

# OATC 4020 Virtual Office Technology [Term]

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**Office hours:**

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During office hours you can contact me via GoVIEW e-mail or instant messages tool. You can also reach me during office hours at the phone number provided to the left.

**NOTICE:** Please use the internal course e-mail for general correspondence. I provide my external e-mail address for emergencies only. I cannot answer questions, accept assignments, or discuss grades via external e-mail so please use it for emergencies only.

**Response Time:** Unless you are notified otherwise, I will work to respond to all student questions and emails within 24 hours during the week and 48 hours during the weekend.

## Attendance Verification

**IMPORTANT-** In order to confirm your attendance and participation in this course, you must complete the Mandatory Attendance Quiz AND the Introductions discussion activity before the participation deadline. Please note that failure to complete these activities may result in you being removed from the course.

Participation dates for the term can be found in the News widget on your course homepage or at the following URL: <https://emajor.usg.edu/degrees/calendar/index.php>. BOTH of these activities are required and can be found within the Course Content's Start Here folder.

## Course Description

A general overview of the skills needed to perform as a virtual office assistant in the modern office. Emphasis on the use of a time and information management software application. Increased awareness of the role of online meeting/internet telephone communication software in the workplace, Internet research, social networking tools in the workplace, e-commerce, and the use of mobile devices with today's business applications.

### Prerequisites:

- CISM 2201 or instructor approval

### Course Learning Outcomes:

This course should enable students to:

1. Demonstrate basic skills using social networking tools for workplace tasks.
2. Demonstrate basic knowledge of mobile devices.
3. Demonstrate basic knowledge of the various types of online communication tools used for virtual meetings.
4. Master the use of a communication software package to manage (create, edit, send, open, reply, forward, track) email messages.
5. Use an electronic calendar component of communication software to create, schedule, invite, edit, and cancel appointments, meetings, or events.
6. Use electronic mail and the Internet for communicating, locating resources, and downloading files and electronic media.
7. Demonstrate skills in creating, preparing for, and attending virtual meetings.
8. Explain the issues, impact, and relationships involved with e-commerce and businesses today.

## Required Text, Software, and Additional Materials

All required course materials are embedded in the 8 modules that make up the course.

Computer, camera, and microphone.

Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, web-based email (preferably Gmail), and video-conferencing software (Hangout, Skype, etc.)

## Bookstore:

The eMajor textbook listing and eMajor bookstore information can be found here: <https://emajor.usg.edu/degrees/textbooks.php>. Your home institution's bookstore may or may not carry your eMajor textbook. Please consult with the bookstore for special order options. You may also visit your preferred textbook provider or other vendor, such as Amazon.com, to order your eMajor textbook(s).

## Materials and Resources:

Some assignments will require that you have access to Microsoft Word. If you do not have access to Microsoft Word, you can utilize open source software such as Google Docs or Open Office that will allow you to save documents in Word format.

## Student Services

### Technical Assistance:

Having a correctly configured computer will help ensure your success in eMajor. Check the information at <https://emajor.usg.edu/future-students/technical-requirements.php> to be sure that your computer meets all the necessary technical requirements for hardware and software. Links to the plug-ins (special free software) that you will need are provided.

For technical assistance contact the 24/hour helpline at <https://d2lhelp.view.usg.edu/> (scroll down to the Student Support area).

In addition, please contact the eMajor Helpdesk Monday through Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM at 678-839-6400 or Toll Free 1-855-9EMAJOR (1-855-936-2567).

### Tutoring:

**Smarthinking** is an online tutoring resource for eMajor students available 24/7. Smarthinking provides tutoring in a variety of subjects including writing assistance, essay review, mathematics, and IT support for Microsoft Office. For login instructions, please refer to the [Smarthinking](#) page under Course Resources or access the following URL for additional Smarthinking technical support information: <https://emajor.usg.edu/current-students/student-guide/instructional-support#smarthinking-online-tutoring>.

**On-Campus Tutoring** is available to all eMajor students at their home institution. Contact the eMajor Liaison at your home institution to learn more about specific tutoring services available to you: <https://emajor.usg.edu/about/institutions/index.php>.

### Accessibility Services:

If you are a student who is disabled as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires assistance or support services, you must notify your instructor prior to attempting any activities or assessments in this course. In order to receive special accommodations, students must provide documentation from the accessibility services office at their affiliate/home institution or from the Regents Center for Learning Disorders.

Please contact the [eMajor Liaison](#) at your institution for additional information regarding the office of accessibility services on your campus, if needed. If you are unsuccessful in contacting the accessibility services office at your home campus for any reason, then you should contact the eMajor Administration at 678-839-6400 and/or send an email to [emajor@westga.edu](mailto:emajor@westga.edu) for further assistance. Please note that email communication is not secure and confidentiality cannot be assured if you elect to communicate via email.

