

# NRES 374 | 482 Schmeckle Practicum

## Syllabus – Spring 2024

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### Course Information

#### Instructor Information

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**Chris McCart Office Hours:** Drop-in Mondays 1:00-2:00 @ Schmeckle, Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 @ TNR 182, Thursdays 1:00-2:00, Fridays 10:00-11:00 @ TNR 182 or email to schedule a zoom appointment.

**Griffin Bray Office Hours:** TBA

#### Course Information

**Description:** In practicum, you gain practical, mentored experiences planning and implementing interpretive programs and media. NRES 482 is 6 credits, NRES 374 is 3 credits.

**Workload:** For each credit, plan on a minimum of 3 hours per week, on average, of meetings, on-site preparation, off-site planning, and programs. Students in NRES 374 should plan ~9 hours per week and students in NRES 482 should plan ~18 hours per week.

**Weekly Meeting:** Mondays 2:00-4:50 p.m. at Schmeckle Reserve Meeting Room

**On-Site Preparation Time:** Students in 374 schedule a minimum of two (2) on-site hours per week; students in 482 sign up for a minimum of four (4) on-site hours per week.

**Candlelight Character Preparation:** Monday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. - 4:50 p.m. & Friday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. – 4:50 p.m.

**Candlelight Character Program Performances:** Friday, May 3, 7:30-8:00 & 8:30-9:00 p.m.

**To Be Scheduled:** 374: 1 public program, 1 program assist. 482: 2 public programs, 2 program assists.

#### Communication Guidelines

**Preferred Methods of Communication** (in order of preference): Before, during, or after our Monday meetings, during office hours, or by zoom by appointment (email to schedule and receive link), or via university email to [cmccart@uwsp.edu](mailto:cmccart@uwsp.edu).

**Email Guidelines:** Use your university email and a clear, concise description of your question and what you have done so far to answer your question. Include the entire thread of an ongoing email conversation. Include both McCart and Bray. If a question is complex, it is usually best to communicate in person.

**Expected Instructor Response Times:** We usually respond to student emails within 24 hours and grade assignments within one week.

#### Required Course Materials

**Digital Workbook** (in Canvas):

Brochu, L. & Merriman, T. (2017). *Certified interpretive guide training workbook* (5th ed.). Fort Collins, CO: InterpPress.

**Handed out in previous EE & I Courses** (available for purchase from Schmeckle or check-out from instructor):

Buchholz, J., Lackey, B., Gross, M. & Zimmerman, R. (2015). *The interpreter's guidebook: Techniques for programs and presentations* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). UW-SP Foundation.

Gross, M., Zimmerman, R., & Buchholz, J. (2006). *Signs, trails, and wayside exhibits: Connecting people and places* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). UWSP Foundation Press.

Buchholz, J. (n.d.). *NRES 369 Interpretive media lab tutorials*. UWSP Schmeckle Reserve.

#### Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of practicum, the students will be able to...

- Plan, market, and implement thematic, organized, relevant, and engaging **interpretive programs**.
- Plan, design, and fabricate **interpretive media**.
- Collaborate with peers, supervisors, and stakeholders in a professional and productive manner while assuming different **leadership roles** and employing different **leadership skills** and developing your **signature style**.
- Reflect on practice** through the lens of [Cultivating Genius](#), [Interpretation Standards](#), and [Certified Interpretive Guide](#).

## Assessment of Learning Outcomes

Categories and Assignments	Points	
	374	482
<b>Outcome A: Interpretive Programs</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>440</b>
1. Oral Interpretation Review Quiz	10	10
2. Brainstorming	10	10
3. Schmeckle Resources Scavenger Hunt	10	10
4. Certified Interpretive Guide Training & Workbook	50	50
5. Draft Interpretive Program Outline for Program #1	10	10
6. Draft Interpretive Program Outline for Program #2	--	10
7. Dress Rehearsal + Revised Outline for Program #1	25	25
8. Dress Rehearsal + Revised Outline for Program #2	--	25
9. Final Program Outline for Program #1 <sup>1</sup>	40	40
10. Final Program Outline for Program #2 <sup>1</sup>	--	40
11. Interpretive Program #1	100	100
12. Interpretive Program #2	--	100
13. Individual Character Plan	10	10
<b>Outcome B: Interpretive Media</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>270</b>
14. Interpretive Media Review Quiz	10	10
15. Program Description + Image for Program #1 <sup>1</sup>	20	20
16. Program Description + Image for Program #2 <sup>1</sup>	--	20
17. Conceptual Video Plan	--	10
18. Conceptual Sign Plan	10	10
19. Final Nature Note Video <sup>1</sup>	--	100
20. Final Sign <sup>1</sup>	100	100
<b>Outcome C: Leadership Roles &amp; Skills</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>180</b>
21. Leadership Review Quiz	--	10
22. Leadership Project Coaching	--	10
23. Leadership Project: <sup>1</sup> Flyer, Nature Videos (Media Plan), Sign Trail (Media Plan), Character Program (Script + Set + Friends Funding Request)	--	100
24. Designated Leadership	--	30
25. Assistant for Public Interpretive Program #1	10	10
26. Assistant for Public Interpretive Program #2	--	10
27. Active Followership, Peer Leadership, & Self Leadership	10	10
<b>Outcome D: Reflection</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>
28. Self-Critique Dress Rehearsal #1	10	10
29. Self-Critique Dress Rehearsal #2	--	10
30. Post-Program #1 Evaluation & Edited Program Video	10	10
31. Post-Program #2 Evaluation & Edited Program Video	--	10
32. Peer Feedback	60	60
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>990</b>

### Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) Option

- ❑ You can become a CIG via the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) as part of this course by registering and paying the \$140 fee ([here](#)) using the course code of **GI020424M** by February 16. You must earn 80%+ for outline and program.

<sup>1</sup> Projects scoring less than 80% or containing spelling or grammar errors must be revised and re-submit by the date listed in Canvas Comments. Re-submits earn average of previous score and final score.

## Technology

### Course Technology Requirements

- ❑ **Minimum recommended computer and internet configurations for Canvas:** You need a stable internet connection, and a good backup location should you have technical difficulties. Avoid relying on your phone.
- ❑ **Canvas:** We use this for course announcements, assignment instructions and submissions, rubrics, grades, and resources. Students must self-enroll in the Schmeeckle Canvas Course at <https://uwstp.instructure.com/enroll/E3EPJC>.
- ❑ **Schmeeckle S Drive:** We use these shared files for media and group projects. Each student has a folder for their materials, each major project has a group folder. See Canvas for instructions on how to gain access to the Schmeeckle S Drive. Plan to use on-campus computers (either in Schmeeckle Media Lab or Campus computer labs) for best results.
- ❑ **Access to a Printer and Laminator:** You can print and laminate practicum-related items at Schmeeckle at no cost.
- ❑ **Legible:** For hand-written assignments, make sure your writing is legible.
- ❑ **Submissions:** It is the student's responsibility to double check that their homework is submitted to the correct location(s) using the approved file formats as indicated in the assignment instructions and to double check that the files were uploaded correctly. Avoid .pages and .heic files. Inaccessible files are not eligible for deadline extensions.

### Canvas Support

UWSP contracts with Canvas for 24/7/365 support. Several support options are available to users. Click on the help button (question mark) in the global navigation menu on the left side of the screen and select the support option that best meets your needs. You can self-train on Canvas through the [Self-enrolling/paced Canvas training course](#).

### Technology Support

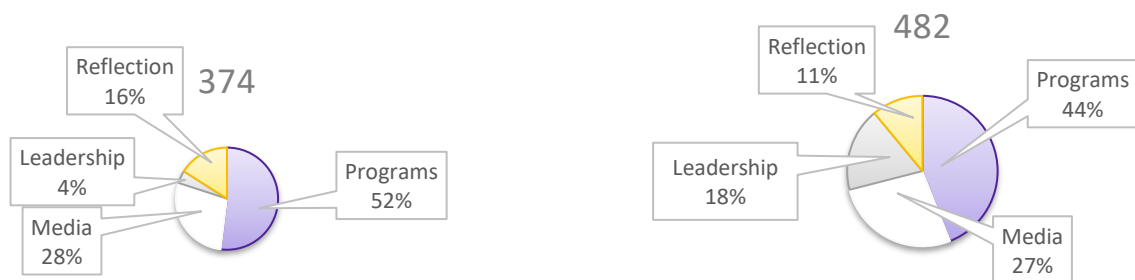
Contact the [IT Service Desk](#) for technology issues. You can drop into the IT office located north of Dunkin Donuts, or call them at 715-346-4357 (HELP), or email them at [techhelp@uwsp.edu](mailto:techhelp@uwsp.edu). Consider the [Tech Essentials for Student Success \(TESS\)](#) program.

