HCM310: Introduction to the U.S. Healthcare System

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: This is a 3-credit course, offered in accelerated format. This means that 16 weeks of material is covered in 8 weeks. The exact number of hours per week that you can expect to spend on each course will vary based upon the weekly coursework, as well as your study style and preferences. You should plan to spend 14-20 hours per week in each course reading material, interacting on the discussion boards, writing papers, completing projects, and doing research.

Course Description and Outcomes

Course Description:
In this course, students are introduced to an overview of the U.S. healthcare system. The historical background of the shift from an acute care hospital-based system to a chronic/preventive care ambulatory focus and influence of current trends such as the Affordable Care Act and the aging population are addressed. Students will examine differences between non-profit and for-profit healthcare organizations, and how quality, safety, and competition within the healthcare industry impact patient care. Assignments and discussions provide opportunities to compare and contrast the U.S. healthcare system to other nations’ healthcare systems.

Course Overview:
This course provides an overview of the United States healthcare delivery system. Students explore the historical evolution of this system, including the role of hospitals and ambulatory care, healthcare providers and professionals, and effects of external factors on the healthcare delivery structure. The effect of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), emerging trends in health system acquisitions and the impact in the marketplace and workforce are also explored. Class discussions and assignments provide opportunities to gain a better understanding of the major issues facing the system, including considerations for future careers in healthcare settings, comparisons to global healthcare systems, and consideration of alternative approaches for improvement.
Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain how the political influence in the U.S. healthcare system impacts healthcare delivery to communities.
2. Compare and contrast the U.S. healthcare system to other nations’ healthcare systems.
3. Describe how quality, safety, and competition within the healthcare industry impact patient care.
4. Assess the differences between non-profit and for-profit healthcare organizations.

Participation & Attendance

Prompt and consistent attendance in your online courses is essential for your success at CSU-Global Campus. Failure to verify your attendance within the first 7 days of this course may result in your withdrawal. If for some reason you would like to drop a course, please contact your advisor.

Online classes have deadlines, assignments, and participation requirements just like on-campus classes. Budget your time carefully and keep an open line of communication with your instructor. If you are having technical problems, problems with your assignments, or other problems that are impeding your progress, let your instructor know as soon as possible.

Course Materials

Textbook Information is located in the CSU-Global Booklist on the Student Portal.

Course Schedule

Due Dates
The Academic Week at CSU-Global begins on Monday and ends the following Sunday.

- Discussion Boards: The original post must be completed by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. MT and Peer Responses posted by Sunday 11:59 p.m. MT. Late posts may not be awarded points.
- Opening Exercises: Take the opening exercise before reading each week’s content to see which areas you will need to focus on. You may take these exercises as many times as you need. The opening exercises will not affect your final grade.
- Mastery Exercises: Students may access and retake mastery exercises through the last day of class until they achieve the scores they desire.
- Critical Thinking: Assignments are due Sunday at 11:59 p.m. MT.

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| 7    | Chapter 5 in *Basics of the U.S. Healthcare System*  
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• Review the information provided by the World Health Association (WHO) regarding similarities and differences in healthcare systems and goals worldwide (WHO, WHO World Health Statistics, WHO Guidelines, WHO List of Countries)

Assignment Details

This course includes the following assignments/projects:

Module 1

CRITICAL THINKING ASSIGNMENT (85 points)
Choose one of the following two assignments to complete this week. Do not do both assignments. Identify your assignment choice in the title of your submission.

Option #1: Influence of Cost, Quality, or Access on the U.S. Healthcare System Paper

Cost, quality, and access to care have been identified as significant contributing factors to the U.S. healthcare system. Choose one of these factors and write a two to three page paper addressing the following:

- Describe the historical background of the factor and its influence on healthcare delivery, including benchmark events.
- Examine the impact of current healthcare reform, such as the Affordable Care Act, on this factor.

