final Presentation
5. 5. Paper Due with presentation