Refer to the eMajor Student Success Guide for more information: <https://emajor.usg.edu/current-students/accessibility-services.php>.

## Course Format and Requirements

### Teaching Philosophy:

This course is designed to enhance students' ability to think critically about how technology and communication tools affect business and society. Students are encouraged to use technology to complete assignments designed to enhance their understanding of content. Written assignments are centered on the students' ability to demonstrate analytical and evaluation skills. I also addressed Extended Georgia Framework for Teaching in the following area: **Learning Environment:** Build instruction based on what students already know while stretching them beyond the familiar. Students are likely to be familiar with the software applications and companies used

in this course. I expect and teach students how to accept responsibility for their own learning and for the productivity of the class. Students are encouraged to research topics and incorporate researched and prior knowledge to assignments.

### Course Requirements (Instructional Methods):

1. Online Readings and Web Resources
2. 4 Module Discussions
3. 6 Module Assignments
4. 3 Quizzes
5. Final Project - Virtual Presentation

### Course Schedule:

**NOTE:** Schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.

DATE	READING ASSIGNMENTS	ACTIVITIES - What's Due?
<b>Module 1</b> xx/xx - xx/xx	Module 1 Online content	Mandatory Attendance Quiz Introduction Discussion Module 1 Discussion
<b>Module 2</b> x/x - x/x	Module 2 Online Content	Module 2 Discussion Module 2 Assignment Modules 1-2 Quiz
<b>Module 3</b> x/x - x/x	Module 3 Online Content	Module 3 Discussion Module 3 Assignment
<b>Module 4</b> x/x - x/x	Module 4 Online Content	Module 4 Discussion Module 4 Assignment
<b>Module 5</b> x/x - x/x	Module 5 Online Content	Module 5 Assignment Modules 3-5 Quiz
<b>Module 6</b> x/x - x/x	Module 6 Online Content	Module 6 Assignment
<b>Module 7</b> x/x - x/x	Module 7 Online Content	Module 7 Assignment Modules 6-7 Quiz
<b>Module 8</b> x/x - x/x	Module 8 Online Content	Final Project

## Grading and Standards

### Grade Breakdown:

GRADED ACTIVITY	WEIGHT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION

<b>Discussions</b>	20 %	You will have 4 discussions in this course. After you make an initial posting, you are required to post at least two responses to your classmates.
<b>Assignments</b>	30 %	There are 7 assignments throughout the course. Please refer to the course calendar for due dates. Details on each assignment can be found in the Assignments tool or in the activities section of each module in the course content.
<b>Quizzes</b>	30 %	You will have 3 quizzes covering the module content.
<b>Final Project</b>	20 %	The final project is a virtual presentation. Details can be found in the Final Project Assignment Folder.

### Grade Scale:

Grades are based on student performance and capability. Simply turning in all the assignments does not guarantee that the student will receive a "good grade." To receive a higher grade, a student must demonstrate proficiency in the material. For different students, gaining that proficiency requires different levels of work, because not all students walk into the class with the same aptitude for the course content. The standards for the respective grades are as follows:

- A: 90-100%
- B: 80-89%
- C: 70-79%
- D: 60-69%
- F: 0-59%

**The Grade of "I" (Incomplete):** The grade of "I" is given only to students whose completed coursework has been qualitatively satisfactory but who have been unable to complete all course requirements because of illness or other extenuating circumstances beyond their control. The instructor retains the right to make the final decision on granting a student's request for an "I".

### Expectations and Standards:

**A** – To achieve this grade the student must display superior performance in his/her course work. This includes demonstrating the ability to process and comprehend complex ideas, and to be able to convey those ideas to others in a clear, intelligent manner. An "A" student will go beyond simple requirements and seek to excel in his/her preparation for and presentation of assigned work. He/she will demonstrate excellence in communication skills and the ability to contextualize material.

**B** – To achieve this grade the student needs to display above average performance in his/her course work, including demonstrating the ability to process and comprehend complex ideas, while being able to convey those ideas in a clear, intelligent manner. A "B" student will also go beyond minimum requirements in terms of preparation and presentation of assigned work. He/she will demonstrate above average communication skills and ability to contextualize material.

**C** – For this grade the student must meet the minimum requirements for the course, displaying adequate performance in his/her course work, and adequately demonstrate the ability to comprehend complex ideas, while also being able to convey those ideas in a like manner. A "C" student demonstrates competence in terms of preparation and presentation of assigned work. He/she will demonstrate adequate communication skills and ability to contextualize materials.