Your paper should meet the following requirements:

- Be two to three pages in length, not including the cover or reference pages.
- Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
- A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources. Each reference must be cited at least once in the paper. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
- Headings to organize the content in your work.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 1 Materials folder for specific grading criteria.

Option #2: Influence of Cost, Quality or Access on the U.S. Healthcare System – Letter to a Provider

As a member of the public, you are a stakeholder in the effectiveness of the U.S. healthcare system. In a letter to the major healthcare facility in your community, draft a well-designed argument suggesting proactive steps they can implement to improve cost, quality, or access to healthcare in your area. Reflect on needs that have not been met in your experience and how they might be addressed. Do not use specific personal accounts, but include hypothetical detailed analogies or scenarios that include viable solutions with proper references.

Your paper should meet the following requirements:

- Be two to three pages in length, not including the cover or reference pages.
- Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from
the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-
reviewed or quality academic sources. Each reference must be cited at least once in the paper.
The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.

Headings to organize the content in your work.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 1 Materials folder for specific grading criteria.

PORTFOLIO PROJECT MILESTONE (20 points)
Choose one of the following two assignments to complete this week. Do not do both assignments. Identify
your assignment choice in the title of your submission.

Option #1: Understanding of Project Requirements

A Portfolio Project will be due at the end of Module 8. Your assignment this week is to read the Portfolio
Project requirements, which you can find in the Module 8 folder and in the course syllabus. Post your
understanding of the assignment requirements for Portfolio Project Option # 1 and any questions to the
General Course Questions Discussion forum. As you complete upcoming Milestones for the project through
the course, be sure to complete the milestone that aligns with the option selected in this module.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 1 Materials folder for specific grading criteria.

Option #2: Understanding of Project Requirements

A Portfolio Project will be due at the end of Module 8. Your assignment this week is to read the Portfolio
Project requirements, which you can find in the Module 8 folder and in the course syllabus. Post your
understanding of these assignment requirements for Portfolio Project Option # 2 and any questions to the
General Course Questions Discussion forum. As you complete upcoming Milestones for the project through
the course, be sure to complete the milestone that aligns with the option selected in this module.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 1 Materials folder for specific grading criteria.

Module 2

CRITICAL THINKING ASSIGNMENT (85 points)
Choose one of the following two assignments to complete this week. Do not do both assignments. Identify
your assignment choice in the title of your submission.

Option #1: Past and Present Influences on U.S. Hospital System (Paper)

For this assignment, you will write a two to three page paper addressing the following:
Over the course of history, key events have helped to shape the hospital system in the United States.
Evaluate the impact of one of the following—the development of the modern health insurance industry,
Medicare and Medicaid, or the Hill-Burton Act of 1946—on the development of the hospital system. How
might our hospital system be different today had history been different? What influence have recent
healthcare reform efforts (Affordable Care Act) had on the current U.S. healthcare system?

Your paper should meet the following requirements:

- Be two to three pages in length, not including the cover or reference pages.
- Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
- A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from
  the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-
reviewed or quality academic sources. Each reference must be cited at least once in the paper. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.

- Headings to organize the content in your work.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 2 Materials folder for specific grading criteria.

**Option #2: Past and Present Influences on U.S. Hospital System (Infographic)**

For this assignment, you will create a detailed infographic addressing the following:

Over the course of history, key events have helped to shape the hospital system in the United States. Evaluate the impact of one of the following—the development of the modern health insurance industry, Medicare and Medicaid, the Hill-Burton Act of 1946—on the development of the hospital system. How might our hospital system be different today had history been different? What influence did recent healthcare reform efforts (Affordable Care Act) have on the current U.S. healthcare system?

