



## GEA 2000 World Regional Geography

Section: RVD

Internet/Fully Online

Fall Term 2023

### Professor Information

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**Turnaround Time:** Usually within 24 hours for messages

**Office:** Zoom

**Office Hours:**

By Appointment

**Additional Notes:**

I'm here to help! Please reach out :)

### Course Description and Purpose

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This is an introductory geography course that studies people and their relationships with the environment, making special emphasis on historical and current globalization processes. In this course we will survey major regions of the world, study historical and contemporary issues that pertain to each region and learn conceptual themes that transcend regional boundaries.

This course will introduce you to basic knowledge of the physical environment, political geography, population distribution, economic development, and ways of life in each region we cover. But much of geographical information cannot be contained in any textbook or covered by any length of lectures. In this class, you will be introduced to some tools for geographical exploration that range from searching for information to critically processing it. You will not be required to memorize trivial facts. Instead, we expect you to understand important concepts and explain processes and ideas that shape a world region.

The course fulfills the **Global Learning Foundations** requirement that counts toward your GL graduation requirement and the **University Core Curriculum** requirement for **Foundations of Social Inquiry**. GEA 2000 is designed to “investigate social, political, and economic configurations; cultural and psychological features of human life; gender, race/ethnicity, and social class; consciousness and identity; social interactions with the natural environment; and local, national, and global aspects of the human world.” For more information on the Global Learning Initiatives and the Global Learning Graduation Medallion, visit <http://goglobal.fiu.edu>.

## Course Goals

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### Global Learning Student Learning Outcome Addressed

- **Global Awareness:** Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the interrelatedness of local, global, international, and intercultural issues, trends, and systems.
  - Students will demonstrate a foundational knowledge of the world’s human and physical geographic features, institutions, and processes (such as trade, religion, environmental degradation and migration) and how they relate to each other.
- **Global Perspective:** Students will be able to conduct a multi-perspective analysis of local, global, international, and intercultural problems.
  - Students will be able to identify, differentiate between and apply multiple perspectives (including physical science, social science and popular

perspectives) to critically examine key geographic issues.

- **Global Engagement:** Students will be able to demonstrate willingness to engage in local, global, international, and intercultural problem solving.
  - Students will gain the ability to engage in actions that impact local and global processes, by coming to understand their connections to these processes (especially via their location in Miami).

## **Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives**

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Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a foundational knowledge of the world's human and physical geographic features, institutions, and processes (such as trade, religion, environmental degradation, and migration).
- Identify, differentiate between, and apply multiple perspectives (including physical science, social science, and popular perspectives) to critically examine key geographic issues.
- Engage in actions that impact local and global processes, by coming to understand their connections to these processes (especially via their location in Miami).
- Develop and improve students' map-based knowledge of key location in world regions, ability to communicate through academic writing, and think critically about the world.

## **Expectations of the Course**

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This is an **online course**, which means **all** of the course work will be submitted for grading online.

**Students** are expected to:

- review the getting started page located in the course modules;
- introduce yourself to the class during the first week by posting a self-introduction in the appropriate discussion;
- take the practice quiz to ensure that your computer is compatible with the learning management system, Canvas;
- interact online and in-person with instructor and peers;
- review and follow the course calendar and weekly outlines;
- log in to the course 2 times per week;
- attend in-person class 1 time per week;
- respond to discussions by the due date specified;
- respond to emails and/or Canvas messages within 2 days;
- submit assignments by the corresponding deadline;
- **Late work will be accepted; however, I cannot guarantee feedback will be as detailed for assignments and discussions submitted more than one day after the deadline.**

The **instructor** will:

- log in to the course daily;
- respond to discussion postings within 7 days of the deadline;
- respond to emails and/or Canvas messages within 24 hours;
- grade assignments within 7 days of the assignment deadline;
- provide opportunities for rough drafts, revisions and provide detailed feedback.

## **Assignments and Late Work Policy**

Works that are submitted after the deadlines will be accepted.

However, to receive complete feedback on rough drafts and have the opportunity to revise for full points, please make sure you submit the rough draft on the deadline unless otherwise discussed with the professor.

If you have a specific concern regarding an assignment, please reach out to me before the deadline. This is a good habit to get into both for university and the workplace. Professors and bosses are usually much more willing to work with you regarding deadlines if this is planned in advance.

No late work will be received after two weeks of any deadline.

Please note that ALL assignments must be received prior to the end of the term. I reserve the "finals" week to complete all grading so it is impossible for me to receive assignments beyond this period.

