

# **SOC1010 Job Interviewing Skills, Intro**

## **Course Syllabus**

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

This is an introductory course. All students are eligible to enroll.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A College or University education is seen as being essential to getting a job, yet many college graduates have been reported as being unemployed or underemployed. How can you put your degree to work and get a job in your chosen field? The interview is the gateway to a company.

This course will prepare the student for the interview process. It will discuss the skills needed to convince a potential employer that you are the right person for the job.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Job Interviewing Skills, Intro will introduce students to the interviewing process. It will prepare the student for the interview environment and help them develop the skills necessary to have a successful interview. By the end of the course the student will be able to:

- Know their worth as an employee
- Understand how to sell themselves to an employer
- Determine what job to apply for
- Prepare for an interview session
- Understand how to make a good first impression
- Develop good interview skills
- Know how to follow up after an interview

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is mandatory for all students. Excellent attendance is imperative for mastery and application of the information dispensed. Whether you are sitting at a desk in a classroom or attending via Skype, your attendance is vital to your success. Late arrivals are distracting and disrespectful. Please refrain from being tardy. Grades will be affected by absences and tardiness. Participation in class is a prerequisite. You learn from lectures, discussions and presentations.

### **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

Students are expected to treat all persons with respect. We should all conduct ourselves in a courteous and responsible manner. Be considerate, you can disagree, don't insult.

Please set all your electronic devices to silent during class so as not to be a disturbance to others in the class.

## **TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE**

We maintain an open-door policy for our students. We are absolutely willing to discuss any matter that may arise during the course. If you have any questions, problems, or need help with the course material, we urge you to reach out as soon as the issue arises. If you want to contest a grade, you must do so within 48 hours and put it in writing. Please ask your student advocate for help. If you do not have a student advocate send an email to: [tutordept@usilacs.org](mailto:tutordept@usilacs.org).

## **NON-DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT**

All students regardless of age, race, gender, religion, physical disability, class, etc., shall have equal opportunity without harassment in this course. Any problems with or questions about harassment can be discussed confidentially via email at: [hr@usilacs.org](mailto:hr@usilacs.org).

## **DRESS CODE**

For students enrolled who are attending in a classroom or via Skype, please be sure you are dressed modestly and respectfully. Please refer to [www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/business%20casual](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/business%20casual). NO short shorts or skirts. Avoid low-cut tops. We want to present ourselves in a dignified manner at all times.

## **NETIQUETTE**

- Always read through all the comments of the class before responding. This will avoid duplicating comments or questions asked.
- Avoid language that could be offensive. All profanity is strictly prohibited. Remember that using all caps when replying online signifies shouting. This would be rude and combative.
- Be sensitive to the fact that there will be fellow students from all parts of the world with many differing backgrounds and languages. Remember that slang and idioms will most likely be misconceived and/or misinterpreted. These should be avoided.
- Respect others views or opinions.
- Be thoughtful of the privacy of others. Ask permission before sharing email addresses or other personal information.
- Do not forward inappropriate material such as: virus warnings, chain letters, jokes, etc. The sharing of pornographic material is strictly prohibited.
- Use good spelling and grammar. Avoid using texting shortcuts.
- Strive to compose your comments in a positive, supportive and constructive manner at all times.

Any of these offenses will be dealt with by the school disciplinary committee.

## **ADA ACCOMMODATIONS**

All reasonable accommodations will be provided for students with disabilities. Any student attending USILACS who needs an accommodation due to a chronic challenge (i.e. blindness, deaf or hard of hearing, mobility issues, psychological, or learning disability), register with:

USILACS Registrar's Office  
1221 Brickell Ave.  
Miami, FL 33131  
1-305-330-2202  
[registrarsoffice@usilacs.org](mailto:registrarsoffice@usilacs.org)

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY/CHEATING**

We encourage collaborating with others, either in person or online, to study and learn. When you complete your assignments or your exams, however, the wording has to be your own.

Plagiarism is the theft of someone else's work and ideas. You are permitted to cite or even quote someone else, however you must properly cite them. There are two accepted ways of doing this. They are known as Modern Language Association (MLA) or American Psychological Association (APA). You can visit [www.citationmachine.net](http://www.citationmachine.net) for help in correctly citing information.

As a school that strives to maintain high moral standards, we strongly caution our students to be ethical and honest. Endeavor to be honest in conducting yourself in regard to any coursework you accomplish or exams you may take. Cheating is a dishonest practice.

## **REFERENCE MATERIALS**

The vast majority of textbooks are outdated by the time they are published. USILACS education programs are not based upon outdated printed textbooks. USILACS programs are based on the most accurate and reliable knowledge available; specifically, up-to-date vetted internet-based information.

For those who would like some reference or Internet search recommendations, we would recommend the following:

Monster.com. Career Advice. Job Interviews (online).  
The Ultimate Job Interview Preparation Guide. Glassdoor.com.  
Curry College Center for Career Development. Interview Playlist. YouTube.  
Wall Street Journal. How To Guides - Careers (online).

## **MINIMUM REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

All students will need all of the following:

- Computer with camera, microphone, and speakers.
- Skype installed on the computer with an active Skype account.
- Internet
- Printer
- Notebook paper
- Pens/pencils

If the student does not have a computer or internet, there will be some available for use at the school in the computer lab.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

There will be three tests throughout the course. Each test will count for 33.3% of the final grade.

Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
A+	99	4.0
A	97	3.8
A-	94	3.7
B+	89	3.3
B	85	3.0
B-	81	2.7
C+	77	2.3
C	73	2.0
C-	69	1.7
D	66	1.0
F	59	0.0

All students must earn at least a “D” in order to pass the class.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### *Analysis Table -*

In a table format write a list of your positive and negative qualities. In a third column analyze ways to present your positive qualities without appearing overconfident. In the final column how you could react if an interviewer asks about your negative

### *Interview Chart -*

Draw a chart detailing examples of difficult questions asked by modern-day companies and the best way to respond.

### *Demonstration -*

Using the list of negative qualities from your analysis paper demonstrate how you would handle criticism in a job interview.

## **WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS**

**Week 1** Overview of course and coursework  
Introduction: Selling Yourself

**Week 2** Analyzing your Self Worth

**Week 3** Job Hunting

**Week 4** Researching a Company

*Analysis Paper Due*

**Week 5** *Video review and Exam*

**Week 6** Applying for a job

**Week 7** Preparing for an Interview

**Week 8** Making a Good Impression

*Chart Due*

**Week 9** *Video review and Exam*

<b>Week 10</b>	Preparing to Answer Interview Questions
<b>Week 11</b>	Crafting Your Personal Image
<b>Week 12</b>	Following up after an Interview <i>Demonstration Due</i>
<b>Week 13</b>	<i>Video review and Final exam</i>