Your infographic presentation should meet the following requirements:

- Be one or two pages in length and created using a free online tool such as Canva. (The tool must allow the use to download the infographic as a pdf file – Canva allows this for free.)
- Include graphics, photos, diagrams and other graphic or content to present your discussion and explain the points made.
- This infographic should clearly identify your observations and evaluation of these influences on the U.S. hospital system and be suitable for presentation on a website or for framing as a poster. Creativity is encouraged, so express yourself visually as well as in writing.
- A minimum of four references listed in APA format at the end of the infographic with associated in-text citations throughout the infographic. Two of these sources may be from the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources. Each reference must be cited at least once in the infographic. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
- Headings to organize the content in your work.
- Support the infographic with a short written document (or presentation notes). This document can be single-spaced but must not exceed one page.

Links to information on how to create an infographic:

- Use a free online tools for creating infographics such as Canva (https://www.canva.com/create/infographics/) and Piktochart (https://piktochart.com/).
- How to Make an Infographic in Under an Hour: https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/free-ppt-infographic-templates-designs-htf#sm.001rgggg164lda7u1522s5g41goe
- 10 Infographic Best Practices: https://www.wpromote.com/blog/10-infographic-best-practices/
- 12 Infographic Tips That You Wish You Knew Years Ago: https://blog.kissmetrics.com/12-infographic-tips/
- What are infographics: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infographic
  This site explains: "Information graphics or infographics are graphic visual representations of information, data or knowledge intended to present complex information quickly and clearly. They can improve cognition by utilizing graphics to enhance the human visual system’s ability to see patterns and trends. The process of creating infographics can be referred to as data visualization, information design, or information architecture."
- Infographic examples: http://www.coolinfographics.com/
  This site includes infographics, a blog covering infographics, data visualization and visual thinking examples.
After creating your infographic, download your work as a PDF and submit the PDF to your instructor as an attachment. Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 2 Materials folder for specific grading criteria.

**PORTFOLIO PROJECT REMINDER**

Review the Portfolio Project description, which is accessible from Module 8 Folder, and the Portfolio Project Rubric. Be sure to work on this project throughout the course and as directed in the Portfolio Project Milestone assignments.

**Module 3**

**PORTFOLIO PROJECT MILESTONE (20 points)**

Select and complete the milestone option that aligns with the option that you selected in Module 1 for your final Portfolio Project. (You will complete this same milestone option throughout the course.) Identify your assignment choice in the title of your submission. After deciding which option to complete, be sure to work on this project throughout the term.

**Option #1: Healthcare Sector Paper**

The final Portfolio Project requires that you discuss a particular sector of healthcare in great depth. The sector can be:

- Hospitals
- Long-Term Care
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Ambulatory Care
- For-Profit/Public Health Care

In a well-organized, two- to three-page paper, choose and describe the applicable history of your sector choice. Be sure to include applicable laws and events that have influence the sector. You will be able to use this portion in your final Portfolio Project.

Your written paper should:

- Be well written and organized
- Be two to three pages in length, not including title and reference page
- Include at least two quality scholarly references in addition to the textbook; the CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references. References should be no older than five years old.
- Follow the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 3 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

**Option #2: Healthcare Sector Presentation**

The final Portfolio Project requires that you discuss a particular sector of healthcare in great depth. The sector can be:

- Hospitals
- Long-Term Care
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Ambulatory Care
- For-Profit/Public Health Care
In a well-organized, six- to eight-slide graphic presentation, choose and describe the applicable history of your sector choice. Be sure to include applicable laws and events that have influenced the sector. You will be able to use this portion in your final Portfolio Project.

Your presentation should:

- Be six to eight slides in length, not including title and reference slides
- Be well written and organized, using professional themes and transitions
- Include at least two quality scholarly references in addition to the textbook; the CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references. References should be no older than five years old.
- Follow the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 3 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Module 4

PORTFOLIO PROJECT MILESTONE (20 points)
Regardless of which milestone you are completing throughout the course, complete the following milestone for this module.

Option #1 and Option #2: Quality, Safety, and Competition Outline

Based on the sector you chose in Week 3 (and regardless of which Portfolio Project option you are completing), draft a well-organized outline evaluating how quality, safety, and competition within this healthcare sector impact patient care. You will be able to expand this outline for use in your final Portfolio Project.