Let me also share, that I get it. When I was completing my MBA, I had a paper due on the same day as my wedding -- I literally finished and submitted the paper while they were doing my hair for the ceremony! I also took an online exam from a hospital bed the night before I had my daughter! So, I've been there. I get it. Sometimes, if you have WiFi, you can make it happen! Other times, you just need to plan in advance for an extension. You've committed to this course, so let's make it work! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me about deadlines or any questions.

For more information, please review the important information about the assignments page.

## **Commitment to Objectivity and Open Discussion**

The ideas included in this course are intended to be presented in an objective manner and not as an endorsement of what you should personally believe. Objective means that the idea presented can be tested by critical peer review and rigorous debate, and that the

idea is supported by credible research. In this course you will be asked to engage with complex ideas and to demonstrate an understanding of the ideas and/or concepts. Understanding an idea does not mean that you are required to believe it or even agree with it. You may decide that certain ideas are worthy of your personal belief while others are not.

Additionally, it is my position as an instructor to pair academic readings and theories with a range of diverse primary sources. My goal is to include a variety of unique voices from individuals and communities around the world, and bring these voices together in a way that encourages a broadening of perspectives and increased empathy.

### **Turnitin Policy**

The Final Project must be uploaded to the Turnitin.com link provided inside our course website (CANVAS).

Any exercise that has been plagiarized will result in a failing grade in the class, and other disciplinary actions. Please note that, in order to avoid any originality/plagiarism issues, we have set-up the Turnitin.com link so students can resubmit their work as many times as they wish until the deadline so they can fix any such issues in their work. In this regard, it is important to note that your last draft (before submitting your final exercise) must be uploaded to Turnitin.com 24 hours before the deadline; otherwise, the system (Turnitin.com) will not allow you to submit your final document before this deadline.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any assignments that have been plagiarized will earn an automatic failure grade in the course. Your work must be your own, original thoughts.

Plagiarism is cheating. Don't do it. The disciplinary action that will be taken in the case of plagiarism is explained in the section on "Academic Misconduct" in the Student Handbook.

If you are uncertain about what plagiarism is, check out the FIU website: <http://library.fiu.edu/assistance/plagiarism>

**Avoid plagiarism by using formal academic formatting.** Paraphrased ideas and data must be accompanied by in-text citations, and direct quotations must include quotation

marks and in-text citations. All sources cited must be properly formatted in the references list.

Here are two big topics that many students have expressed the need for more details about:

What is an academic resource? For me, an academic resource falls into two categories: a book written by a scholar in a specific field, or a peer-reviewed academic journal article. To learn about how to find academic sources, please check out the tutorial here:

<https://library.fiu.edu/onlinestudents/peer> (Links to an external site.)

Citations, paraphrasing, direct quotations, and formatting references can also be a huge, time consuming, beast of a task. The library has some great resources to help with this:

<https://library.fiu.edu/citation>

## Assignments

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Students will earn points by completing a variety of assignments including:

- Quizzes
- Discussion Boards in Canvas
  - Including one Co-Curricular Discussion Assignment
- Short Written Assignments
- Final Portfolio

## Assessments

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### Reading Quizzes

There will be two, non-cumulative quizzes in this course based on the readings, videos, outlines and other materials covered during the term. In addition, students will have the

opportunity to take one additional quiz (cumulative) on the last week of the term.

This assignment will serve as an assessment of your **Global Awareness**: Students will demonstrate a foundational knowledge of the world's human and physical geographic features, institutions, and processes (such as trade, religion, environmental degradation and migration) and how they relate to each other.

Just like any other in-campus test taken in a classroom, students are not allowed to take the quizzes in teams or share any information with classmates or any other individual. If you are in doubt, please read the FIU Academic Honesty Policy.

- All quizzes will be online.
- Each quiz will consist of 20 multiple-choice questions pertaining to the key concepts covered in the assigned reading from the textbook.
- Students will be allowed to take the quizzes two times, and only the best grade earned will be used to calculate your final grade in our course.
- Additional opportunities to take the quizzes will not be made available unless students reach out to the professor with a specific reason.

## Discussion Forums

**People learn best when communicating their ideas.** Take advantage of our class forums and group discussions to get help, share your moment, or let people in on your study plan for getting an A in the class. When we all participate, discussions are some of the most effective components to online learning.

This assignment will serve as an assessment of your **Global Perspective**: Students will be able to identify, differentiate between and apply multiple perspectives (including physical science, social science and popular perspectives) to critically examine key geographic issues.

