SENIOR CAPSTONE
PROJECT

HANDBOOK

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Senior Capstone Project – Definition

What is the Senior Capstone Project?

The Senior Capstone Project (“Capstone”) is an individualized program for seniors attending Wamogo Regional High School. Students will receive one (1) credit upon successful completion of the Capstone.

The main idea of the Capstone is TRANSITION. The intent of the Capstone is to transition students away from subject-centric learning to a real-life experience that the student believes may be relevant to their next stage in life. Each senior will utilize the knowledge and skills they have acquired over the past 12 years in school, as well as many 21st century skills, to successfully complete their Capstone.

The Capstone will showcase the student’s abilities in reading, writing, public speaking, critical thinking, planning and implementation, self-discipline, problem solving, and organizational skills. The goal of the Capstone is to stretch the student to participate in and demonstrate a new area of learning and growth. The student cannot select a Capstone project that relies solely upon what the student already knows.

Students will select from one of the three project strands defined below. Each strand is unique and provides students the opportunity to explore areas of specific interest, as well as demonstrate their personal strengths. The intent of the Capstone is to encourage and motivate the student to engage in a project that has direct applicability to their post high school goals and aspirations.

Most importantly, the Capstone should represent an area of focus that they are passionate about and will have FUN doing!
Project Strand Descriptions - Pick One

Senior Capstone Project - Strand Descriptions

Service-Oriented Strand

Students choosing this strand will devote a minimum of 40 hours toward a community service project. For instance, students may develop and implement a unique promotion for raising funds for the local food bank; a community clean-up effort of a public area such as a park, beach or school; a field-trip or seminar of interest for members of an elderly home; a clothing drive for a homeless shelter; or perhaps even begin their own non-profit to address an unmet community need.

Self-Development Strand

Students choosing this strand will spend a minimum of 40 hours working to develop a new skill and demonstrate it; to construct or to create something for which they have never before had the skill base or knowledge. For instance, students could design and build a model of a physical product such a park or building; perform or produce a play they have written or choreographed; develop a technology or mechanically-based idea for actual use; write a computer program for practical application; write, edit and produce a short movie; organize a major public event; or begin a business.

Career-Exploration Strand

Students who choose this strand will complete an internship, of a minimum of 40 hours, in the career field the student intends to pursue after high school. Students will begin by researching a career area of interest. After identifying a career area of interest, the student will research and identify a local company or organization that will sponsor them for internship. If the student is unable to identify a company or organization, the Capstone Advisor will attempt to assist with this search effort.

*The project development should be independent of coursework required by the student in other courses.*
Getting Started on Your Capstone Idea

Selecting a Senior Capstone Project

You may already know exactly what Capstone you wish to pursue or perhaps you don’t know where to begin. We have provided an approach for brainstorming and selecting a topic. Remember, this is a project that you will invest a significant amount of time and energy. It should be something that you are passionate and excited about so that you will learn from the experience and have a great time doing it.

The following steps are guidelines for brainstorming and selecting an exciting and interesting Capstone.

Step 1 – Generalize

Explore a general area of interest.
- Subject area should be relatively broad and something in which you are interested.

Examples:
- Environmental Science
- Classic Literature
- Visual or Performing Arts
- Computer Science
- Industrial Arts
- Agriculture
- Business/Tourism
- Human Services

Step 2 – Narrow the subject area down

What are your reasons for interest in this subject area?
- Why does this subject area interest you?
- Does this subject area have long term interest? Why?
- Do you have particular skills and/or knowledge base in this area that you are looking to expand?
- Are there people around you or to whom you have access that may be interested in getting involved or assisting you?
- Specifically, what parts of the subject are you curious about or are most interested?

Step 3 – Choose a topic within the subject area that is most appropriate for the Capstone

In this step, it is important to consider your access to the resources that you will need to complete Capstone. The Capstone should stretch your abilities and create new learning opportunities, but it should not stress you out because you don’t or can’t get access to the resources you need to complete it.

- Do you have some general skills and/or knowledge in the topic?
Will the topic challenge you? Is this challenge surmountable? Be creative in your resolution of the challenge.

If you believe your topic may include community service activities or an internship, do you have organizations or companies within your area that you can approach to work with?

Do you have access to other individuals that may have some expertise in the topic area? Remember, this is your project, but it is quite acceptable to learn from others and their experiences.

