



EDCU 5311 - Prof Cnslng Ethics Lgl Iss: Prof Cnslng Ethics Lgl Iss (Sub II- Oct 20 to Dec 09)

Fall 2025 Syllabus, Section 780, CRN 16791

Instructor Information

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Office Hours:

By appointment only

Times and Location

Does Not Meet Face-to-Face

Course Description

This is an intermediate course which will provide an overview of professional issues in counseling with an emphasis on current ethical standards and practices. Ethical standards of the American Counseling Association and the American School Counseling Association and related entities will be reviewed. Application of these codes in professional settings will be discussed and ethical decision-making models will be explored. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Educational Programs Department, College of Education

Additional Course Information

Under no circumstances do you have permission to copy and paste AI-generated text into any assignment or discussion posting that leads to the receipt of a grade. This will be considered plagiarism. You also do not have permission to paraphrase and cite any AI-generated text. You do, however, have permission to use AI resources, such as Grammarly. In such cases, the suggestions from Grammarly and other similar aids (e.g., MS Word grammar/spell check) are authorized. As indicated by the University Honor Council, "the unapproved use of AI-generated text in university coursework will be reported as plagiarism to the TAMIU Honor Council, investigated as such, and subject to grade penalty." To be clear, do not use AI-generated text, outside of the aforementioned exceptions, in your coursework for EDCU 5311.

Program Learning Outcomes

PSLO 1: Utilize culturally appropriate counseling practices with regard to age and stage of life.

PSLO 2: Transform a variety of counseling theories and interventions for efficacy in a multicultural environment.

PSLO 3: Apply professional, ethical, and legal principles when collaborating or consulting with stakeholders (exp., parents, teachers, other professionals).

PSLO 4: Impact school and non-school counseling programs through the application of leadership and advocacy skills by designing, implementing, and evaluating counseling programs in a myriad of settings.

PSLO 5: Actively engage in professional counseling associations.

Student Learning Outcomes

C01: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to develop a counselor identity with considerations to ethical, legal, and clinician issues in counseling that affect the practice of counseling.

C02: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to apply ethical and legal standards in face-to-face counseling and Telemental Health/ Distance Counseling.

C03: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to describe counselor professional activities and the implications of multiculturalism, values, social justice, advocacy, and consultation as they pertain to ethical decision making.

C04: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to distinguish client rights, counselor responsibilities, confidentiality and the exceptions to it, professional relationships, and boundary issues in counseling.

C05: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to analyze the ethical counselor considerations for counseling children, vulnerable adults, families, and groups in traditional face-to-face and Telemental Health/ Distance Counseling settings.

C06: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to identify ethical issues in counselor education, supervision, and consultation.

C07: Upon **successful completion** of this course, **you will** be able to explain ethical and legal challenges for counseling private practices, professional writing, and conducting research and professional advocacy.

Important Dates

Visit the Academic Calendar ([tamiu.edu](https://www.tamiu.edu/academiccalendar/)) (<https://www.tamiu.edu/academiccalendar/>) page to view the term's important dates.

Textbooks

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling	Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B.	13-9780136940548

Other Course Materials

Suggestion Reading:

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Author.

To go to the bookstore, [click here](https://www.bkstr.com/texasaminternationalstore/home) (<https://www.bkstr.com/texasaminternationalstore/home>).

Grading Criteria

Please note that the **grading system is based on points, not percentages**. However, this system aligns with the TAMIU grading scale. The total number of points you can earn in this course is 2000.

GRADE	POINTS
A	1800-2000
B	1600-1799
C	1400-1599
F	Below 1400

Assignments/Assessments & Points

ASSIGNMENT	VALUE
Discussion Post (4)	100 points each
VoiceThread Assignment	300 points
Case Study Assignments (4)	100 points each



Ethics Quiz Reflection Activity	100 points
Short Answer Essay Question Assignment	100 points
Zoom Recorded Assignment	300 points
Exams (4)	100 points each

Course Topics & Calendar

Week of	Agenda/Topic	Reading(s)	Due
10/20	Module 1, Discussion 1 Module 1, VoiceThread Module 1, Case Study	Chapter 1 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 2 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) Forester-Miller, H., & Davis, T. E. (2016). Practitioner's guide to ethical decision making (Rev. ed.).	Initial Posting - Day 5 (Goal Date: 10/24/25) Case Study - Day 7 (Goal Date: 10/26/25) VoiceThread - Day 6 (Goal Date: 10/25/25)
10/27	Module 2, Exam I Module 2, Assignment 1 Module 2, Assignment 2	Chapter 3 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 4 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) Forester-Miller, H., & Davis, T. E. (2016). Practitioner's guide to ethical decision making (Rev. ed.). Retrieved from https://www.counseling.org/docs/default-source/ethics/practitioner-39-s-guide-to-ethical-decision-making.pdf An Ethics Quiz for School Counselors. Remley, T.P., & Huey, W.C. (2002). An ethics quiz for school counselors. <i>Professional School Counseling</i> , 6(1), p. 3-11. Review Examples of Informed Consent	Exam I - Day 5 (Goal Date: 10/31/25) Assignment 1 - Day 6 (Goal Date: 11/01/25) Assignment 2 - Day 7 (Goal Date: 11/02/25)
11/3	Module 3, Discussion 1	Chapter 5 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 6 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) FERPA	Initial Posting - Day 5 (Goal Date: 11/07/25)



11/10	Module 4, Exam II Module 4 Assignment	Chapter 7 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 8 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) FERPA Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders DSM-5	Exam II - Day 7 (Goal Date: 11/16/25) Module 4 Assignment - Day 7 (Goal Date: 11/16/25)
11/17	Module 5, Discussion 1 Module 5 - Case Study	Chapter 9 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 10 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) FERPA NBCC Policy on Distance Counseling DeDiego et al. (2023) https://tpcjournal.nbcc.org/tag/telemental-health/ Hipolito-Delgado, C. P., Porras, L.- E., Stickney, D., & Kirshner, B. (2021). Advocating for students during distance learning: the role of the school counselor. Professional School Counseling, 24(1_part_3), 2156759-2110118. https://doi.org/10.1177/2156759X211011895 King-White, D., Kurt, L., & Seck, M. (2019). A Qualitative study of online school counselors' ethical practices in K-12 schools. Journal of Counselor Practice, 10(1). doi: 10.22229/aqs1012019 Osborn, D. S., Peterson, G. W., & Hale, R. R. (2015). Virtual school counseling. Professional School Counseling, 18(1), 179- 190. https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2156759X0001800114 Watch Legal and Ethical Issues in Telemental Health Counseling	Initial Posting - Day 5 (Goal Date: 11/21/25) Case Study - Day 7 (Goal Date: 11/23/25)



11/24	Module 6, Discussion 1 Module 6 - Case Study Module 6 - Exam III	Chapter 11 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 12 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 13 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) FERPA Brown, T. A., & Armstrong, S. A. (2022). Use of ethical decision-making models among school counselors. <i>Journal of Professional Counseling: Practice, Theory & Research</i> , 49(1), 34-45. doi: 10.1080/15566382.2022.2073176	Initial Posting - Day 2 (Goal Date: 11/25/25) Case Study - Day 7 (Goal Date: 11/30/25) Exam III - Day 7 (Goal Date: 11/30/25)
12/1	Module 7 - Case Study Module 7 - Exam IV	Chapter 14 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 15 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. Chapter 16 - Remley, T.P., & Herlihy, B. (2020) Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling. ACA Code of Ethics (2014) ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2022) 2024 CACREP Standards	Module 7, Exam 4 - Day 5 (Goal Date: 12/05/25) Module 7, Case Study - Day 5 (Goal Date: 12/05/25)

University/College Policies

Please see the University Policies below.

COVID-19 Related Policies

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please refer to the Student Handbook, Appendix A (Attendance Rule) for instructions.

