

**UGS 150-26: Gorilla Gateway – Fall 2022**  
**Kelce 215**  
**M/W 9-9:50**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Foundation course for student transition into the intellectual life of the university and relating academic knowledge to broader life and career pursuits. Must be taken in the first fall or spring semester of enrollment at PSU. Prerequisite: None

Required Text: None

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Research as Discovery: Student will describe information sources for appropriate use in formulating research questions and applying research methods
- Information Validity: Student will describes the information need and the contexts in which information is created and disseminated
- Evidence of Digital Competency: Student will describe effective search strategies within digital systems
- Financial Literacy: Student will understand financial strategies for lifelong financial security.
- Self-Management: Student will define ethical management, respectful engagement, and critical thinking skills
- Professional Development: Student will identify the strategies for life-long learning, and the problem-solving/decisions-making processes
- Leadership Initiative: Student will understand effective leadership methods

**GRADING POLICY:** The grade you earn will be based on your performance on assignments, including quizzes, tests, and attendance.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

Assignments must be submitted in the manner requested and by the due date indicated. No late work will be accepted.

**ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION:**

Preparation, attendance, and participation are necessary to be successful in this course. You are expected to be an active participant in class discussions, assignments, and activities. Regardless of the reason for an absence, it is your responsibility to

<b>GRADING SCALE</b>	
<i>To earn</i>	<i>You need at least</i>
A	90%
B	80%
C	70%
D	60%

submit assignments on time, request materials from the instructor, and otherwise get caught up on coursework. Please note that you should not attend class if you are ill – particularly, if you might be contagious!

### **COURSE & UNIVERSITY POLICIES:**

Title IX Compliant Education: Completion of the Everfi Sexual Assault Prevention assignment is required for a student to be eligible for enrollment in future terms at PSU

Academic Honesty: Each student is expected to do and submit his/her own work and not that of others. Please refer to the catalog for the university policy on academic dishonesty. As per the Pittsburg State University 2020 Catalog, “Academic dishonesty...is defined as unethical activity associated with course work or grades.” Additionally, “unless otherwise stated by the instructor, exams, quizzes, and out-of-class assignments are meant to be individual, rather than group, work.” A violation of the academic dishonesty policy may result in a grade of F on the assignment, in the course, and possibly dismissal from the university.

Accommodations are administered through the Center for Student Accommodations for students with physical and/or learning disabilities (contact information: phone 620-235-6584 or Russ Hall, room 219).

Syllabus Supplement – Fall 2022:

<https://www.pittstate.edu/registrar/syllabus-supplement.html>

The instructor retains the right to change or amend the syllabus, schedule, and/or assignments.

## **Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities**

### **Article 34. Student Conduct Code Summary. NOT TO BE USED IN LIEU OF ACTUAL CODE.**

The following is a brief summary of Pittsburg State University's Student Conduct Code. The Code can be found in its entirety at <https://studentlife.pittstate.edu/code-of-student-rights-and-responsibilities.html> under Article 34 of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

#### Section A – General Conduct Policy

Promotes and encourages free inquiry and free expression but prohibits acts that are disruptive to the University Community.

#### Section C – Authority and Responsibility

Makes students and student organizations responsible for their conduct. Designates a Campus Judicial Officer to discipline violators via a non-adversarial confidential hearing.

#### Section D – Application of Laws and Off-Campus Activities

Holds students and student organizations responsible for their off-campus acts when they adversely impact the University's educational functions. This includes violations of federal, state, and local laws.

#### Section E – Prohibited Conduct

Subjects students and student organizations to sanctions for engaging in prohibited conduct. Prohibited conduct broadly includes disruption of University activities or operations, assault, battery, harassment, disorderly conduct, illegal drug use or distribution, dangerous behaviors, possession of dangerous contraband, damage to property, theft, misuse of University documents, equipment, or intellectual property, breaking and entering, misappropriation of a student organization's funds, fraud, false reports, and violations of the University alcohol policy, hazing policy, academic misconduct policy, disciplinary sanctions, and federal, state and local laws.

#### Section F – Disciplinary Process

This code shall be applied to all students. The Campus Judicial Officer initiates the charges against the student or student organization upon the submission of a written complaint. Notice of the charges are given to the accused. The accused arranges a meeting with the Judicial Officer or a hearing is held without the accused. At the meeting, the Judicial Officer advises the accused of the charges, hearing process, and rights thereto and may determine the complaint lacks merit and dismiss. The accused accepts responsibility or pleads not responsible to the complaint's allegations. A hearing with the Discipline Hearing Committee is held if the accused pleads not responsible. At the hearing, the Judicial Officer presents the charges to the Hearing Officer. The complaining party presents witnesses and/or evidence pre-approved by the Judicial Officer. The accused does the same. The Hearing Officer renders a decision within 48 hours.