**Step 4 – Picking a Project Strand**

Consider the best method to showcase the topic of your Capstone by reviewing the description of the requirements of each project strand. Below are examples of how a student might arrive at a project strand selection. It is critical to understand that any Capstone could fit into any project strand. The ultimate decision of how you arrive at your selection is how you best learn and how enjoy spending your time. Consider the following:

**Example 1**  
Step 1: Computer Science  
Step 2: Network Management  
Step 3: Student has taken computer classes and develops small websites as a hobby. Uncle works for a local computer consulting company that is open to an internship.  
Step 4: **Career-Exploration** with an internship working with the Information Technology team at the local computer consulting company.

**Example 2**  
Step 1: Architecture  
Step 2: Modern Design and Construction  
Step 3: Student has always enjoyed or been drawn by this particular design of buildings. Perhaps the student is an artist, or may have even taken classes where they have been introduced to CAD software.  
Step 4: **Self-Development** with a specific focus on designing and building a model of a small private residence using modern architecture design techniques.

**Example 3**  
Step 1: Human Services  
Step 2: Elderly Care  
Step 3: Student currently volunteers at a local retirement center and has observed the interaction between the residents of the center and children that have visited other residents in the center.  
Step 4: **Service-Oriented** with a specific focus on the development of a new socialization program for residents at the retirement center. Program may include a monthly event in partnership with a local elementary school where students “adopt” and visit a resident of the retirement center.
What are the Work Components of the Capstone?

Senior Capstone Project – Work Components
First, the students are encouraged to secure a teacher as their advisor. If the teacher agrees to be an advisor, the two should spend some time in conversation to determine proposal ideas by mid-September. The advisor can be a great resource for students in developing their idea prior to the proposal submission deadline.

The Capstone project consists of 4 components that include the following:

Proposal (DUE October 1st)
The student will select a project strand and develop a Capstone Proposal (see Proposal Format). Students should review the proposal with parent(s)/guardian(s) and gain approval prior to the submission to their Wamogo Capstone Advisor. The proposal will be reviewed and approved by their Capstone Advisor before any work may begin by the student.

Service-Oriented and Career-Exploration projects will require prior approval by the non-profit organization or company. Each student must identify a Capstone Advisor from his/her community. One of the objectives of the Capstone is to encourage the student to engage with members of the community that they may otherwise not, thus the Capstone Advisor should not be a parent/guardian or family member of the student. A Capstone Advisor should be someone with specific expertise related to the subject matter and topic of Capstone, as they will serve in an advisory role, as needed, for the student.

Execution
The execution component of the Capstone is when the FUN BEGINS – when the student transitions from the world of subject-centric learning to real-life relevance and application. This is when the student gets to apply everything they have learned over the past 12 years, as well as when students will be stretched to learn and apply new skills and/or knowledge.

Students selecting Service-Oriented and Career-Exploration Capstones will be completing a minimum of 40 hours of community or work-based experience with their sponsoring non-profit organization or company. In conjunction with their sponsoring non-profit organization or company, the student will develop a work plan that includes a work schedule and assigned tasks and duties.

Students selecting Self-Development Capstones will most likely perform research, participate in training or seminars, or learn from a local expert, the skills and/or knowledge necessary to complete their Capstone. In this case, the student will be required to document their sources for obtaining the new skills and/or knowledge, maintain a weekly activity log, and provide other relevant documentation as appropriate to record activities associated with the completion of the Capstone.

ALL students will be required to maintain a detailed activity log (shared with Advisor weekly) that includes; the major activities, time spent on each, successes and challenges, as well as any other “aha moments” worthy of note. Finally, the student will maintain a collection of work product evidence for use later in the Capstone (see Portfolio below). Students are encouraged to be creative in the work products they provide as evidence of their efforts.
ALL Capstone students are required to attend weekly “CAPSTONE CONNECTIONS” meetings throughout the school year.

Portfolio

Students will assemble a portfolio that includes a collection of work product including the proposal, as well as those items described above. The student should select work product that they believe best represents their experience. The portfolio must include the proposal, work plan (if appropriate), weekly activity logs, and may include electronic copies of power point presentations, photographs, videos, music, models, websites, pod casts and/or other work product resulting from the student’s efforts.

In addition, the student will write a reflection paper that describes the experience, the results compared to their expectations, how the Capstone impacted them personally and their perspective toward their future. The final reflection paper will be a minimum of 1000 words in MLA format (Ariel or New Times Roman 12pt. font, 1” margins, double-spaced, page numbers and first/last name in top right margin). A guideline for the reflection paper will be provided. The school-wide rubric for Communication can be found here. Please familiarize yourself with these standards that will be used for the Capstone Reflection Paper.

