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Course Descriptions

(Includes only new, revised or discontinued)

Please see the [Course Descriptions](#) section in the Online Catalog for course descriptions not listed below. Revised course descriptions will be shown in italics, discontinued courses will be indicated with a strikethrough. New course descriptions will be standard font.

~~**BUS 319 The Social Responsibility of Organization — 3 Credits**~~

~~The course is designed to provide students with insights into the complex environment that organizations of any size operate. Organizational leaders' and organizational members' responsibility to use ethical thinking to balance stakeholder interests with organizational duty are examined. Modern managers and leaders face increasing demands in local, regional, national and global environments with competing value expectations. The values and beliefs of organizational members fundamentally impact the success of the organization. In this course, students will gain appreciation for and understanding of social responsibility of the organization under such conditions. Prerequisites: ENG 121 and ENG 122.~~

~~**This course is no longer offered.**~~

JRN 330 Media Law & Ethics (3 Credits)

Media Law and Ethics familiarizes students with the major laws and ethical guidelines associated with news and information media. This course will explore the fundamental principles of media law and the ethical responsibilities of media practitioners. Prerequisite: *JRN 200* & *JRN 201*.

Errata

The errata listed below apply to the 2020-2021 Ashford University Academic Catalog (effective date is July 1, 2020 unless otherwise noted). Entries below are provided to correct information presented in the original publication of the Catalog. Page numbers are provided to reference where the original entry may be found. To view all updates in context of the original publication, access the [Online Catalog](#). If you have questions related to changes listed, please contact your Student Advisor for assistance.

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Revision, Published 7/14/2020

Financial Information

**The Course Digital Materials (CDM) fee is fully refundable if a student does not attend beyond Day 3 of a course (Week 3 if covered under the Ashford Promise Refund Schedule). After this time, the fee becomes nonrefundable. Students are not charged the CDM fee for repeated coursework if previously charged. For courses where third-party course digital *or physical* materials are provided, a variable Materials Fee (MATFEE) (based on market price for materials) is applied per course directly to the student's account concurrent with the charge for tuition. Students are not charged the MATFEE for repeated coursework if previously charged. Students can opt out of the third-party course digital materials and the MATFEE by contacting their advisor via email five (5) calendar days prior to the first day of their course.

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Revision, Published 8/5/20

Veterans Benefits Deferment Policy

Ashford University will permit students who are entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, ~~Vocational Rehabilitation~~ *Veteran Readiness and Employment*, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to attend their course of education when the student provides the necessary eligibility documentation, until the earlier of either:

- the date VA provides payment to the educational institution, or
- 90 days after the date the educational institution certifies the student's tuition and fees charges to VA

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Revision, Effective 7/31/2020

Employee Tuition Savings Program

An important condition of ETS is that students maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in their program of study. Receipt of an unsuccessful grade (as defined by Ashford University in the General Academic Information and Policies Section in this Catalog, ~~or grades below an employer's grade policy~~), may necessitate a student's ETS eligibility being reviewed by the ETS Review Committee. If a student earns a grade that is unsuccessful by Ashford's ~~or an employer's policy~~, it will be considered an allowance. Students who carry more than two (2) allowances at any time during their course of study may lose eligibility for ETS. Allowances may reset on an annual basis provided students maintain successful progression and still meet their required funding amount.

Any of the following circumstances may result in the loss of ETS benefit eligibility:

- Receive more than two (2) unsuccessful grades (as defined by Ashford University in the General Academic Information and Policies Section of this Catalog, ~~or grades below an employer's grade policy~~)

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Correction, Published 7/28/2020

Bachelor's Degree Transfer Credit, Prior Learning Credit, and Nontraditional Credit Provisions and Limitations

~~Washington residents may apply a maximum of 30 credits toward a Bachelor's degree from any combination of prior learning assessment or other nontraditional learning, including national testing programs, or credit recommendation services.~~

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Revision, Effective 8/12/2020 [GPA]

Honors College

Honors College Distinctions

Students who are accepted into the Honors College, complete their honors curriculum, and who meet the ~~3.5~~ 3.0 cumulative GPA graduation requirement will graduation with Honors College Distinctions as defined below: