



## BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I Fall

### General Course Information

Information Item	Information
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<b>Section # and CRN:</b>	2401-P07
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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Appointment
<b>Mode of Instruction:</b>	F2F
<b>Course Location:</b>	E E O'Banion Science Bldg 309
<b>Class Days &amp; Times:</b>	MW 1:00-2:50 am Lab, TR 11:00-11:50 am Lecture
<b>Catalog Description:</b>	An introductory course examining the organization of a human body and the mechanisms for maintaining homeostasis. Topics include chemistry of life, cell and tissue structure, metabolism, skeleton, muscular, nervous, endocrine, and integumentary system. Designed for students who will pursue a career in nursing.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	
<b>Co-requisites:</b>	BIOL 2401 Lab
<b>Required Text(s):</b>	Anatomy & Physiology McKinley <b>ISBN:1264265409</b>
<b>Recommended Text(s):</b>	

### Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:	Program Learning Outcome Alignment	Core Curriculum Outcome Alignment
1. Identify and summarize the steps of the scientific method and recognize their role in the context of a laboratory experiment	#1	Critical Thinking
2. List, identify, and classify the cellular organic macromolecules, specify the monomers for each, and explain their relevance to human structure and function.	#1	Critical Thinking
3. Explain basic cellular functions such as protein synthesis, cellular respiration, DNA replication, and cell division.	#2,#3	Communication
4. Recognize the anatomical structures, explain physiological functions, and recognize and explain the principle of homeostasis	#4	Communication

applied to the integumentary, nervous, endocrine, muscular and skeletal systems		
5. Perform Oral and Written communication of biomedical terms relative to the human body	#5	Communication
6. Collaboratively work through physiological case studies	#5	Teamwork
7. Demonstrate a critical understanding of biological physiological processes	#4	Critical Thinking
8. Analyze quantitative and empirical biomedical datasets and graphs	#5	Empirical and Quantitative
9. Collaboratively work through physiological case studies	#5	Teamwork

Student Learning Outcomes Table

## Major Course Requirements

## Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

**Exams** – Each lecture and laboratory exam will focus on measuring the students understanding of the physiological processes and anatomical structures of the human anatomy. Exam grades will makeup a total of **60%** of your final grade with **1 exam** grade to be dropped.

**Lecture:** Minimum of three lecture exams will be given during the semester. Exams will consist of multiple-choice, essay, matching, and short answer questions. The exams will measure the student's ability to process anatomy and physiology lexicon, identify the structural similarities and differences, process physiological processes. In addition relate concepts to clinical application and communicate their thoughts in written format. **Each lecture exam will account for 10% of your grade Or the total percentage of your lecture exams will equal 30%.**

**Laboratory:** Minimum of three practical laboratory exams will be given during the semester. The practical examinations consist of the identification of anatomical parts and physiological functions. Models and animal specimens will be utilized to test your knowledge of these systems.

**Each laboratory exam will account for 10% of your grade Or the total percentage of your lecture exams will equal 30%.**

**Writing Assignment** – You will have three assignments that will make up **10 percent** of your written assignment. You will complete a paper over 2 organ systems, of your choosing, that cooperate to accomplish a task for the human body. The focus of the paper should discuss the salient anatomy of the organ systems to complete the task, and the role of each organ system. The paper must be a minimum of (3) four pages double spaced (font size 12). The paper must have an introduction (introduce the task and organ systems), body (how do the organ systems work together to accomplish this function, and conclusion (what is the importance of accomplishing this task to the human body). **The Writing Assignment will count as a Exam grade.**

## **Quiz**

You will have a quiz regarding the pertinent lexicon of coming chapters (There will be a quiz preceding every chapter). **The Quiz will count 10% of your grade.**

**Laboratory Assignments:** Students are engaged in scientific inquiry by performing in group data collection, analysis and write-ups. The students will perform exercises targeting muscular function, brain function, ANS, exercise physiology and neurophysiology. **This will count 10% of your grade.**

## **Case studies/Biological Topic:**

Students will collaboratively engage an assigned scientific topic discussed in the course. The group is expected to written and oral presentations of their case study to the class on the assigned day.

**Taskstream** is a tool that Prairie View A&M University uses for assessment purposes. One of your assignments may be required to be submitted as an "artifact," an item of coursework that serves as evidence that course objectives are met. If applicable, more information will be provided during the semester by your department, but for general information, you can visit Taskstream via the link in eCourses. **This will count 10% of your grade.**

**Comprehensive Final Exam is given at the end of each semester. The final exam accounts for 10% of your grade. The final exam schedule is set by the University. See attached final exam schedule for exact date.**

**\*Do not schedule any activity during the final exam period (\*see above dates).**

## **Critical Thinking, Empirical and Quantitative Core Assessment**

**Reaction Time Biopac (Lesson 11) assignment** will measure the students ability to observe the effects of learning and physiological process on reaction times. It will also measure their ability to compare reaction times with two presentation schedules: fixed intervals and pseudo-random interval datasets. Lastly, they will calculate statistics of group mean, variance and standard deviation. This assignment will be referenced against the Association of American College and Universities Empirical and Quantitative rubric.

## **Teamwork, Oral and Written Communication**

**Case Study/Scientific Topic Core Assessment** will measure the student's ability to research, analyze and communicate information for a given case study/scientific topic. Each student will be assigned to a group to discuss the requirements of the case study. Each member of the group will be responsible for a written portion of the case study and providing a part for the oral presentation. The topics will require students to research information and compare data. After which, they will collaboratively assemble an oral presentation using Prezi to be assessed by their peers and professor. This assignment will be referenced against the Association of American College and Universities Written and Oral communication rubric, Teamwork rubric and Peer Evaluation Rubric (Herreid, C.F., 2007).

Example of Scientific Topic is a comparison of Nervous system disorders the students will be responsible for knowing and communicating the history, effected population, discovery and treatment of the disorder.

## Late Assignment Policy

A submission is labeled **Late** when it has been submitted past the due date. Only assignments with a status of Late will be affected by the Late Submission policy. The late policy will be applied to a submission when it is graded. Late assignments will reduce 5% per day late.

### **Grading Matrix**

Instrument	Value (points or percentages)	Total
Lecture Exams + Writing	3 Lecture exams at 100 points ea.	30%
Laboratory Practical Exams	3 Lab Practical exams at 100 pts each	30%
Quiz	16 Quiz	10%
Assignment (Online, Laboratory Assignments, Reaction Time, EOG, EEG Biopacs...)	10 Assignments	10%
CASE-STUDY PRESENTATION	GROUP	5%
CASE-STUDY	Individual	5%
Comprehensive Final Exam	100 points	10%

Grade Determination:

A = 100 – 90pts;

B = 89 – 80pts;

C = 79 – 70pts;

D = 69 – 60pts;

F = 59pts or below

## Biology 2401 Lecture and Laboratory Schedule

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Laboratory</u>	<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
1	Syllabus/Register for Connect/ Human Body video	Pre-Test/Syllabus /Atlas A General Orientation to Human Anatomy	
	Safety Forms/ <i>BIOPAC Lesson 11</i>	Chapter 2 The Chemistry of Life	
2	Exercise 2 Organs, Systems and Organization( Review)	Chapter 2 The Chemistry of Life	Quiz 1 & 2 Lab Assessment
		Chapter 3 Cellular Form and Function	Quiz 3
3	Exercise 3 Microscopy	Chapter 3 Cellular Form and Function	
	Exercise 4 Cell structure and Function	Chapter 4 Genetics and Cellular Function	Quiz 4 Lab Assessment
4	Exercise 6 Tissues	Chapter 4 Cellular Function	
	<b>Lab Exam I</b>	<b>Lecture Exam I (Atlas A,2,3,4)</b>	
5	Exercise 6 Tissues	Chapter 5 Histology	Quiz 5
	Exercise 6 Tissues	Chapter 5 Histology	Lab Assessment
6	Exercise 7	Chapter 6 Integumentary System	Quiz 6
	<b>Lab Exam II (Histology &amp; Integumentary System)</b>	<b>Lecture Exam II (5,6)</b>	
7	Exercise 8 Skeletal system	Chapter 7,8 Bone Tissue and Skeletal System	Quiz 7
	Exercise 9,11	Chapter 7,8 Bone Tissue and Skeletal System	Lab Assesment
8	Exercise 10	Chapter 9 Joints	Quiz 9
	Exercise 14,15	<b>Midterm Lecture Exam (7,8,9)</b>	
9	<b>Lab Exam III</b>	Chapter 10 and 11 Muscular System and Muscular tissue	Quiz 10
	Exercise 16,17	Cont. Chapter 10 Chapter 11	
10	BIOPAC EMG 1	Cont. Chapter 10 Chapter 11	Quiz 11
	BIOPAC EMG 2	Cont. Chapter 10 Chapter 11	Lab Assesment
11	<b>Lab Exam IV</b>	<b>Lecture Exam IV</b>	
	Assignment 7 Chapter 12	Assignment 8 Chapter 13	

12	BIOPAC EEG 1	Chapter 12 Nervous Tissue Chapter 13 Spinal Cord, Spina Nerves, and Somatic Reflexes Chapter 14 Brain and Cranial Nerves Chapter 15 Autonomic Nerves System Chapter 16 Sense Organs	Quiz 12-16
	BIOPAC EOG 1	Cont. Chapter 12-16	
13	Exercise 20,21,22	Cont. Chapter 12-16	Lab Assessment
14	Dissection	Cont. Chapter 12-16	
	<b>Lab Exam V</b>	<b>Exam V 12-16</b>	
15	<i>Case Studies</i>	<i>Case Studies</i>	
	<i>Case studies</i>	<b>Review Day</b>	
16	<b>Final Exams</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>	

## **Student Support and Success**

### **John B. Coleman Library**

The John B. Coleman Library's mission is to enhance the scholarly pursuit of knowledge, to foster intellectual curiosity, and to promote life-long learning and research through our innovative services, resources, and cultural programs, which support the Prairie View A&M University's global mission of teaching, service, and research. It maintains library collections and access both on campus, online, and through local agreements to further the educational goals of students and faculty. Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/library/>; Phone: 936-261-1500

### **Academic Advising Services**

Academic Advising Services offers students a variety of services that contributes to student success and leads towards graduation. We assist students with understanding university policies and procedures that affect academic progress. We support the early alert program to help students get connected to success early in the semester. We help refer students to the appropriate academic support services when they are unsure of the best resource for their needs. Faculty advisors support some students in their respective colleges. Your faculty advisor can be identified in PantherTracks. Advisors with Academic Advising Services are available to all students. We are located across campus. Find your advisor's location by academic major at [www.pvamu.edu/advising](http://www.pvamu.edu/advising). Phone: 936-261-5911

### **The University Tutoring Center**

The University Tutoring Center (UTC) offers free tutoring and academic support to all registered PVAMU students. The mission of the UTC is to help provide a solid academic foundation that enables students to become confident, capable, independent learners. Competent and caring staff and peer tutors guide students in identifying, acquiring, and enhancing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to reach their desired goals. Tutoring and academic support are offered face-to-face in the UTC, in virtual face-to-face sessions (<https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/university-tutoring-center/>), and through online sessions (<https://www.pvamu.edu/pvplace/>). Other support services available for students include Supplemental Instruction, Study Break, Academic Success Workshops, and Algebra Study Jam. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 307; Phone: 936-261-1561; Email: [pvtutoring@pvamu.edu](mailto:pvtutoring@pvamu.edu); Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/sass/university-tutoring-center/>

### **Writing Center**

The Writing Center provides well-trained peer tutors to assist students with writing assignments at any stage of the writing process. Tutors help students with various writing tasks from understanding assignments, brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, researching, and integrating sources. Students have free access to Grammarly online writing assistance. Grammarly is an automated proofreading and plagiarism detection tool. Students must register for Grammarly by using their student email address. In addition, students have access to face-to-face and virtual tutoring services either asynchronously via email or synchronously via Zoom. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 209; Phone: 936-261-3724; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/writing-center/>; Grammarly Registration: <https://www.grammarly.com/enterprise/signup>