To earn full points, **students are required to respond to at least 2 posts by other students and develop meaningful connections** with each other. I encourage meaningful discussions to be driven by student experiences, interests, and hobbies where global connections evolve organically; if the discussions do not achieve

meaningful exchange of global perspectives by mid-semester, I may create more structured smaller discussion groups to encourage meaningful conversations.

Keep in mind that your discussion forum postings will be seen by other members of the course. Care should be taken when determining what to post.

Remember to **use discretion** when posting and/or sending emails. These are FIU accounts and part of the course. Tone and content can be informal if appropriate for the assignment but think of all university communications as **professional** -- get into this habit and it will help you prepare for your future profession.

Keep in mind that your discussion forum postings will be seen by other members of the course. **Care should be taken when composing your discussion content.** Should I feel that content posted by students is inappropriate or is in any way offensive, insensitive, or in another way harmful to our online community, **I will intervene.** This includes links to content as well as images, links, and written words.

### **Co-Curricular Activity Discussion Assignment**

GEA 2000 is a Foundations/UCC course. This requires all students to complete a Co-Curricular Activity.

To complete this requirement, **one of the Discussion Assignments** described above requires students to either attend or watch a recorded "[Tuesday Times Roundtable](#)". The archive of previous Tuesday Times Roundtable discussions can be found on the [YouTube channel](#), where students may search the wide range of global topics.

For this discussion, students must attend or watch a roundtable discussion of any topic they choose. The discussion post must link specific examples that were part of the roundtable discussion to the topics and concepts we have covered throughout the course.

### **Written Exercises and Final Portfolio**

There will be **3 written exercises** related to the topics discussed in class, which will require you to apply concepts learned in this course. The globalization exercises and portfolio are worth 75% of your final grade combined. The exercises' structure will include a brief outline of your work and an analysis of the information provided in the form of an essay (the word count does not include the student's name, PID number, date of

submission, title, bibliography, etc.), a table, a map where you will summarize your findings, and a bibliography/references section. Details for the completion of the exercise are available inside the course website.

This assignment will serve as an assessment of your **Global Engagement**: Students will gain the ability to engage in actions that impact local and global processes, by coming to understand their connections to these processes (especially via their location in Miami). A note regarding references: you may use MLA or APA so that students may use the style that is the most familiar to their previous training and/or major. **Each written assignment must include references from our course' textbook**, including but not limited to key definitions and other important aspects related to the topics covered in each project. Students must include in-text citations of the course textbook in their essays, as well as complete reference of this source in a Bibliography page. More details about how to properly format in-text citations and reference lists will be provided in the course content on Canvas.

- 12-point font
- One-inch margins all around
- Double-spaced
- Number the pages

Each Writing Assignment will have a Rough Draft deadline. These rough draft submissions are optional. I will provide full feedback and an "as-is" grade for the draft along with specific feedback on how to revise for full points.

## Grading

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Insert notes about grading here. You may want to use something similar to the table below. Edit or remove the table as needed for your course.

**Example:**

<b>Course Requirements</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Points for Each</b>	<b>Total Points Available</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Quizzes	2	20	40	13.3%
Discussions	6	10	60	20%
Short Written Essays	3	50	150	50%
Final Portfolio	1	50	50	16.67%
Total	12	n/a	300	100%
<b>Total</b>	12	n/a	300	100%

## **Textbook and Course Materials for Purchase**

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If no materials listed, no items are needed.

### **WORLD REGIONS IN GLOBAL CONTEXT-TEXT**

**Required/Recommended:** Required

**Authors:** Sallie A. Marston, Paul Knox, Diana Liverman, Vincent Del Casino, Jr., Paul Robbins

**Publisher:** publisher, Dec-2016

**Publication Date:** Dec-2016

**Copyright Date:** 2016

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**ISBN 13:** 9780134183640

### **Panther Book Pack Undergraduate Rental Program**

FIU has implemented the Panther Book Pack rental program, which provides your required print and digital course materials at a flat rate of \$20 per undergraduate credit hour. When you registered for your classes this session, you were notified via email of the required course materials that are included in the Panther Book Pack. The Panther Book Pack program applies to all undergraduate credit hours per academic session. I recommend that you review the pricing for all materials across your classes this session

compared to the Panther Book Pack flat rate. If the Panther Book Pack is not your best option, you may opt out up to three days after the add/drop deadline. You may opt back into the Panther Book Pack up to three days after the add/drop deadline. If you do not opt out of the Panther Book Pack rental program, you will be charged \$20 per credit hour and the course materials will be reserved for you for the undergraduate courses for which you are registered. For more details, visit [bookpack.fiu.edu](http://bookpack.fiu.edu)

## **Other Course Materials and Open Educational Resources (OER)**

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Supplemental readings will be drawn from a variety of geographers and scholars in cognate fields, and will be made available through links on the course's FIU Canvas page. There will also be links to news articles, online data, and video materials provided in each module.