Your outline should:

- Be well written, organized, and sources cited
- Be two to three pages in length, not including title and reference page
- Include at least two quality scholarly references in addition to the textbook; the CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references. References should be no older than five years old.
- Follow the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 4 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Module 5

CRITICAL THINKING ASSIGNMENT (100 points)
Choose one of the following two assignments to complete this week. Do not do both assignments. Identify your assignment choice in the title of your submission.

Option # 1: Long-Term Care Analysis

For this assignment you will write a three- to four-page paper addressing the following:

Senior citizens are the fastest growing population in our society due to increased life expectancy. Although we are living longer, the quality of life is often diminished by chronic disease and physical limitations. Over the years, the long-term care industry has received negative publicity and been the target of several
federal investigations. Consider the positive or negative impact of the Affordable Care Act on the long-term care industry.

Your paper should meet the following requirements:

• Be three to four pages in length, not including the cover or reference pages.
• Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
• A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
• Use headings to organize the content in your work.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 5 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Option #2: Behavioral Health PowerPoint Presentation

For this assignment you will create an eight- to 10-slide presentation addressing the following:

Senior citizens are the fastest growing population in our society due to medical advances that have increased our life expectancy. Many of these individuals also have mental or behavioral health needs.

Although we are living longer, the quality of life is often diminished by chronic disease, physical limitations, and exacerbation of mental or behavioral health issues such as Alzheimer’s disease, depression, dementia, and drug dependence.

Over the years, the mental and behavioral health industry, as well as long-term care facilities that serve the aging population, have received negative publicity and been the target of multiple investigations. Consider the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the mental and behavioral health industry, specifically those who provide services to the aging population.

Your presentation should meet the following requirements:

• Be eight to 10 slides in length
• Include presentation notes for each slide to support the slide content. These may be a part of the presentation or in a separate document. [Note: if you submit this assignment as a pdf, the presentation notes are not visible to the instructor.]
• Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
• A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
• A sample presentation cited in APA is located on the “Library” tab under Undergraduate APA Resources.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 4 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

PORTFOLIO PROJECT REMINDER

Review the Portfolio Project description, which is accessible from Module 8 Folder, and the Portfolio Project Rubric. Be sure to continue working on this project throughout the course and in the Milestone assignments.
CRITICAL THINKING ASSIGNMENT (100 points)

Choose one of the following two assignments to complete this week. Do not do both assignments. Identify your assignment choice in the title of your submission.

Option # 1: Critical Analysis of Three Articles on Healthcare Reform (Paper)

For this assignment you will write a three- to four-page paper addressing the following:

Using the CSU-Global Library, locate a minimum of three articles on healthcare reform and how it has impacted quality, economics, and patient safety on healthcare services in the U.S. Describe the influence of each of these factors on the U.S. healthcare system and how healthcare is delivered to communities. Compare and contrast your findings to this week’s readings and lecture. What is the same and what is different?

Your paper should meet the following requirements:

- Be three to four pages in length, not including the cover or reference pages.
- Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
- A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
- Use sources that are no more than five years old.
- Use headings to organize the content in your work.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 6 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Option # 2: Critical Analysis of Three Articles on Healthcare Reform (Presentation)

For this assignment you will create three to four slides or a three- to four-page graphic presentation that addresses the following:

Using the CSU-Global Library, locate a minimum of three articles on healthcare reform and how it has impacted quality, economics, and patient safety on healthcare services in the U.S. Describe the influence of each of these factors on the U.S. healthcare system and how healthcare is delivered to communities. Compare and contrast your findings to this week’s readings and lecture. What is the same and what is different?

