

Syllabus for ICS 311 Computer-based Missions Research

PURPOSE

This course will examine the resources available for research in intercultural issues that will form the focal point of junior and senior courses in the School of World Missions. Hands-on research techniques will allow the student to learn and become familiar with the collective power of internet research and its value in Christian ministry.

OBJECTIVES

Computer-based Missions Research is designed to:

1. Promote familiarity with web-based research resources.
2. Aid in the critical analysis of internet resources.
3. Enhance research productivity.
4. Facilitate selection of study group for junior and senior Missions majors.
5. Provide foundation for ongoing research.

REQUIRED TEXT

Anthrolog Software.

REQUIREMENTS

You should:

1. All assigned projects must be handed in according to the schedule designated when the assignment is given.
2. A midterm and a final exam must be completed satisfactorily.

EXAMINATIONS, GRADING, AND ATTENDANCE

The schedule for general areas of coverage in this course is included below. Class attendance is expected and required. Three tardies equals one unexcused absence [you are tardy if you enter after the bell rings].

More than three (3) unexcused absences will deduct a minimum of 2 points from your final grade.

Late work, if accepted, will lose 10% each week beginning with the end of the class period on which it is due. Sickness, etc., is not an excuse for late work.

Grading is as follows:

1. Mid-term exam	100 points	25.0%
2. Final exam	200 points	50.0%
3. Lab Projects	100 points	25.0%
Total	400 points	100.0%

FALL 2006 COURSE OUTLINE

Day/Date	Topic for the Day
Aug. 27	Introduction to the Course
Sep. 3	Search Engines/Focus on People Group
Sep. 10	Internet Resources/Anthrolog overview
Sep. 17	Advanced Web Searches/Research Ethics
Sep. 24	Preparing for long-term research projects
Oct. 1	EXAM #1 (handouts + lectures)
Oct. 8	Coordinated group research exercise
Oct. 15	Missions and technology
Oct. 22	FALL BREAK!!
Oct. 29	The Electronic Library
Nov. 5	Documenting electronic sources
Nov. 12	EXAM #2 (handouts + lectures)
Nov. 19	Archiving electronic sources
Nov. 26	People Group report
Dec. 3	Future trends in Missions research
Dec. 10	FINAL EXAM (handouts + lectures)