#### Section G – Disciplinary Sanctions

Sanctions are imposed to protect the University from detrimental behaviors and help students identify the parameters of acceptable behavior. Sanctions are based on the severity of the violation. They may include expulsion, suspension, residence hall eviction, probation, warnings, restitution, suspension of organizational privileges, termination of organizational status, or other sanctions as determined by the Hearing Officer.

#### Section H – Appeals

An appeal of the Campus Judicial Officer or Disciplinary Hearing Committee's decision may be made in writing to the Vice President for Student Life based on a procedural error or material newfound evidence.

Section I – Summary Suspension

A student may be summarily suspended, prior to a hearing with the Disciplinary Hearing Committee, if there is reason to believe the student represents an immediate threat to the safety of him/herself, others, or property. A student may request a meeting with the proper University authorities within five days of a summary suspension to discuss the reliability of the information used to summarily suspend.

**Important – Game Day**  
**Football Tailgating**  
**Rules Enforcement Information**  
**For PSU Students!**

Gorilla Nation is looking forward to a great tailgate atmosphere each game day and expects a capacity crowd for activities leading up to kick-off. Pittsburg State University wants everyone to enjoy its game-day atmosphere but do so in a responsible and safe manner. For full policy regarding game day tailgating visit [www.pittstate.edu/GameDay](http://www.pittstate.edu/GameDay).

The university has a time limit on alcohol consumption in tailgating areas. You are welcome to remain in the designated tailgating areas during the game, but alcohol consumption will not be allowed in these locations after the scheduled kick-off time.

Please know that University police, in conjunction with our partners from the city, county and state, including the Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control will be on hand each game day to ensure that only those who are of legal age are consuming alcohol.

It is important to emphasize that those who are of legal age must possess legal identification as proof and must be able to present it to law enforcement, security personnel or university officials if asked.

Just as at any other public event, state law prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages.

If you are found in violation of this state law the penalties can be significant and include:

Unlawfully hosting minors consuming alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage (minimum \$1,000 fine)

Furnishing alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage to a minor (minimum \$200 fine)

Purchase, possession or consumption by underage persons (not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 fine or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or not more than 80 hours of public service or combination of the three, as well as loss of driver's license for up to 1 year)

Consumption on public property (up to \$500 fine)

Possession or display of false identification (maximum penalty of 6 months in jail, a fine up to \$1000, and alcohol education)

The university, under the authority of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, has the authority to hold individual students accountable for violations of the conduct code stemming from violations associated with game day and tailgating activities.

## Summary of PSU's Alcohol Policy

This document is intended to provide a basic overview of PSU's Alcohol Policy. It is not intended to be a substitute for reading the policy in its entirety. The full policy can be found on PSU's website.

### General:

- The PSU President must preapprove events held on campus where alcohol is served, other than tailgating.
- The only location in which alcohol is permitted inside Carnie Smith Stadium is in the Skyboxes.
- The legal drinking age of 21 years is enforced.
- Subject to PSU's residence hall / hall living policies and regulations 5.0% beer or wine coolers may be possessed and consumed within PSU residence halls.

### Tailgating:

- The only alcohol permitted is 5.0% beer or wine coolers in their original 12-ounce cans. No other alcohol is allowed for tailgating.
- Areas where alcohol is allowed during football/basketball tailgating:
  - Brown parking lot immediately northeast and adjacent to the stadium
  - All parking lots immediately adjacent to McPherson Nurse Education Building
  - Parking lot between McPherson Nurse Education Building and Weede Physical Education Building
  - In designated areas up to 75 feet from the borders of these lots
  - In the area known as Gorilla Village located between the northwest side of University Lake and the east grandstand of Carnie Smith Stadium
- Areas where alcohol is allowed during baseball/softball tailgating at O. Gene Bicknell Sports Complex:
  - Parking lot immediately west of the varsity baseball field
  - Parking lot immediately west of the varsity softball field
  - In designated areas up to 25 feet from the borders of these lots.
- The legal drinking age of 21 years is enforced and individuals must have valid identification.
- Sale of alcohol is not allowed.
- Beer bong, funnels and other devices that make it possible to drink rapidly are not allowed.
- Drinking games are not allowed.
- Drinking alcohol is not allowed after kick-off for football. For basketball, baseball and softball, drinking alcohol is not allowed once the game starts.
- This policy does not provide authority for Pittsburg State University organizations to serve alcohol as part of tailgate fundraisers.
- Violation of this policy can result in legal charges and/or student discipline charges.