Your presentation or graphic should meet the following requirements:

- Be three to four slides in length, not including the cover or reference slides.
- Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
- A minimum of four references with associated in-text citations. Two of these sources may be from the class readings, textbook, or lectures, but two must be external and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
- Use sources that are no more than five years old.
- Use headings to organize the content in your work.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 6 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.
PORTFOLIO PROJECT MILESTONE (20 points)
Select and complete the milestone option that aligns with the option that you completed in Modules 1 and 3. Identify your assignment choice in the title of your submission. After deciding which option to complete, be sure to work on this project throughout the term.

Option #1: Major Challenges Paper
Based on the sector you chose in Week 3, information you found in Week 4, and research conducted regarding the major challenges existing for this sector for the system over the next decade from healthcare reform and other factors, evaluate the greatest challenge you discovered and offer your recommendations on how healthcare leaders and administrators can manage it. Draft a well-organized discussion evaluating the challenge and recommendations. You will be able to use this in your final Portfolio Project.

Your paper should:
- Be well written, organized, and sources cited
- Be two to three pages in length, not including title and reference page
- Include at least two quality scholarly references in addition to the textbook; the CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references. References should be no older than five years old.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 6 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Option #2: Major Challenges Presentation
The Portfolio Project is based on the sector you chose in Week 3, information you found in Week 4, and research conducted regarding the major challenges existing for this sector for the system over the next decade from healthcare reform and other factors. Evaluate the greatest challenge you discovered and offer your recommendations on how healthcare leaders and administrators can manage it. Draft a well-organized graphic presentation evaluating the challenge and recommendations. You will be able to use this for use in your final Portfolio Project.

Your presentation should:
- Be well written and organized, using professional themes and transitions.
- Be six to eight slides in length, not including title and reference slides.
- Include at least two quality scholarly references in addition to the textbook; the CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references. References should be no older than five years old.
- Follow the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 4 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Module 7
PORTFOLIO PROJECT REMINDER
At this point you should implement the finishing touches on your Portfolio Project. Your final draft should be well under way. Make sure to include all of the elements required in the Portfolio Project description provided in the Module 8 Materials folder.

Module 8
PORTFOLIO PROJECT (270 points)
Choose one of the following two assignments to complete this week. Do not do both assignments. Identify your assignment choice in the title of your submission.

Option # 1: The U.S. Healthcare System: Analysis of a Healthcare Sector Paper

Your Portfolio assignment focuses on a specific sector of healthcare and its relation to the current U.S. healthcare system. Choose one of the healthcare sectors listed below for your portfolio assignment:

- Hospitals
- Long-Term Care
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Ambulatory Care
- For-Profit/Public Health Care.

Write a 10- to 12-page paper where you address the following:

- Describe the sector’s historical development and current role in healthcare delivery.
- Explain how the political influence in the U.S. healthcare system impacts how this sector provides healthcare to specific communities.
- Evaluate how quality, safety, and competition within this healthcare sector impact patient care.
- Examine what major challenges exist for this sector over the next decade from healthcare reform and other factors. Discuss a minimum of three challenges and offer your recommendations on how healthcare leaders and administrators can manage them.
- Provide a conclusion summary of your findings and of the project experience.

Your paper should meet the following requirements:

- Be 10 to 12 pages in length, not including the cover or reference pages
- Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
- Provide support for your statements with in-text citations from a minimum of eight scholarly references; four of these references must be from outside sources and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources, while the other four may be from course readings, lectures, and textbooks. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.

Utilize the following headings to organize the content in your work:

- Introduction
- Historical Development and Current Role in Healthcare Delivery
- Political Influence
- Quality, Safety, and Competition
- Future Challenges and Issues
- Recommendations
- Conclusion

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 8 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Option # 2: The U.S. Healthcare System: Analysis of a Healthcare Sector Presentation

Your portfolio assignment focuses on a specific sector of healthcare and its relation to the current U.S. healthcare system. Choose one of the healthcare sectors listed below for your portfolio assignment:

- Hospitals
• Long-Term Care
• Mental and Behavioral Health
• Ambulatory Care
• For-Profit/Public Healthcare

Create a 10- to 12-slide PowerPoint presentation where you address the following:

• Describe the sector’s historical development and current role in healthcare delivery.
• Explain how the political influence in the U.S. healthcare system impacts how this sector provides healthcare to specific communities.
• Evaluate how quality, safety, and competition within this healthcare sector impact patient care.
• Examine what major challenges exist for this sector over the next decade from healthcare reform and other factors. Discuss a minimum of three challenges and offer your recommendations on how healthcare leaders and administrators can manage them.
• Provide a conclusion summary of your findings and of the project experience.