**D** – A student receiving this grade is performing below the minimum requirements for the course. This could include failure to complete or turn in assignments on a timely basis, or failure to adequately demonstrate the ability to comprehend or convey complex ideas. A "D" student performs below the average in terms of preparation and presentation of assigned work. He/she may not be demonstrating adequate communication skills or ability to contextualize materials.



In an effort to foster an environment of academic integrity and to prevent academic dishonesty, students are expected to discuss with faculty the expectations regarding course assignments and standards of conduct. In addition, students are encouraged to discuss freely with faculty, academic advisers, and other members of the academic community any questions pertaining to the provisions of this policy.

Consult your **eMajor Student Success Guide** at <https://emajor.usg.edu/current-students/student-guide/> for further details on the **eMajor Academic Honesty Policy**.

## Definitions and Examples

The examples and definitions given below are intended to clarify the standards by which academic honesty and academically honorable conduct are to be judged.

- Plagiarism
- Cheating on examinations
- Unauthorized Collaboration
- Falsification
- Multiple Submissions
- Evidence and Burden of Proof

The list is merely illustrative of the kinds of infractions that may occur, and it is not intended to be exhaustive. Moreover, the definitions and examples suggest conditions under which unacceptable behavior of the indicated types normally occurs. However, there may be unusual cases that fall outside these conditions that also will be judged unacceptable by the academic community.

## Plagiarism

**NOTE: Plagiarism detection systems are often used by eMajor faculty members. For example, see the following site: [http://turnitin.com/en\\_us/training/student-training](http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/student-training). Faculty are also advised to report violations to the eMajor Administrative offices for investigation.**

Plagiarism is presenting another person's work as one's own. Plagiarism includes any paraphrasing or summarizing of the works of another person without acknowledgment, including the submitting of another student's work as one's own. Plagiarism frequently involves a failure to acknowledge in the text, notes, or footnotes the quotation of the paragraphs, sentences, or even a few phrases written or spoken by someone else.

The submission of research or completed papers or projects by someone else is plagiarism, as is the unacknowledged use of research sources gathered by someone else when that use is specifically forbidden by the instructor. Failure to indicate the extent and nature of one's reliance on other sources is also a form of plagiarism.

Finally, there may be forms of plagiarism that are unique to an individual discipline or course, examples of which should be provided in advance by the instructor. The student is responsible for understanding the legitimate use of sources, the appropriate ways of acknowledging academic, scholarly, or creative indebtedness, and the consequences of violating this responsibility.

## Cheating on Examinations

Cheating on examinations involves giving or receiving unauthorized help before, during, or after an examination. Examples of unauthorized help include the use of notes, texts, "crib sheets," websites, electronic documents or notes, and computer programs during an examination (unless specifically approved by the instructor), or sharing information with another student during an examination (unless specifically approved by the instructor). Other examples include intentionally allowing another student to view one's own examination and forbidden collaboration before or after an examination.

## Unauthorized Collaboration

Submission for academic credit of a work product, developed in substantial collaboration with other person or source but represented as one's own effort, is unauthorized. Seeking and providing such assistance is a violation of academic honesty. However collaborative work specifically authorized by an instructor is allowed.

## Falsification

It is a violation of academic honesty to misrepresent material or fabricate information in an academic exercise, assignment or

proceeding. Some examples of falsification are:

- false or misleading citation of sources
- the falsification of the results of experiments or of computer data
- false or misleading information in an academic context in order to gain an unfair advantage.

## **Multiple Submissions**

It is a violation of academic honesty to submit substantial portions of the same work for credit more than once without the explicit consent of the instructor(s) to whom the material is submitted for additional credit. In cases in which there is a natural development of research or knowledge in a sequence of courses, use of prior work may be desirable, or required. However, the student is responsible for indicating in writing, that the current work submitted for credit is cumulative in nature.

## **Evidence and Burden of Proof**

In determining whether or not academic dishonesty has occurred, guilt must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. This means that if the evidence that academic dishonesty occurred produces a stronger impression and is more convincing compared to opposing evidence, then academic dishonesty has been proven. In other words, the evidence does not have to be enough to free the mind from a reasonable doubt but must be sufficient to incline a reasonable and impartial mind to one side of the issue rather than to the other. Evidence as used in this statement can be any observation, admission, statement, or document that would either directly or circumstantially indicate that academic dishonesty has occurred. Electronic means may be used to monitor student work for the inappropriate use of the work of others.

## **Discover an Error?**

If you discover a typo, broken image, or other error in your eMajor course, use the [eMajor Student Change Request Form](#) to report the required change. Once the form is submitted, an eMajor staff member will contact you within 48 hours.

Please note that this form is NOT for grade related or instructor related complaints. To report this type of information, please access the [Student Complaint Policy](#) page on the eMajor website.