WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (HMSY 1343)
SYLLABUS
SCH: 3 LECTURE/0 LAB

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course covers hazard and risk assessment, crime scene preservation, chemical agents, biological agents, radiological agents, explosive devices, detection-sampling and plume models, and personal protection methods. The critical role of first responders in weapons of mass destruction, mitigation, and survival will also be presented. Discussion will include historical events related the use of weapons of mass destruction.

TEXT AND SUPPLIES:

COURSE GOALS / OBJECTIVES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
- identify weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and means of dissemination;
- compare various biological, chemical, and radiological materials used in WMDs;
- discuss the historical use of WMD in both warfare and terrorism.

Participation Statement: For Online courses, students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment by the official census date. Students who do not do so, will be dropped from the course.

Each student should anticipate at least one hour out of class preparation for each lecture hour, plus study time preparing for examinations. Attendance is important in this class.

Portable cellular phones, beepers, and similar paging devices may be disruptive to the class, and you are encouraged NOT to bring them into the classroom. If you do bring them to class, please make sure they are turned off. Should they become a nuisance, you may be asked to remove them from the classroom. The wearing of hats and the consumption of food are not allowed in during class, and, pursuant to Midland College Policy 5:14:02, the use of tobacco products (smoking, dipping, chewing, etc.) is prohibited in the building, including the classroom.

Students missing a major examination must make the exam before the next class period unless special arrangements are made. Make-up examinations may be the same as, or different from, the examination given in class. Make-up examinations will cover the same material as the scheduled examination. Failure to make up an examination will result in a grade of zero for the missed exam. No make-up opportunity is available for the final exam. Final exams are not given early or late. The instructor reserves the right to give quizzes, announced or unannounced, at any time. There is no opportunity to make up quizzes that are missed.

The instructor cannot drop students from courses. It is your responsibility to drop a class if you no longer plan to attend and complete the semester. Check the Midland College catalog for the last day to drop a course. You may be limited in the number of courses you can drop, and you may not be entitled to a tuition refund if you drop a course.
EVALUATION OF STUDENTS:
Students will be evaluated by their completion of assignments, grades on examinations, timely submission of papers, participation in class discussions, responding to instructor inquiries, and completion of other course requirements. For a complete view of the grading for this course, go to the course WEB site (on Canvas) and go to the Grade book. Assignments (papers) are discussed beginning on page three of this syllabus.

The final grade will be determined by the average of grades earned on exams, assignments, papers, and other course requirements. The basic course requirements are:
* submission of three papers, as assigned below;
* completion of the final exam, the format of which will be determined at a date during the semester.

COURSE SCHEDULE:
This class, HMSY 1343, is offered on-line, as a Web-based course. There are no scheduled class meetings.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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ADA Statement: Any student who because of a disabling condition may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact the Counselor/Disability Specialist at 432-685-5598 as soon as possible. The Counselor/Disability Specialist is located in the Scharbauer Student Center Building. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations/documentation