## **Course Communication**

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Communication in this course will take place via the Canvas Inbox. Check out the [Canvas Conversations Tutorial](#) or [Canvas Guide](#) to learn how to communicate with your instructor and peers using Announcements, Discussions, and the Inbox. I will respond to all correspondences within 24 hours.

## **Discussion Forums**

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Discussion forum postings will likely be seen by other members of the course. Care should be taken when determining what to post.

## **Zoom Video Conference**

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Zoom is a video conference tool that you can use to interact with your professor and fellow students by sharing screens, chatting, broadcasting live video/audio, and taking part in other interactive online activities. We will be utilizing this tool to conduct small group meetings or individual meetings as needed.

We will be utilizing this tool to conduct **Office Hours by Appointment**.

Zoom meetings can be accessed via the Zoom link in the course navigation menu. Once you click on the Zoom link, it will route you to join the meeting for the respective class session. You will also be able to view upcoming meetings, previous meetings that you have already joined, and meeting recordings. Before joining an actual class session:

- Reference the [Zoom Student Tutorials](#) to learn about the tool, how to access your meeting room, and share your screen.
- Access the [Zoom Test Meeting Room](#) to test out the software before joining an actual session.

If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the [FIU Canvas Help Team](#). Please ensure you contact support immediately upon the issue occurring.

## Canvas Schedule

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Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
8/23	<a href="#">Accelerated Semester Acknowledgement</a>	Quiz	1
8/27	<a href="#">Written Assignment #1 Rough Draft</a>	Assignment	0
8/27	<a href="#">Discussion 2</a>	Discussion	10
8/27	<a href="#">Discussion 1 - Introductions</a>	Discussion	10
8/27	<a href="#">Quiz 1</a>	Quiz	20

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Assignment Name</b>	<b>Assignment Type</b>	<b>Points</b>
8/27	<a href="#">Academic Honesty Policy</a>	Quiz	0
9/17	<a href="#">Extra Credit: "Life and Debt"</a>	Discussion	0
9/17	<a href="#">Written Assignment #2 Rough Draft</a>	Assignment	0
9/17	<a href="#">Discussion 3</a>	Discussion	10
9/17	<a href="#">Written Assignment #1 FINAL SUBMISSION</a>	Assignment	50
10/1	<a href="#">Quiz 2</a>	Quiz	20
10/1	<a href="#">Written Assignment #2 FINAL SUBMISSION</a>	Assignment	50
10/1	<a href="#">Discussion 4</a>	Discussion	10
10/15	<a href="#">Written Assignment #3 Rough Draft</a>	Assignment	0
10/15	<a href="#">Discussion 5</a>	Discussion	10
10/29	<a href="#">Written Assignment #3 FINAL SUBMISSION</a>	Assignment	50
10/29	<a href="#">Discussion 6 - Tuesday Times Roundtable</a>	Discussion	10

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Assignment Name</b>	<b>Assignment Type</b>	<b>Points</b>
10/29	<a href="#">Final Portfolio Rough Draft</a>	Assignment	0
11/12	<a href="#">Discussion Extra Credit Option</a>	Discussion	0
11/12	<a href="#">Final Project FINAL SUBMISSION</a>	Assignment	50
	<a href="#">Mid-Semester Grade (UCC Requirement)</a>	Assignment	100
	<a href="#">Open Forum</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Practice Quiz</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Introduce Yourself</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Introduce Yourself</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Practice Quiz</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Mid-Semester Grade (UCC Requirement)</a>	Assignment	100
	<a href="#">Open Forum</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Open Forum</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Practice Quiz</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Mid-Semester Grade (UCC Requirement)</a>	Assignment	100
	<a href="#">Mid-Semester Grade (UCC Requirement)</a>	Assignment	100

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	<a href="#">Open Forum</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Introduce Yourself</a>	Discussion	0
	<a href="#">Academic Honesty Policy</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Practice Quiz</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Academic Honesty Policy</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Academic Honesty Policy</a>	Quiz	0
	<a href="#">Introduce Yourself</a>	Discussion	0

## Policies

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Please review the [FIU's Policies webpage](#). The policies webpage contains essential information regarding guidelines relevant to all courses at FIU, as well as additional information about acceptable netiquette for online courses. For additional information, please visit [FIU's Policy and Procedure Library](#).

As a member of the FIU community, you are expected to be knowledgeable about the behavioral expectations set forth in the [FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code](#).