### Electronic Devices:

As a courtesy to those enrolled in the course, please turn off all cell phones and other devices and place them out-of-site in your bags as these are often a distraction to you, your classmates, and the instructor. Thank you in advance for your professionalism.

## Grading Policies

### Grade Distribution



### Letter Grade Assignment

Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total points earned and are assigned as follows:

94 – 100% = A	87 – 89% = B+	80 – 83% = B-	74 – 76% = C	67 – 69% = D+	60 – 63% = D-
90 – 93% = A-	84 – 86% = B	77 – 79% = C+	70 – 73% = C-	64 – 66% = D	< 60% = F

Students with regular participation will be rounded up 0.5%. Grades for NRES 482 are average of CWES grade and Schmeeckle grade.

### Assessment Criteria

See Canvas Assignments for detailed instructions and grading criteria for each assignment. Assessments are aligned with [Course Learning Outcomes](#), required pre-requisite courses as detailed in required textbooks, [CIG Criteria](#), and [professional standards](#).

## Late Policy

Weekly assignments are due Fridays by 5:00 p.m. Late assignments are docked -0.5% per hour late without external documentation. Two lowest scoring CIG workbook assignments, and one lowest scoring peer review will be automatically dropped. You may request **one** (1) no-excuse 48-hour extension on a media project by emailing [cmccart@uwsp.edu](mailto:cmccart@uwsp.edu) prior to the deadline.

## Dress Rehearsals

Plan to present your program *in its entirety* (including props, costumes, demonstrations, media for program, etc.) to your peers. Failure to be prepared for the dress rehearsal may result in cancellation of your dress rehearsal and subsequent public presentation with no opportunity to make up those points.

## Competency-Based Grading

Projects that will be exhibited publicly require a minimum score of 80% with no significant spelling or grammar errors. Projects scoring less than 80% or containing significant spelling or grammar errors must be revised and re-submitted by the date listed in assignment feedback in Canvas Comments. Re-submits earn the average of the initial score and the final score. If the assignment is not resubmitted the project will not be exhibited publicly, and the grade will be an average of the initial score and zero points. Start assignments early and get feedback prior to deadline for best results.

## Participation & Professionalism

Regular on-time attendance, preparation, and participation are expected. Attendance is taken at the beginning of class. Tardiness, excessive breaks and/or electronics use can count as an absence. Your final grade may be dropped 5% for each undocumented absence after three absences. You also have one no-excuse absence from on-site preparation time. To provide more transparency on what is meant by “professionalism” the College of Natural Resources has prepared these [CNR Principles of Professionalism](#).

## Regrade Request Form

To report a mistake in grading, download and complete this [Regrade Request Form](#) and submit it to the same assignment for which you are requesting a regrade no sooner than 24 hours after an assignment is graded and no later than one week after an assignment is graded.

## Viewing Feedback and Grades in Canvas

Feedback is provided in Canvas via annotations to submissions, in the rubric, and in the comments. Points earned are usually posted within one week of the due date although major projects may take longer to review. Feedback for late assignments may be limited and take longer to return.

# Student Support Resources

## Academic and Career Advising Center (ACAC)

209 Collins Classroom Center (CCC)  
1801 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715-346-3226  
[acac@uwsp.edu](mailto:acac@uwsp.edu)

## Counseling Center

Delzell Hall  
910 Fremont Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715-346-3553  
[counsel@uwsp.edu](mailto:counsel@uwsp.edu)

### Mental Health Resources for Students:

- [Mantra Health](#): *Teletherapy & telepsychiatry*
  - Diverse therapists
  - After-hours availability
  - Medication evaluations & prescriptions
- [You@UWSP](#):
  - Self-help & Well-being platform
- [Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services](#): 24/7 mental health support
  - *Call or text: 888-531-2142*
  - [Start a chat session](#)
  - *Crisis care available*

## Dean of Students Office

2100 Main Street  
Old Main, Room 212  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897  
Phone: 715-346-2611; [DOS@uwsp.edu](mailto:DOS@uwsp.edu)

## Equal Access and Disability Accommodations

- If you have a condition that may impact your learning and/or participation in course activities, please contact the [Disability Resource Center](#) (DRC). The DRC will engage in an interactive process with students and identify appropriate academic accommodations and auxiliary services in accordance with the University's legal obligations. Instructors, students, and DRC staff work collaboratively to establish any necessary adjustments or supports. Accommodations are rarely applied retroactively so it is vital that students make timely requests. Please let me know if you have questions. The DRC is located in 108 Collins Classroom Center and can be reached at 715/346-3365 and [drc@uwsp.edu](mailto:drc@uwsp.edu).

## Student Health Service

Delzell Hall  
910 Fremont St  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715-346-4646

## Tutoring-Learning Centers

### Stevens Point Campus Tutoring-Learning Center

234 Collins Classroom Center (CCC)  
1801 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715-346-3568  
[tlctutor@uwsp.edu](mailto:tlctutor@uwsp.edu)

### Marshfield Campus Tutoring-Learning Center

Library dx  
2000 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marshfield, WI 54449  
715-898-6036  
[roleary@uwsp.edu](mailto:roleary@uwsp.edu)

### Wausau Campus Tutoring-Learning Center

Library  
518 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715-261-6148  
[lorandal@uwsp.edu](mailto:lorandal@uwsp.edu)

## **Additional UWSP Policies**

### **Absences due to Military Service**

- As stated in the UWSP Catalog, you will not be penalized for class absence due to unavoidable or legitimate required military obligations, or medical appointments at a VA facility, not to exceed two (2) weeks unless special permission is granted by the instructor. You are responsible for notifying faculty members of such circumstances as far in advance as possible and for providing documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students to verify the reason for the absence. The faculty member is responsible for providing reasonable accommodation or opportunities to make up exams or other course assignments that have an impact on the course grade. For absences due to being deployed for active duty, please refer to the [Military Call-Up Instructions for Students](#).

### **Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures**

#### **Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures**

##### ***UWSP 14.01 Statement of Principles***

- The board of regents, administrators, faculty, academic staff, and students at the University of Wisconsin System believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the University of Wisconsin System. The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards must be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions.

##### ***UWSP 14.03 Academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action:***

- Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:
  - (a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation.
  - (b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise.
  - (c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records.

- (d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others.
- (e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance.
- (f) Assists other students in any of these acts.
- Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cheating on an examination; collaborating with others in work to be presented that is contrary to the stated rules of the assignment; submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another; submitting a paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas; stealing examinations or course materials; **submitting work previously presented in another course without prior approval (known as "self-plagiarism");** tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student; knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

#### **Artificial Intelligence Policy (AI)**

- Students need to cite the source of ideas that are not their own; this includes ideas generated by Artificial Intelligence. Here is how AI needs to be cited in this course:
  - **In-Text Citation:** "When given the prompt of \_\_\_\_\_, the ChatGPT generated text indicated " \_\_\_\_\_." (OpenAI, 2023; see Appendix A for the full transcript).
  - **Reference List:** OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (August 21 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/chat>.
- Use of AI for brainstorming is an appropriate use of this tool, but the source of unique ideas that are not your own need to be cited as above.
- Use of AI as part of the revision process to check your drafts for spelling, grammar, and writing clarity is an appropriate use of this tool if you review the output for accuracy.
- When in doubt about the appropriate use of AI in an academic setting focused on learning, please visit your instructor for prior approval.

#### **Clery Act**

- The US Department of Education requires universities to disclose and publish campus crime statistics, security information, and fire safety information annually. Statistics for the three previous calendar years and policy statements are released on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> in our [Annual Security Report](#). Another requirement of the Clery Act is that the campus community must be given timely warnings of ongoing safety threats and immediate/emergency notifications. For more information about when and how these notices will be sent out, please see our [Jeanne Clery Act](#) page.

#### **Commit to Integrity and Professionalism**

- As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

#### **Confidentiality**

- Learning requires risk-taking and sharing ideas. Please keep your classmates' ideas and experiences confidential outside the classroom unless permission has been granted to share them.

#### **Copyright Infringement**

- This is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act. Each year students violate these laws and campus policies, putting themselves at risk of federal prosecution. For more information about what to expect if you are caught, or to take preventive measures to keep your computing device clean, visit our [copyright page](#).