Required Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend every class in person (or virtually, if the class is online) and to complete all assignments. If you cannot attend class, it is your responsibility to communicate absences with your professors. The faculty member will decide if your excuse is valid and thus may provide lecture materials of the class. According to University policy, acceptable reasons for an absence, which cannot affect a student's grade, include:

- Participation in an authorized University activity.
- Death or major illness in a student's immediate family.
- Illness of a dependent family member.
- Participation in legal proceedings or administrative procedures that require a student's presence.
- Religious holy day.
- Illness that is too severe or contagious for the student to attend class.
- Required participation in military duties.
- Mandatory admission interviews for professional or graduate school which cannot be rescheduled.



Students are responsible for providing satisfactory evidence to faculty members within seven calendar days of their absence and return to class. They must substantiate the reason for the absence. If the absence is excused, faculty members must either provide students with the opportunity to make up the exam or other work missed, or provide a satisfactory alternative to complete the exam or other work missed within 30 calendar days from the date of absence. Students who miss class due to a University-sponsored activity are responsible for identifying their absences to their instructors with as much advance notice as possible.

Classroom Behavior (applies to online or Face-to-Face Classes)

In the classroom, students are expected to listen attentively, participate respectfully, and adhere to established rules. Behavior that interferes with the class lecture may result in disciplinary action, ensuring a productive and respectful learning environment for everyone. Any disputes over academic matters should be addressed calmly and constructively, ideally during designated times such as office hours or after class. If a student does not agree with a decision, they can request a meeting with the instructor to discuss their concerns in more detail. Should further resolution be needed, the student may escalate the matter to the department head or use formal grievance procedures as outlined in the sections below. (please refer to Student Handbook Article 4 (<https://www.tamu.edu/handbook/article-04.shtml>)).

TAMIU Honor Code: Plagiarism and Cheating

As a TAMIU student, you are bound by the TAMIU Honor Code to conduct yourself ethically in all your activities as a TAMIU student and to report violations of the Honor Code. Please read carefully the Student Handbook Article 7 and Article 10 available at Student Handbook (<https://www.tamu.edu/handbook/index.shtml>).

We are committed to strict enforcement of the Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code tend to involve claiming work that is not one's own, most commonly plagiarism in written assignments and any form of cheating on exams and other types of assignments.

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as your own. It occurs when you:

1. Borrow someone else's facts, ideas, or opinions and put them entirely in your own words. You must acknowledge that these thoughts are not your own by immediately citing the source in your paper. Failure to do this is plagiarism.
2. Borrow someone else's words (short phrases, clauses, or sentences), you must enclose the copied words in quotation marks as well as citing the source. Failure to do this is plagiarism.
3. Present someone else's paper or exam (stolen, borrowed, or bought) as your own. You have committed a clearly intentional form of intellectual theft and have put your academic future in jeopardy. This is the worst form of plagiarism.

Here is another explanation from the 2020, seventh edition of the Manual of The American Psychological Association (APA):

"Plagiarism is the act of presenting the words, idea, or images of another as your own; it denies authors or creators of content the credit they are due. Whether deliberate or unintentional, plagiarism violates ethical standards in scholarship" (p. 254). This same principle applies to the illicit use of AI.

Plagiarism: Researchers do not claim the words and ideas of another as their own; they give credit where credit is due. Quotations marks should be used to indicate the exact words of another. Each time you paraphrase another author (i.e., summarize a passage or rearrange the order of a sentence and change some of the words), you need to credit the source in the text. The key element of this principle is that authors do not present the work of another as if it were their own words. This can extend to ideas as well as written words. If authors model a study after one done by someone else, the originating author should be given credit. If the rationale for a study was suggested in the discussion section of someone else's article, the person should be given credit. Given the free exchange of ideas, which is very important for the health of intellectual discourse, authors may not know where an idea for a study originated. If authors do know, however, they should acknowledge the source; this includes personal communications (p. 11). For guidance on proper documentation, consult the Academic Success Center or a recommended guide to documentation and research such as the Manual of the APA or the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. If you still have doubts concerning proper documentation, seek advice from your instructor prior to submitting a final draft.

TAMIU has penalties for plagiarism and cheating.

- **Penalties for Plagiarism:** Should a faculty member discover that a student has committed plagiarism, the student should receive a grade of 'F' in that course and the matter will be referred to the Honor Council for possible disciplinary action. The faculty member, however, may elect to give freshmen and sophomore students a "zero" for the assignment and to allow them to revise the assignment up to a grade of "F" (50%) if they believe that the student plagiarized out of ignorance or carelessness and not out of an attempt to deceive in order to earn an unmerited grade; the instructor must still report the offense to the Honor Council. This option should not be available to juniors, seniors, or graduate students, who cannot reasonably claim ignorance of documentation rules as an excuse. For repeat offenders in undergraduate courses or for an offender in any graduate course, the penalty for plagiarism is likely to include suspension or expulsion from the university.
 - **Caution:** Be very careful what you upload to Turnitin or send to your professor for evaluation. Whatever you upload for evaluation will be considered your final, approved draft. If it is plagiarized, you will be held responsible. The excuse that "it was only a draft" will not be accepted.
 - **Caution:** Also, do not share your electronic files with others. If you do, you are responsible for the possible consequences. If another student takes your file of a paper and changes the name to his or her name and submits it and you also submit the paper, we will hold both of you



responsible for plagiarism. It is impossible for us to know with certainty who wrote the paper and who stole it. And, of course, we cannot know if there was collusion between you and the other student in the matter.

- **Penalties for Cheating:** Should a faculty member discover a student cheating on an exam or quiz or other class project, the student should receive a "zero" for the assignment and not be allowed to make the assignment up. The incident should be reported to the chair of the department and to the Honor Council. If the cheating is extensive, however, or if the assignment constitutes a major grade for the course (e.g., a final exam), or if the student has cheated in the past, the student should receive an "F" in the course, and the matter should be referred to the Honor Council. Additional penalties, including suspension or expulsion from the university may be imposed. Under no circumstances should a student who deserves an "F" in the course be allowed to withdraw from the course with a "W".
 - *Caution:* Chat groups that start off as "study groups" can easily devolve into "cheating groups." Be very careful not to join or remain in any chat group if it begins to discuss specific information about exams or assignments that are meant to require individual work. If you are a member of such a group and it begins to cheat, you will be held responsible along with all the other members of the group. The TAMIU Honor Code requires that you report any such instances of cheating.
- **Student Right of Appeal:** Faculty will notify students immediately via the student's TAMIU e-mail account that they have submitted plagiarized work. Students have the right to appeal a faculty member's charge of academic dishonesty by notifying the TAMIU Honor Council of their intent to appeal as long as the notification of appeal comes within 10 business days of the faculty member's e-mail message to the student and/or the Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement. The Student Handbook provides more details.

Use of Work in Two or More Courses

You may not submit work completed in one course for a grade in a second course unless you receive explicit permission to do so by the instructor of the second course. In general, you should get credit for a work product only once.

AI Policies

Your instructor will provide you with their personal policy on the use of AI in the classroom setting and associated coursework.

TAMIU E-Mail and SafeZone

Personal Announcements sent to students through TAMIU E-mail (tamiu.edu or dusty email) are the official means of communicating course and university business with students and faculty –not the U.S. Mail and no other e-mail addresses. Students and faculty must check their TAMIU e-mail accounts regularly, if not daily. Not having seen an important TAMIU e-mail or message from a faculty member, chair, or dean is not accepted as an excuse for failure to take important action.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to download the SafeZone app, which is a free mobile app for all University faculty, staff, and students. SafeZone allows you to: report safety concerns (24/7), get connected with mental health professionals, activate location sharing with authorities, and anonymously report incidents. Go to SafeZone (<https://www.tamiu.edu/adminis/police/safezone/index.shtml>) for more information.

Copyright Restrictions

The Copyright Act of 1976 grants to copyright owners the exclusive right to reproduce their works and distribute copies of their work. Works that receive copyright protection include published works such as a textbook. Copying a textbook without permission from the owner of the copyright may constitute copyright infringement. Civil and criminal penalties may be assessed for copyright infringement. Civil penalties include damages up to \$100,000; criminal penalties include a fine up to \$250,000 and imprisonment. Copyright laws do not allow students and professors to make photocopies of copyrighted materials, but you may copy a limited portion of a work, such as article from a journal or a chapter from a book for your own personal academic use or, in the case of a professor, for personal, limited classroom use. In general, the extent of your copying should not suggest that the purpose or the effect of your copying is to avoid paying for the materials. And, of course, you may not sell these copies for a profit. Thus, students who copy textbooks to avoid buying them or professors who provide photocopies of textbooks to enable students to save money are violating the law.