## Technical Requirements and Skills

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One of the greatest barriers to student success is a lack of basic computer literacy. By computer literacy, we mean being able to manage and organize computer files efficiently and learning to use your computer's operating system and software quickly and easily. Keep in mind that this is not a computer literacy course, but students enrolled in online

courses are expected to have moderate proficiency in using a computer. Please go to the [What's Required webpage](#) to find out more information on this subject

Privacy Policy Statements for Partners and Vendors

- [Canvas](#)
- [Microsoft](#)
- [Adobe](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [ProctorU](#)
- [HonorLock](#)
- [Turnitin](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)

Please visit our [Technical Requirements webpage](#) for additional information.

## **Accessibility and Accommodation**

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The Disability Resource Center collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. The DRC provides FIU students with disabilities the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. If you have a diagnosed disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact the Center at 305-348-3532 or visit them at the Graham Center GC 190.

For additional assistance please contact [FIU's Disability Resource Center](#).

Web Accessibility Statements for Partners and Vendors

- [Canvas](#)
- [Microsoft](#)
- [Adobe](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [ProctorU](#)
- [HonorLock](#)
- [Turnitin](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)

Please visit [accessibility.fiu.edu](https://accessibility.fiu.edu) for additional information about accessibility at FIU.

## Academic Integrity

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Florida International University is a community dedicated to generating and imparting knowledge through excellent teaching and research, the rigorous and respectful exchange of ideas, and community service. All students should respect the right of others to have an equitable opportunity to learn and honestly demonstrate the quality of their learning. Therefore, all students are expected to adhere to a standard of academic conduct, which demonstrates respect for themselves, their fellow students, and the educational mission of the University. All students are deemed by the University to understand that if they are found responsible for academic misconduct, they will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Conduct and Honor Code.

*Academic Misconduct includes:*

### **Cheating**

- The unauthorized use of any materials, information, study aids or assistance from another person on any academic assignment or exercise, unless explicitly authorized by the course Instructor;
- Assisting another student in the unauthorized use of any materials, information, study aids, unless explicitly authorized by the Instructor; and
- Having a substitute complete any academic assignment or completing an academic assignment for someone else, either paid or unpaid;

### **Plagiarism**

- The deliberate use and appropriation of another's work without any indication of the source and the representation of such work as the Student's own.
- Assisting another student in the deliberate use and appropriation of another's work without any indication of the source and the representation of such work as the student's own.

Learn more about the [academic integrity policies and procedures](#) as well as [student resources](#) that can help you prepare for a successful semester.

## **Panthers Care & Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

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If you are looking for help for yourself or a fellow classmate, Panthers Care encourages you to express any concerns you may come across as it relates to any personal behavior concerns or worries you have, for the classmate's well-being or yours; you are encouraged to share your concerns with [FIU's Panthers Care website](#).

[Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) offers free and confidential help for anxiety, depression, stress, and other concerns that life brings. Professional counselors are available for same-day appointments. Don't wait to call (305) 348-2277 to set up a time to talk or visit the online self-help portal.

## Inclusivity

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This course will serve to embrace the diversity and inclusivity found within Florida International University. We appreciate and respect diversity, equality, equity, cooperativeness, community, and sustainability within our online courses. We are committed to the ongoing education of our students and their participation within the course regardless of gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, geographical location, religion, and disability. We strive in encouraging collaboration by preparing our students to value the differences in others. At the core of our intentions is the encouragement of acceptance and appreciation of differences within our student population and community.

## Copyright

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The following conduct is prohibited by the Student Conduct and Honor Code. Lack of familiarity with University policy is not a defense to a violation of this Code. Unless specifically noted, the intent is not a required element to establish a policy violation. The following conduct violation or any attempt to violate the Code will be used in charging all Students or Student Organizations;

### **Section 5 | Conduct Violations - g. Computer Misuse**

- vii. Unauthorized distribution or downloading of copyrighted materials, including but not limited to, unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing. This is a violation whether the user is using their own personal computer or the University's information technology system for unauthorized distributions.

**Copyright Statement:** The materials and content in this online course are provided solely for student use during the course. Course materials may not be shared outside of the course or with any third party without the explicit permission of the instructor or content publisher. [Visit FIU Library's Copyright Lib Guide](#) to learn more about copyright law and restrictions.

Additional Resources:

- [Student Conduct and Honor Code](#)

- [Digital Millennium Copyright Act Policy](#)
- [FIU - Copyright Guidance for Students](#)
- [FIU Library's Copyright Lib Guide](#)

## Course Awards

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