#### **Dropping UWSP Courses**

- It is the student's responsibility to understand when they need to consider unenrolling from a course. Refer to the UWSP [Academic Calendar](#) for dates and deadlines for registration. After this period, a serious and compelling reason is required to drop from the course. Serious and compelling reasons includes: (1) documented and significant change in work hours, leaving student unable to attend class, or (2) documented and severe physical/mental illness/injury to the student or student's family.

## Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

- The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) requires institutions of higher education to establish policies that address unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs. The DFSCA also requires the establishment of a drug and alcohol prevention program. The Center for Prevention lists information about alcohol and drugs, their effects, and the legal consequences if found in possession of these substances. [Center for Prevention – DFSCA](#)

## Emergency Procedures

- In the event of a **medical emergency call 9-1-1**. There is a phone available on the first floor of Trainer Natural Resource Building and at the Visitor Center at Schmeeckle Reserve. Help if trained and willing to do so. Guide emergency responders to victims.
- In the event of a **tornado warning, proceed to the lowest level interior room** without window exposure. See [www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures/other/floor-plans.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures/other/floor-plans.aspx) for floor plans showing severe weather shelters on campus. Avoid wide-span structures (gyms, pools, or large classrooms).
- In the event of a **fire alarm, evacuate the building** in a calm manner. Gather outside the nearest entrance 200 yards away from the building for a head count and further announcements.
- **Active Shooter – RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.** If trapped, hide, lock doors, turn off lights, spread out and remain quiet. Call 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so. Follow instructions of emergency responders.
- See UW-Stevens Point Emergency Procedures at [www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures](http://www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures) for details on all emergency response at UW-Stevens Point.

## FERPA

- The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) provides students with a right to protect, review, and correct their student records. Staff of the university with a clear *educational need to know* may also have access to certain student records. Exceptions to the law include parental notification in cases of alcohol or drug use, and in case of a health or safety concern. FERPA also permits a school to disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records, without consent, to another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.
- Lecture materials and recordings are protected intellectual property at UW-Stevens Point. Students in this course may use the materials and recordings for their personal use related to participation in this class. Students may also take notes solely for their personal use. If a lecture is not already recorded, you are not authorized to record my lectures without my permission unless you are considered by the university to be a qualified student with a disability requiring accommodation. [Regent Policy Document 4-1] Students may not copy or share lecture materials and recordings outside of class, including posting on internet sites or selling to commercial entities. Students are also prohibited from providing or selling their personal notes to anyone else or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial firm without the instructor's express written permission. Unauthorized use of these copyrighted lecture materials and recordings constitutes copyright infringement and may be addressed under the university's policies, UWS Chapters 14 and 17, governing student academic and non-academic misconduct.

## Inclusivity Statement

- It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your kindly delivered suggestions are encouraged and appreciated.

## Incomplete Policy

- Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition the instructor for an incomplete grade. An incomplete will only be assigned if a student has made sufficient progress in the course as evidenced by timely communication, regular attendance, and submission of at least 50% of the assignments.
- An incomplete requires the student to meet with the instructor prior to the end of the semester to co-create a written plan for completion, including required deadlines for completion. Failure to follow the written plan immediately voids the agreement and the student will be scored based on work to date.

## Religious Beliefs Accommodation

- It is UW System policy ([UWS 22](#)) to reasonably accommodate your sincerely held religious beliefs with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements. You will be permitted to make up an exam or other academic requirement at another time or by an alternative method, without any prejudicial effect, if:
  - There is a scheduling conflict between your sincerely held religious beliefs and taking the exam or meeting the academic requirements; and

- You have notified your instructor within the first three weeks of the beginning of classes (first week of summer or interim courses) of the specific days or dates that you will request relief from an examination or academic requirement.
- Your instructor will accept the sincerity of your religious beliefs at face value and keep your request confidential.
- Your instructor will schedule a make-up exam or requirement before or after the regularly scheduled exam or requirement.
- You may file any complaints regarding compliance with this policy in the Equity and Affirmative Action Office.

## Title IX

- UW-Stevens Point is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. Title IX and institutional policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, which includes harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In the event that you choose to disclose information about having survived sexual violence, including harassment, rape, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, and specify that this violence occurred while a student at UWSP, federal and state laws mandate that I, as your instructor, notify the Title IX Coordinator/Office of the Dean of Students.
- Please see the information on the [Dean of Students webpage](#) for information on making confidential reports of misconduct or interpersonal violence, as well as campus and community resources available to students. For more information see the [Title IX page](#).