Finally, the student will prepare a professional resume that describes their educational and work related experience. The resume should also incorporate a description of their Capstone. Student will also obtain a letter of reference from one of the adults engaged in their project, a previous employer, teacher and/or community member that can speak to the student’s strengths, skills, knowledge and expertise.

Presentation

In the final step of the process, the student will deliver an 8-10 minute presentation to a review panel comprised of Wamogo staff and community members (see Presentation Guidelines). The presentation should incorporate components of the portfolio and be delivered utilizing multiple mediums. Upon completion of the student presentation, the Review Panel may ask the student questions related to Capstone.

Students that participated in a Career-Exploration strand may substitute a professional interview conducted by their sponsoring organization or company instead of the presentation. Please contact the Capstone Administrator (Ms. Christopher).
Senior Capstone Project – Presentation Guidelines

You are encouraged to utilize a presentation method and format that best demonstrates your skills and talents, as well as shows-off your Senior Capstone Project. Many students will opt for a Power Point presentation format, while many others may prefer a spoken presentation approach. Either approach or combination thereof, is quite acceptable. If your project included some form of performing arts, you may even choose to perform some portion of your presentation. The goal is for you to engage the review panel at a personal level and have fun presenting the results of your hard work. The school-wide rubric for Communication can be found here. Please familiarize yourself with these standards that will be used for the Capstone presentations.

Time
You should plan to spend 8-10 minutes giving your presentation. You will be asked to conclude at the end of 10 minutes even if you are not yet completed. The review panel may ask questions once you are completed.

Professionalism
Appearance. You should wear nice, casual clothes for your presentation (business casual). Dressier clothes are acceptable, but khakis and polo shirts are fine.

Attendance:
We suggest you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your presentation. Arriving early will allow time for you to set up so that you’re ready to begin your presentation at the scheduled time. You should have already provided copies of your presentation, if necessary, in electronic format to the Capstone Administrator.

Presentation:
Whatever your method of presentation, you should begin by introducing yourself and your Senior Capstone Project. You should thank the review panel for the opportunity to present your Senior Capstone Project to them. Additionally, if your Capstone Advisor is in attendance, you should take the time to introduce them and thank them for their assistance and attendance.

Your goal is to provide the review panel with a clear and concrete sense of what you did and what you gained from the experience.

Preparation:
If you intend to use note cards, list the points you wish to make and to remind you of what you intend to say next, but DO NOT read from them. If you intend to use a Power Point presentation as a guide, it should contain only bulleted points and NOT masses of text. You should NOT read the bulleted points, but rather use them as a guide for the discussion. You should have practiced the presentation enough to have the background content you desire to speak on memorized. If you are using some other method of display, you should use text to guide the reader through the display. Be creative in your presentation and feel free to utilize combinations of presentation media as long as it does not distract from the primary purpose of the presentation.
Organization: Speak in a coherent line of thinking and a logical order for the project. The visual aids used should be organized and arranged to show that logical order. Tell a synopsis of the “story” from beginning to end.

Clarity: Speak confidently and in a matter that is easy to hear and understand. Remember, YOU ARE THE EXPERT. You are the one that has invested the energy and countless hours into the Senior Capstone Project. The review panel is there to listen and is truly interested in what you accomplished and the lessons learned.

Delivery: Have fun! Be enthusiastic. Explain why you selected this project and engage the audience in their interest in your experience. They are indeed interested! Your display(s) should also be engaging and capture the attention of the reviewers.

Content: Reflect on the experience and show evidence of what you learned. Show the progression you achieved throughout the project. Be prepared to be asked questions that may require you to expand on your responses. Demonstrate that you have done some analysis of your experience. Show a depth of understanding of the topic. Your presentation or display should also include components of your self-evaluation (reflection paper).

Work Product: Be sure to bring, display and incorporate resulting work product into your discussion and presentation. This will be extremely interesting to the reviewers and will provide evidence of real-life and practical results from your efforts.

Presentation Skills/Speaking Skills: We know that many students are nervous about speaking in front of a review panel. Once again, you are the expert and have invested a significant amount of time and energy in this project. Speak clearly and at an appropriate pace. Make eye contact with your audience. Stand straight and show your confidence and enthusiasm for what you have achieved.

Technology can be made available for the presentation. If you require the use of equipment, you are asked to notify the Capstone Administrator and provide your presentation material in electronic format at least one (1) week prior to your scheduled presentation.