Students with Disabilities

Texas A&M International University seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all qualified persons with disabilities. This University will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal education opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to register with the Office of Disability Services for Students located in Student Center 124. This office will contact the faculty member to recommend specific, reasonable accommodations. Faculty are prohibited from making accommodations based solely on communications from students. They may make accommodations only when provided documentation by the Office of Disability Services for Students.

For accommodations or assistance with disabilities, contact the Disability Coordinator, Karla Pedraza, at karla.pedraza@tamiu.edu, call 956.326.2763, or visit Student Center 124.

Student Attendance and Leave of Absence (LOA) Policy

As part of our efforts to assist and encourage all students towards graduation, TAMIU provides



LOA's for students, including pregnant/parenting students, in accordance with the Attendance Rule (Section 3.07) and the Student LOA Rule (Section 3.08), which includes the "Leave of Absence Request" form. Both rules can be found in the TAMIU Student Handbook (URL: Student Handbook (<https://www.tamiu.edu/handbook/index.shtml>)).

Pregnant and Parenting Students

Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, harassment based on sex, including harassment because of pregnancy or related conditions, is prohibited. A pregnant/parenting student must be granted an absence for as long as the student's physician deems the absence medically necessary. It is a violation of Title IX to ask for documentation relative to the pregnant/parenting student's status beyond what would be required for other medical conditions. Students who experience or observe alleged or suspected discrimination due to their pregnant/parenting status, should report to the TAMIU Title IX Coordinator (Lorissa M. Cortez, 5201 University Boulevard, KLM 159B, Laredo, TX 78041, TitleIX@tamiu.edu, 956.326.2857) and/or the Office of Civil Rights (Dallas Office, U.S. Department of Education, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 1620, Dallas, TX 75201-6810, 214.661.9600). You can also report it on TAMIU's anonymous electronic reporting site, *Report It*, at <https://www.tamiu.edu/reportit> (<https://www.tamiu.edu/reportit/index.shtml>).

TAMIU advises a pregnant/parenting student to notify their professor once the student is aware that accommodations for such will be necessary. It is recommended that the student and professor develop a reasonable plan for the student's completion of missed coursework or assignments. The Office of Compliance (Lorissa M. Cortez, lorissam.cortez@tamiu.edu) can assist the student and professor in working out the reasonable accommodation. For other questions or concerns regarding Title IX compliance related to pregnant/parenting students, contact the Title IX Coordinator. In the event that a student needs a leave of absence for a substantial period of time, TAMIU urges the student to consider a Leave of Absence (LOA) as outlined in the TAMIU Student Handbook. As part of our efforts to assist and encourage all students towards graduation, TAMIU provides LOAs for students, including pregnant/parenting students, in accordance with the Attendance Rule and the Student LOA Rule. Both rules can be found in the TAMIU Student Handbook.

For parenting-related rights, accommodations, and resources, contact the Parenting Liaison, Mayra Hernandez, at mghernandez@tamiu.edu, call 956.326.2265, or visit Student Center 226.

For pregnancy-related rights, accommodations, and resources, contact the TIX Coordinator, Lorissa Cortez, at lorissam.cortez@tamiu.edu, call 956.326.2857, or visit Killam Library 159.

Anti-Discrimination/Title IX

TAMIU does not discriminate or permit harassment against any individual on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, educational programs, or employment. If you would like to file a complaint relative to Title IX or any civil rights violation, please contact the TAMIU Director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity/Title IX Coordinator, Lorissa M. Cortez, 5201 University Boulevard, Killam Library 159B, Laredo, TX 78041, TitleIX@tamiu.edu, 956.326.2857, via the anonymous electronic reporting website, ReportIt (<https://www.tamiu.edu/reportit>) and/or the Office of Civil Rights (Dallas Office), U.S. Department of Education, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 1620, Dallas, TX 75201-6810, 214.661.9600.

