

Instructions on OAS Skill Modules

Skill module assignments for OAS: As a condition for passing the course, you must submit for approval by the end of the semester a minimum of 14 skill module assignments. Each of these skill modules will require on the order of 2 to 6 hours of work to complete and it is reasonable to think that you would schedule that amount of time each week to complete the work.

Note that the 14 skill modules are divided as follows:

- 8 required modules that everyone in the class will complete
- 2 or 3 elective STEM skill modules, selected from a large menu of options
- 2 or 3 elective arts and humanities skill modules, selected from a large menu of options
- 1 getting out and about Austin skill module, selected from a large menu of options

Choosing your skill modules. The eight required modules are divided into those that prepare you for inquiries (like creating a bibliography for the humanities inquiry) and those that initiate you into the intellectual life on a college campus (attending a scholarly lecture or using the library.) But you choose the other 6 skill modules and it makes sense for you to plan ahead on selecting the over 30 elective skill modules from the list found at:

<http://courses.cm.utexas.edu/dlaude/OAS/OASskillmodulesfl1.html>

	type	title
1	Required	Slacker vs Obsessive—a little bit of statistics
2	Required	Read a book—immerse yourself in the life of academicians
3	Required	University Lecture Series—go to a talk, talk about it over coffee
4	Required	Library and You—did you think you wouldn't be told to go to the library?
5	Required	So exactly what are you planning to do this summer?
6	Required	Creating a bibliography —part of the humanities inquiry
7	Required	Visiting a museum or collection—part of the humanities inquiry
8	Required	Measuring device for experimental science —part of the science inquiry
7	Elective (STEM or A&H)	
8	Elective (STEM or A&H)	
9	Elective (STEM or A&H)	
10	Elective (STEM or A&H)	
11	Elective (STEM or A&H)	
12	Elective (from out and about list)	

It goes without saying that setting up a time management strategy for completing these tasks is vital to your sanity. If you can consistently complete one a week then you will avoid ruining the weekend before final exams trying to crank these out. There is no particular order or deadline for completing the required skill modules, but your cohort leader will make recommendations about coordinating the skill modules with other course activities and may even work on getting you all to do some of the work as a group.

As with all grading in this class, you will either get credit for doing a good job or you will be asked to resubmit the assignment. As honors students you know what quality work is. Do a good job on what you turn in, and you will be fine.

Turn in skill modules directly to your UGTA. All grading for these required skill module assignments will be done by UGTAS who are expected to return graded skill modules within two week at your cohort meetings.

Please keep your graded skill modules to turn in with your class work portfolio submitted at the end of the semester.