Other Suggestions:
- Review your Senior Capstone Project from beginning to end to remind yourself of the process you went through and the activities you engaged in.
- Display and explain something tangible that you produced as a result of your effort.
- Discuss some skills and/or knowledge you were lacking and how you filled that gap.
- Talk about what you did, what you learned and any areas where the results may have differed from your expectations. An illustrative story may assist in sharing this with the audience. Tell about your ups and downs. What was going on and how did the whole experience make you feel? How will this experience impact you in the future?
- Discuss your relationship with your Capstone Advisor and something you learned from them and how that may impact you in the future.
- Explain how you did something or perhaps even demonstrate it.
Senior Capstone Project – Final Reflection Paper Guidelines

You will be required to submit a written self-evaluation of your Senior Capstone Experience. As a part of your portfolio, you have been asked to maintain an activity log that describes your experiences during the Senior Capstone Project. This activity log serves two purposes; documents the time and tasks you were engaged in during the course of the project, but most importantly, provides a mechanism for you to record impressions, reactions and feelings regarding events and activities that occurred along the way. Recording these thoughts while they are fresh and clear in your mind, without the pressure of a deadline, will provide a solid source of information and content for the reflection paper.

You should consider setting aside 10 minutes following any significant time spent working on your Senior Capstone Project as a time for reflection and review. Reviewing activities with your Capstone Advisor is another good way to stimulate thoughts worth reflecting upon.

The school-wide rubric for Problem Solving can be found [here](#). Please familiarize yourself with these standards that will be used for the Capstone Weekly Activity Logs.

**Ideas**
The final reflection paper should provide the reader with a synopsis of what you did during the course of the Senior Capstone Project, but most importantly, it should reveal what you learned about yourself, about the specific subject of focus, and about how the experience may apply to your future aspirations or endeavors. In an effort to involve the reader and engage their interest, you should be sure to use well-placed and vivid anecdotes.

**Reasoning**
Demonstrate through a clear and thoughtful stream of ideas and concepts, as well as logical reasoning, how you arrived at conclusions you have drawn regarding the Senior Capstone Project outcomes.

**Organization**
The reflection paper should be a well-ordered presentation of your experiences and discoveries during the entire course of the Senior Capstone Project.

**Voice**
The reflection paper is intended to provide you with a platform by which to enter into a dialogue with the reader about your project: discoveries, experiences, and impressions. You should carefully craft and edit the paper, but the tone should be personal as if explaining what you did, what you learned and its impact on you and your future to a friend.

**Conventions**
You should demonstrate your grasp on proper English conventions including grammar and vocabulary, as well as the use of a variety of sentence structures and lengths. Carefully review your reflection paper and consider asking others to review it in an effort to produce a final product that represents your best work. Remember, the resulting product may serve as a great work-product reference document for you in the future.
**Introspective**
The reflection paper should demonstrate detailed evidence of what you learned both academically and personally from this experience. Don’t be afraid to discuss the areas that were positive, as well as those areas that challenged you. How did your learning impact and how might they influence you in the future?

**Final Product**
The final reflection paper will be a minimum of 1000 words in MLA format (Ariel or New Times Roman 12pt. font, 1” margins, double-spaced, page numbers and first/last name in top right margin) and should include a cover page that identify your name, school attending, year of graduation and the title of the Senior Capstone Project. You are encouraged to meet with your Capstone Advisor to review the final draft. The final draft should include components of your portfolio such as photographs, charts, graphs, or other images.

The school-wide rubric for Communication can be found [here](#). Please familiarize yourself with these standards that will be used for the Capstone presentations.
What is the format for the Proposal?

Senior Capstone Project – Proposal Format (DUE by October 1st)

Your street address
City, State, Zip Code
Date

Capstone Advisor
Wamogo Regional High School
98 Wamogo Road
Litchfield, CT 06759

Dear Capstone Advisor:

In this paragraph, describe the general area of interest for your project (step 1 of page 5 above) and why you are interested in this area. Next describe the process you went through for narrowing the subject area to a specific topic (step 3 of page 5 above). Why does this topic interest you?

Begin this paragraph with a transitional sentence showing the relationship between your subject/topic and the actual proposed project. Then describe your project. Give it a name that can we can all use as a reference. What project strand did you select and why? Describe what project will be, what it will entail, who’s involved, potential costs, potential time spent, and possible resources you will utilize. If you are proposing a community service or internship, identify what organization or company you will be working with.