Incompletes

Students who are unable to complete a course should withdraw from the course before the final date for withdrawal and receive a "W." To qualify for an "incomplete" and thus have the opportunity to complete the course at a later date, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. The student must have completed 90% of the course work assigned before the final date for withdrawing from a course with a "W", and the student must be passing the course;
2. The student cannot complete the course because an accident, an illness, or a traumatic personal or family event occurred after the final date for withdrawal from a course;
3. The student must sign an "Incomplete Grade Contract" and secure signatures of approval from the professor and the college dean.
4. The student must agree to complete the missing course work before the end of the next long semester; failure to meet this deadline will cause the "I" to automatically be converted to an "F"; extensions to this deadline may be granted by the dean of the college. This is the general policy regarding the circumstances under which an "incomplete" may be granted, but under exceptional circumstances, a student may receive an incomplete who does not meet all of the criteria above if the faculty member, department chair, and dean recommend it.

WIN Contracts

The Department of Biology and Chemistry does not permit WIN contracts. For other departments within the college, WIN Contracts are offered only under exceptional circumstances and are limited to graduating seniors. Only courses offered by full-time TAMIU faculty or TAMIU instructors are eligible to be contracted for the WIN requirement. However, a WIN contract for a course taught by an adjunct may be approved, with special permission from the department chair and dean. Students must seek approval before beginning any work for the WIN Contract. No student will contract more than one course per semester. Summer WIN Contracts must continue through both summer sessions.



Student Responsibility for Dropping a Course

It is the responsibility of the student to drop the course before the final date for withdrawal from a course. Faculty members, in fact, may not drop a student from a course without getting the approval of their department chair and dean.

Independent Study Course

Independent Study (IS) courses are offered only under exceptional circumstances. Required courses intended to build academic skills may not be taken as IS (e.g., clinical supervision and internships). No student will take more than one IS course per semester. Moreover, IS courses are limited to seniors and graduate students. Summer IS course must continue through both summer sessions.

Grade Changes & Appeals

Faculty are authorized to change final grades only when they have committed a computational error or an error in recording a grade, and they must receive the approval of their department chairs and the dean to change the grade. As part of that approval, they must attach a detailed explanation of the reason for the mistake. Only in rare cases would another reason be entertained as legitimate for a grade change. A student who is unhappy with his or her grade on an assignment must discuss the situation with the faculty member teaching the course. If students believe that they have been graded unfairly, they have the right to appeal the grade using a grade appeal process in the Student Handbook and in the Faculty Handbook.

Final Examination

All courses in all colleges must include a comprehensive exam or performance and be given on the date and time specified by the Academic Calendar and the Final Exam schedule published by the Registrar's Office. In the College of Arts & Sciences all final exams must contain a written component. The written component should comprise at least 20% of the final exam grade. Exceptions to this policy must receive the approval of the department chair and the dean at the beginning of the semester.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it. The Telus app is available to download directly from TELUS (tamiu.edu) (<https://www.tamiu.edu/counseling/telus/>) or from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Distance Education Courses

Online Courses and On-Campus Meetings

Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter J, Section 2.202 ([https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_lloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=1&ch=2&rl=202](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_lloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=1&ch=2&rl=202)), defines distance education as the formal educational process that occurs when students and instructors are not in the same physical setting for the majority (more than 50%) of instruction. Distance education includes hybrid and 100% online courses and programs as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

- **Hybrid Course** - A distance education course in which more than 50 percent but less than 100 percent of instructional activity takes place when the student(s) and instructor(s) are in separate physical locations.
- **100-Percent Online Course** - A distance education course in which 100 percent of instructional activity takes place when the student(s) and instructor(s) are in separate physical locations. **Requirements for on-campus or in-person orientation, testing, academic support services, internships/fieldwork, or other non-instructional activities do not exclude a course from this category.**

Course Structure

This course is offered in a seven-week online format. Consistent with this format, students will be required to complete seven course modules that reflect a variety of activities designed to engage them with historical and contemporary theories of organizational management. To successfully complete these modules, it is recommended that candidates review the required activities in each module ahead of the due dates. Some activities will require meetings with peers, parents, students, school administrators, and district administrators. For this reason, it is recommended that candidates plan accordingly to schedule and coordinate the timely completion of these activities.

