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## EXPECTATIONS OF YOU AS A STUDENT IN MAHG Courses

### Stay up to date with the course communications

Have access to your Stockton email account & BLACKBOARD and check each regularly.

### Attend *all* class meetings. [Attendance counts!].

You are expected to show-up on time and stay for the entire class. If you must miss class, you are expected to keep up with the readings and to get notes from a classmate. You are responsible for any information missed in your absence. I **do not** repeat information that you miss. You are also still accountable for any assignment due on that day, and are expected to submit ON TIME. *If you have an extenuating circumstance, please let your instructor know.*

#### 1. Be present and attentive in class

- You are NOT fully PRESENT if you are writing your response essay during class; checking your social media, playing with your phone, sleeping, or doing work for an outside project
- If you are a F2F student – You should try as much as possible to be physically present.
- On ZOOM – Plan to have your camera on, be attentive and participate. A silent black ZOOM box is NOT the same thing as being PRESENT. During class, please plan to be in a space conducive to learning and focus. Meaning, wherever your ZOOM space, the class should be your primary if not sole focus.
  - Please refrain from ZOOMing into class while you are driving; in the dentist chair; at work; playing video games; shopping; cooking; using the restroom; enjoying a basketball game/concert, etc.; or if you are not fully clothed. (*real examples from past years*).

#### 2. Prepare for class – read the assigned material & complete assignments *before* class.

- As a general rule, you should plan to dedicate 9 - 10 hours/wk. on preparation for a 3-credit class. (reading/writing/assignments, etc.)
  - There is no value in your graduate study if you do not prepare for class. The assigned materials are the mutual foundation.
- Class meetings comprise only a fraction of the weekly time you should dedicate to a class.
  - Doing things at the last possible moment is NOT how you do things in grad school
  - Preparation & reflection are key! Give yourself time to think, synthesize and revise.

#### 3. Participate in class discussions [*Participation counts!*]

- In this class, success depends upon your active participation. You are expected to contribute in informed ways to class discussion every week. If you do not understand aspects of the readings that is OK...even expected! Come ready to talk through it. Bring your questions about the readings, aspects you liked about the readings, aspects you disagree with, etc.

#### 4. Have respect for divergent points of view in the classroom.

- It is fine to disagree with one another, with the materials and with me, just treat one another respectfully.

#### 5. Give your best effort & Stay positive.

- Some ideas will be challenging. Some readings will be difficult. That is OK. Learning to read this kind of work is like learning a new language. Many things you will not fully grasp the first time through. Take notes, highlight aspects you think are important, and bring your questions to class. You will see some of these texts again in other classes and will likely find that you have a deeper understanding of them when you encounter them a second time.
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