In this paragraph, describe what you already know, your experience that may apply, or areas of accomplishment that may be relevant, etc. Explain why this proposed project will be a stretch for you. Describe what areas you are not familiar with and what skills and knowledge you expect to acquire and how you expect to acquire them.

In this paragraph, describe how the proposed project connects to your post-high school endeavors. Discuss briefly what impact you anticipate this project may have on you or your community.

Sincerely,

Your signature goes here
Type your full name
Capstone Synopsis worksheet

Senior Capstone Project – Synopsis (Completed with Advisor)

Contact Information

Student Name: ___________________________________________________
Student Address: ___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________ Email: ________________________________
Parent/Guardian: ________________________________________________
Parent Phone: _______________ Email: ______________________________

Senior Capstone Project

Project Name: ___________________________________________________
Subject: _________________________________________________________
Topic: __________________________________________________________

Senior Capstone Project Strand

❏ Service-Oriented
  Organization Name: ______________________________________________
  Organization Address: ____________________________________________
  Organization Phone: _____________________________________________

❏ Career-Exploration
  Company Name: _________________________________________________
  Company Address: ______________________________________________
  Company Phone: _________________________________________________

❏ Self-Development

❏ Project Approved ___________________________ Date: ____________
  Capstone Administrator

❏ Project Approved with the following modification: ____________________

❏ Project Denied – Please contact Capstone Administrator
Senior Capstone Project
Parent/Guardian Consent/Liability Release Form

To the Parents/Guardians of: ____________________________________________

You son/daughter is about to embark upon an exciting educational journey! The Senior Capstone Project will provide enormous benefits for your child now and for the future. Successful completion of the Senior Capstone Project is a valuable tool in determining their mastery of the educational content they have learned over the past 12 years, as well as providing them the opportunity to learn and practice critical 21st century skills that they will need for their future ventures.

Please take some time to discuss the project with your child, and initial each of the items below indicating that you have read, and approve each.

_____ I approve of my child’s selected Senior Capstone Project.

_____ I acknowledge that the intent of the Senior Capstone Project is to stretch my child to learn and demonstrate new skills and/or knowledge. I agree that my child’s Capstone project will achieve this goal.

_____ I understand that most of the work required to complete the Senior Capstone Project will be completed outside of normal school hours.

_____ I understand that all transportation for work related to the Senior Capstone Project is the responsibility of the student or parent.

_____ I understand that all costs and risks associated with the Senior Capstone Project are the responsibility of the student or parent.

_____ I understand that my student will be required to keep an activity log that outlines time spent on major tasks of the Senior Capstone Project.

_____ I understand that integrity and honesty are just as important as all other aspects of the Senior Capstone Project. Any suspicion that my child has plagiarized or has been dishonest in any aspect of the Senior Capstone Project process may result in a referral to the school administration.

I understand that the school, State, and their agents are not responsible for any potential risks resulting from the Senior Capstone Project. Accordingly, I release Wamogo Regional High School, the State Department of Education and their agents from all claims arising from any financial obligation incurred, and damage, injury, or accident suffered while my child participates in the Senior Capstone Project.

Parent/Guardian’s Name (Print) ______________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature ___________________________________________ Date _______
Senior Capstone Project –
Wamogo Advisor & Parent/Guardian Guidelines

Each student will select a Capstone Advisor who can advise and assist throughout the Capstone experience.

A Capstone Advisor should be:
- A Wamogo employee
- A person who is knowledgeable/experienced in the subject area of your Capstone
- A person who is willing to assist and advise you in the Capstone process
- A person with whom you can have regular contact (suggested weekly meetings)
- A person who will give you constructive feedback and will challenge you to think “outside the box”
- An adult who will encourage you!

One goal of the Capstone is to encourage the student to meet and interact with new people and members of their community. The student is also encouraged to stretch and grow while working on the Capstone. Part of that growth comes from interacting and working with another adult in the community. Therefore, a Capstone Advisor cannot be a member of your immediate family.