Student-Instructor Communication Policy and Response Time

Announcements/Course Messages/Emails

I check my email and course messages as follows:

Monday – Thursday (once per day, no later than 6 p.m. [CST])

I do not respond to or check course messages/email on Friday through Sunday. You can expect a response to emails and course messages within 24-48 hours, provided your message was sent during the specified days/times. Please be aware that messages sent to me on Thursday afternoon or



evenings through Sunday may not receive a response until Monday. All emails should be directed to the course Academic Coach, with me being CC'd on the message. Please note, however, that most email replies will come from the Academic Coach.

Assignments and Assessments

Response times for discussion boards will be Monday through Friday. All learners will receive feedback on content-related discussions.

Feedback on discussion posts, voice threads, and assignments (up to 10 pages) can be expected within one week (7 days) of initial posting and/or assignment due date. ***Feedback for discussion posts and assignments will be located in the comments section of the grading area, which may include a copy of your grading rubric if points have been deducted. Specific feedback will be provided only in areas that require improvement.*** Any assignment that is more than 5 pages may take up to 10 days.

Course Communication Guidelines (Netiquette)

There are course expectations concerning etiquette or how we should treat each other online. We must consider these values as we communicate with one another. Visit **Instructional Technology and Distance Education Services' web page on Netiquette** (<http://www.tamu.edu/distance/students/netiquette.shtml>) for further instruction.

Accommodations/Accessibility Policy

Texas A&M International University seeks to provide reasonable accommodation for all qualified persons with disabilities. This University will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to register with the Director of Student Counseling and to contact the faculty member in a timely fashion to arrange for suitable accommodation. For more information, contact the online at **Office of Disability Services for Students (DSS)**, via phone at 956.326.3086 or by visiting the staff at the Student Center, room 118. A link to the Disabilities Services for Students site has also been included under the "Resources" tab inside the course.

Student Support Resources

The University wishes to have all students succeed in their courses. To provide support to our students, an array of services in the areas of technology support, academic support, student support, and accessibility support may be found at the University. For more information, visit the Instructional Technology and Distance Education Services page on **University Resources and Support Services**.

Computer/Technology Requirements

[Technology requirements must be listed for the course. Information on how to obtain software for purchase or download should be provided. See the following example. Customize technologies to include those that pertain to your course.]

When participating in distance education courses, it is vital to consider the technology involved in order to have a successful course. Online students will need regular access to a personal computer that runs on a broadband Internet connection.

It is recommended that you meet the technical requirements listed on the Instructional Technology and Distance Education Services' webpage ([https://www.tamu.edu/distance/students/technology-requirements.shtml](http://www.tamu.edu/distance/students/technology-requirements.shtml)) when using the learning management system (LMS) of the University.

Additional Hardware. For this class, you will need the following additional hardware: a webcam and a microphone for VoiceThread (<http://www.tamu.edu/distance/technology/voicethread.shtml>) discussions. Recently purchased laptops may have these built-in web cameras. If you do not have this equipment, it is recommended to purchase a stand-alone webcam, a microphone, or a webcam with a built-in microphone from your local electronic store or an online store. **NOTE:** Instructional Technology and Distance Education Services may check out available webcams to students on a first-come, first-served basis. To check out a webcam, please visit Killam Library, Room 259, and request an available one.

Additional Software. You will need the following additional software: Microsoft PowerPoint for viewing lesson presentations and Microsoft Word for viewing course files and submitting assignments. TAMIU Students may access online versions of this software through their Dusty Office 365 account at <https://dusty.tamu.edu/>. This site also provides students access to download the Microsoft suite for educational use. See instructions for downloading the Microsoft Office suite (<http://www.tamu.edu/distance/documents/Microsoft-Office-2016-Download-Instructions.pdf>).

Note: Students, if you do not own the required hardware or software or do not have access to the Internet, it will be highly challenging for you to make any progress in this class. However, my goal is to assist you in finding solutions and guide you appropriately. Most of the required materials can either be found free of charge at TAMIU's library, classrooms, and available computer labs. **Visit Media Services' webpage for information on the availability of on-campus computer labs.** In addition, you may also purchase any of these items at any electronic store.

