Welcome to GeoDz 511

Dear Student,

Welcome to GeoDz 511 – Introduction to Geodesign History, Theory, and Principles. In preparation for this course we have provided a list of items you should address as soon as possible.

This letter includes the answers to the following questions:

What items are required for this course?

Where do I purchase items for this course?

What are the technical requirements for this course?

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Required Textbooks:

- Steinitz, Carl. *A Framework for Geodesign: Changing Geography by Design.* ESRI Press. 2012. ISBN-13: 978-1589483330

- McHarg, Ian L. *Design with Nature.* John Wiley & Sons Inc. New York. 1992. ISBN-13: 978-0471114604

Where do I purchase items for this course?

Both books may be purchased through Amazon.com or the retailer of your choice.

What are the technical requirements for this course?

Operating System: Windows 2000/XP or Vista, Mac OS X 10.2 or higher (10.3 or higher recommended).

Web browser: Use either Firefox or Safari. Firefox is preferred and will provide the fastest experience possible for e-Learning Institute courses. **Do not use Internet Explorer.**

Note: Cookies, Java, and JavaScript must be enabled. Pop-up blockers should be configured to permit new windows from Penn State Web sites.

Other:

- Adobe Flash Player 9 or later
- A minimum of 256 MB of RAM
- 1 GHz or higher processor
- 500 MB of available (a.k.a "free") hard disk storage is recommended
- Broadband (cable or DSL) connection required

Since this course has been recently updated, I am particularly interested in your feedback! I welcome all constructive criticism. Please let me know if anything seems unclear, confusing, or if a different approach would have worked better for you. At the same time, a confirmation of what is working well is also helpful. While I will ask for your feedback at the course conclusion, please know that I welcome and encourage your feedback at any time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues you may encounter accessing the course. I look forward to working with you this semester!