Parent/Guardian and other family members are, however, encouraged to assist the student in the following ways:

- Assist the student in thinking creatively about the Capstone selection process and how it best aligns with their experience, skills and expertise,
- Approve by signature your agreement of the Capstone selection
- Complete the Senior Capstone Project Parent/Guardian Consent/Liability Release Form
- Encourage students to stay organized, meet deadlines and ask for help when necessary
- Supervise the “stretch” of the Capstone by giving support for new experiences and help the student to think creatively about how to overcome challenges.
- Review the Reflection Paper and Presentation Guidelines with your child.
- Remind the student that this project is supposed to be FUN and be relevant to their future endeavors.
Senior Capstone Project – Advisor Commitment Form
(Due by September 25)

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Capstone Advisor Information

Name*: __________________________________________________________

Phone Number*: ______________________ Email*: __________________________

Qualifications*: ______________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________

Briefly describe how you discovered this Capstone Advisor and how you think he/she can best help you with your Senior Capstone project:

CAPSTONE ADVISOR AGREEMENT

I understand and accept the responsibilities of advising this student during his/her work on the Senior Capstone Project.

______________________________ Date ______________
Signature
Capstone Advisor
## Senior Capstone Project – Weekly Activity Log Sample

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<th>DATE</th>
<th>ACTIVITY/TASKS</th>
<th>TIME SPENT</th>
<th>ADVISOR Initials and Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>Insert the date of each activity: 9-28-14</td>
<td>Today I met with my Advisor to review my Capstone Proposal. He asked me a few questions and made a few great suggestions that I had not thought about. Specifically, he asked . . . . I didn’t really know how to answer the question, so he suggested I research it a bit further. He suggested I email him my responses in a few days so that we can finalize the proposal.</td>
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### Senior Capstone Project – Weekly Activity Log

#### Rubric

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<th>TIME SPENT</th>
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#### ACTIVITY/TASKS (Identifying issues/ solutions)
- What issues have I uncovered?
- What are solutions that I can try?
- What have I already tried?
- How is your project evolving?
Senior Capstone Project – Progress Checklist

Senior Capstone Project Proposal Components:
- Parent/Guardian Consent/Liability Release Form - Due Sept 25
- Advisor Commitment Form - Due Sept 25
- Proposal - Due Oct 1
- Synopsis - Complete with Advisor

Portfolio:
- All components included in the Senior Capstone Project - Proposal
- Work Plan (Service-Oriented or Career-Exploration strands)
- Weekly Activity Log - Due each quarter to Advisor
- Progress Reflection Papers - Due by 10/1, 10/30, 12/4, 1/22, 2/25, 4/1, 5/10
- Final Reflection Paper - Due in May (based on presentation date)
- Professional Resume
- Original and unique work product resulting from the experience that may include;
  - Photographs
  - Videos
  - Audio
  - Models
  - Computer programs
  - Internet assets such as websites, blogs, etc.
  - Other

Presentation:
- Presenters will schedule the date and time of their presentation with the Capstone Administrator (Ms. Christopher)
- Presentation Draft for review to your Advisor by April 29th.
- Your Senior Capstone Project Presentation will be in May
2015-2016 Timeline

PLEASE be advised that the final day to withdraw from the Capstone Senior Experience is September 16th, 2015. After that, any student that misses the October 1st proposal deadline will be automatically withdrawn from the course and their transcript will read as WF (Withdrawal Failing).

REFER TO DATES BELOW:

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<td>September 16</td>
<td>Last day to withdraw without penalty</td>
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<td>September 25</td>
<td>Parent &amp; Advisor Consent Forms due to Ms. Christopher</td>
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<td>October 1</td>
<td>Proposal due to Advisor (ideally take care of this BEFORE 10/1 so that your advisor can complete their part)</td>
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<td>October 2</td>
<td>Advisor Response/Synopsis</td>
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<td>(Q1) October 1 Deadline</td>
<td>Reflective paper: Establishing a plan for your Capstone project from beginning to end. What has your process been thus far? Discuss how you came to your final proposal idea.</td>
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<td>(Q1) October 30 Deadline</td>
<td>Weekly Activity Log, work plans, and other documentation due.</td>
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<td>(Q2) December 4 Deadline</td>
<td>Reflective paper: Discuss the progress of your Capstone project. How has it evolved? Why? Illuminate problems you’ve encountered &amp; how you resolved them.</td>
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<td>(Q2) January 22 Deadline</td>
<td>Weekly Activity Log, work plans, and other documentation due.</td>
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<td>(Q3) February 25 Deadline</td>
<td>Reflective paper: Continue to reflect upon the progress of your Capstone project. Are you getting as much out of the experience as you hoped? What will you share in your presentation? How will you present?</td>
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<td>Weekly Activity Log, work plans, and other documentation due to Advisor.</td>
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<td>PRESENTATION DRAFT DUE</td>
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<td>(Q4) May 10</td>
<td>Final Reflection Paper Rough Draft due</td>
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