Learning Management System (Blackboard)

Students are provided with an orientation (*eLearning (Blackboard) Student Orientation*) and access to guides on how to use the Blackboard LMS. Guides may be available at **Instructional Technology and Distance Education Services' Student eLearning Tutorial Videos page** or by contacting the eLearning team at elearning@tamu.edu.



Minimum Technical Skills Expected

When participating in distance education courses, it is vital to consider the technology involved in order to have a successful course. Students in distance education should have knowledge of basic computer and Internet skills, as mentioned on the **Instructional Technology and Distance Education Services' webpage**. Additional skills required for this course include knowing how to use VoiceThread and Turnitin.

Technical Support Services

Because of the nature of distance education courses, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) computing and information services are vital to the success of online students. This webpage covers contact information for Distance Education Services (Blackboard Support), the OIT Help Desk, and E-mail support: **Technical Support Services**.

Web Conferences/Synchronous sessions

During the first week of class, I will host an optional, synchronous class session via Class Collaborate. To access the session, navigate to the Content page in the course. Look to the right for Class Collaborate. Then, click on the "Join Session" link. The video camera will be flashing and have a purple color.

Rubrics (may be included here and in the Syllabus and Overview in the course)

Grading rubrics are included in each module per assignment.

Late Work Policy

Assignments are due on the date and time indicated in the syllabus. All assignments, unless otherwise indicated, **have two dates (Goal Date and the Goal Extension Date) for submission**. Any assignment not submitted by the Goal Extension Date will incur a zero for the assignment. **This means that there are no late penalties for work not submitted by the Goal Date. However, no work will be accepted beyond the Goal Extension Date. You should always strive to submit your work by the Goal Date.** Life sometimes happens at the most inopportune times. Any exceptions to submitting work after the Goal Extension Date will be considered on an individual basis, at my discretion, but are not guaranteed. If you have an emergency situation, please contact me as soon as possible.

Work that is emailed or submitted in a format other than as directed will not be accepted. No work will be accepted after any goal extension date indicated on the syllabus. Exams may be rescheduled at the instructor's convenience. Make-up exams may be offered in an alternative format to maintain the integrity of the material covered on the test. If an emergency arises that prevents you from submitting your assignment by the Goal Extension Date, you should communicate with me within 24 hours of the Goal Extension Date.

Send me (Dr. Breaker) a course message with the subject BONUS POINTS no later than Day 3 (Week 1), and you will be awarded 15 bonus points. If 100% of the class sends this message, 5 additional points will be added. Outside of this one opportunity, extra credit is not offered. It is expected that you will put forth your best effort the first time and submit your best work in accordance with the grading rubrics provided.

Course Evaluation

At the end of this course, students are encouraged to complete a course evaluation that will be distributed to them via email and through a course link.

Turnitin Policy Or Other Types of Assignments in Other Systems

The COE encourages students to develop and submit original work for each course. As such, work from one course may not be submitted for another course. Work submitted from one course to another will not be accepted for credit and will result in a grade of zero.

Based on the above statement, any work submitted through the Turnitin system will remain in the system. Therefore, if any assignment is flagged by the Turnitin system as previously submitted work from another course, the above-mentioned policy will apply.

Proctoring

For online courses, professors may require students to use a proctoring service such as Respondus Monitor, Proctorio, or Examity. Students are responsible for signing up and paying the required fees. This information will be stated under the "Course Materials" section of your syllabus.

Accessibility and Privacy Statements on Course Technologies

At Texas A&M International University, we believe that all students should have equal technology opportunities in the classroom. These technologies/sites may also require user data, such as the creation of a username and password. In this class, we will utilize Blackboard (<http://www.tamiu.edu/distance/students/elearning-orientation.shtml>), VoiceThread (<http://www.tamiu.edu/distance/technology/voicethread.shtml>), and Turnitin (<http://www.tamiu.edu/distance/technology/turnitin.shtml>). You may find the accessibility and privacy policies of these technologies on the following pages:**Accessibility Statements and Privacy Statements**.