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SI 575 Final Assignment: Create a Community Information Corps Seminar Syllabus

For your final assignment, you are to generate a mock syllabus for next Fall's Community Information Corps Seminar. Imagine you are the next facilitator of the CIC Seminar and are in charge of shaping the Seminar. Your final assignment should include at a minimum the following four sections. Feel free to be creative and add additional sections that you think are relevant. You may work in groups of not more than three people.

Be prepared to make a preliminary presentation of your syllabus during class on December 5. The final written version is due by email no later than midnight December 12, 2008. Submission of a well-done syllabus is required to receive a "Pass" for those seeking credit for the course.

Outline of Mock Syllabus:

- 1. Course Overview Section (2-3 paragraphs)
- 2. Learning Objectives (Identify 3 learning objectives)
- 3. Week by week breakdown of topics, speakers (at least area of expertise and type of affiliation if not an individual name), and readings (For ten weeks)
- 4. Paragraph describing differences between your course and the current Seminar

Section 1: This will include a two to three paragraph Course Overview Section wherein you will describe the purpose of the course and tie together themes that will be covered.

Section 2: The course overview section will be followed by a Learning Objectives Section wherein you will identify three learning objectives for your course. Please see the Fall 2007 SI-575 Syllabus under Business Items on the current Ctools site archive folder for examples of learning objectives.

Section 3: You will be asked to identify a theme for ten weeks of the course. For each week, identify a subject to be covered and at least one reading tied to the topic. You may select speakers from organizations you think are relevant to the CIC, either internal to SI, members of the University community or external speakers you think are relevant to the CIC. If you select a speaker that has already visited the CIC, please indicate how a return visit would differ from the initial speaking engagement. For weeks that you do not select a speaker, provide a brief description of how you would structure discussion around the topic. Weeks can be numbered 1-10; there is no need to use specific dates.

Section 4: Finally, please add a paragraph at the end describing what you would change about the Seminar in its current form. How will your mock seminar differ from the course you took this term? What features would you add and what features would you design out of the Seminar if you were facilitating the Seminar?

The Final Syllabus should be 2-3 pages long.