Your presentation should meet the following requirements:

• Be 10 to 12 slides in length, not including the title or reference slides.
• Be formatted for a formal presentation including headings per slide and major points per slide.
• Speaker and presentation notes, or embedded audio to supplement each slide provided as if you were doing the actual presentation are required.
• Be formatted according to the CSU-Global Guide to Writing & APA.
• Cite at least eight scholarly references. Four of these references must be from outside sources and should be from peer-reviewed or quality academic sources, the other four may be from course readings, lectures, and textbooks. The CSU-Global Library is a good place to find these references.
• Include citations to support the statements made and for each of the references listed on your reference slide(s).

Utilize the following headings to organize the content in your work:

• Introduction
• Historical Development and Current Role in Healthcare Delivery
• Political Influence
• Quality, Safety, and Competition
• Future Challenges and Issues
• Recommendations
• Conclusion

Submit the project as a PowerPoint file or link to the presentation if hosted on another site (such as YouTube). A link to the online presentation can be put into a Word document and submitted. Do not submit the presentation as a .pdf file. Your instructor is unable to see the presentation notes when submitted as a .pdf file.

Review the rubric for this assignment in the Module 8 Materials folder for specific grading criteria. Reach out to your instructor if you have any questions about the assignment.

Course Policies
Course Grading

- 20% Discussion Participation
- 0% Opening Exercises
- 8% Mastery Exercises
- 37% Critical Thinking Assignments
- 35% Final Portfolio Paper

Grading Scale and Policies

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In-Classroom Policies
For information on late work and incomplete grade policies, please refer to our In-Classroom Student Policies and Guidelines or the Academic Catalog for comprehensive documentation of CSU-Global institutional policies.

Academic Integrity
Students must assume responsibility for maintaining honesty in all work submitted for credit and in any other work designated by the instructor of the course. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, plagiarism, reusing/re-purposing your own work (see CSU-Global Guide to Writing and APA Requirements for percentage of repurposed work that can be used in an assignment), unauthorized possession of academic materials, and unauthorized collaboration. The CSU-Global Library provides information on how students can avoid plagiarism by understanding what it is and how to use the Library and Internet resources.

Citing Sources with APA Style
All students are expected to follow the CSU-Global Guide to Writing and APA Requirements when citing in APA (based on the APA Style Manual, 6th edition) for all assignments. For details on CSU-Global APA style, please review the APA resources within the CSU-Global Library under the “APA Guide & Resources” link. A link to this document should also be provided within most assignment descriptions in your course.

Disability Services Statement
CSU–Global is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability requesting academic accommodations should contact the Disability Resource Coordinator at 720-279-0650 and/or email ada@CSUGlobal.edu for additional information to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Netiquette
Respect the diversity of opinions among the instructor and classmates and engage with them in a courteous, respectful, and professional manner. All posts and classroom communication must be conducted in accordance with the student code of conduct. Think before you push the Send button. Did you say just what you meant? How will the person on the other end read the words?

Maintain an environment free of harassment, stalking, threats, abuse, insults or humiliation toward the instructor and classmates. This includes, but is not limited to, demeaning written or oral comments of an ethnic, religious, age, disability, sexist (or sexual orientation), or racist nature; and the unwanted sexual
advances or intimidations by email, or on discussion boards and other postings within or connected to the online classroom.

If you have concerns about something that has been said, please let your instructor know.