### **Academic Early Alert**

Academic Early Alert is a proactive system of communication and collaboration between faculty, academic advisors, and PVAMU students that is designed to support student success by promptly identifying issues and allowing for intervention. Academic Early Alerts help students by providing a central location to schedule advising appointments, view advisor contact information, and request assistance. Students who recognize that they have a problem that is negatively affecting their academic performance or ability to continue school may self-refer an Academic Early Alert. To do so, students will log in to PV Place and click on Academic Early Alert on the left sidebar. Phone: 936-261-5902; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/student-success/early-alert/>

### **Student Counseling Services**

The Student Counseling Services unit offers a range of services and programs to assist students in maximizing their potential for success: short-term individual, couples, and group counseling, as well as crisis intervention, outreach, consultation, and referral services. The staff is licensed by the State of Texas and assists students who are dealing with academic skills concerns, situational crises, adjustment problems, and emotional difficulties. Information shared with the staff is treated confidentially and in accordance with Texas State Law. Location: Hobart Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; Phone: 936-261-3564; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/student-counseling-services/>

### **Office of Testing Services**

Testing Services serves to create opportunities by offering a suite of exams that aid in the students' academic and professional success. Currently, we administer entrance (HESI A2), college readiness (TSI assessment), Prior Learning (CLEP, DSST), and proctored exams. Location: Wilhelmina Delco, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Rm. 305; Phone: 936-261-3627; Email: [aetesting@pvamu.edu](mailto:aetesting@pvamu.edu); Website: [www.pvamu.edu/testing](http://www.pvamu.edu/testing)

### **Office of Diagnostic Testing and Disability Services**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services. As a federally-mandated educational support unit, the Office of Disability Services serves as the repository for confidential disability files for faculty, staff, and students. For persons with a disability, the Office develops individualized ADA letters of request for accommodations. Other services include learning style inventories, awareness workshops, accessibility pathways, webinars, computer laboratory with adapted hard and software, adapted furniture, proctoring non-standardized test administrations, ASL interpreters, ALDs, digital recorders, Livescribe, and a comprehensive referral network across campus and the broader community. Location: Hobart Taylor, Rm. 1D128; Phone: 936-261-3583; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/disabilityservices/>

### **Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS)**

Distance Learning, also referred to as Distance Education, is the employment of alternative instructional delivery methods to extend programs and services to persons unable to attend college in the traditional manner. The Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) supports student learning through online, hybrid, web-assist, and 2-way video course delivery. For more details and contact information, visit: <https://www.pvamu.edu/dlearning/distance-learning-2-2/students-2/>; Phone: 936-261-3283

### **Veteran Affairs**

Veterans Services works with student veterans, current military and military dependents to support their transition to the college environment and continued persistence to graduation. The Office coordinates and certifies benefits for both the G.I. Bill and the Texas Hazlewood Act. Location: Evans Hall, Rm. 102; Phone: 936-261-3563; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/sa/departments/veteranaffairs/>

### **Office for Student Engagement**

The Office for Student Engagement delivers comprehensive programs and services designed to meet the co-curricular needs of students. The Office implements inclusive and accessible programs and services that enhance student development through exposure to and participation in diverse and relevant social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, community service, leadership development, and campus governance. Location: Memorial Student Center, Rm. 221; Phone: 936-261-1340; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/studentengagement/>

### **Career Services**

Career Services supports students through professional development, career readiness, and placement and employment assistance. The Office provides one-on-one career coaching, interview preparation, resume and letter writing, and career exploration workshops and seminars. Services are provided for students at the Northwest Houston Center and College of Nursing in the Medical Center twice a month or on a requested basis. Distance Learning students are encouraged to visit the Career Services website for information regarding services provided. Location: Anderson Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; Phone: 936-261-3570; Website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/careerservices/>

## **University Rules and Procedures**

### **Academic Misconduct**

Academic dishonesty is defined as any form of cheating or dishonesty that has the effect or intent of interfering with any academic exercise or fair evaluation of a student's performance. The college faculty can provide additional information, particularly related to a specific course, laboratory, or assignment.

You are expected to practice academic honesty in every aspect of this course and all other courses. Make sure you are familiar with the *University Administrative Guidelines on Academic Integrity*, which can be found on the [Academic Integrity webpage](#). Students who engage in academic misconduct are subject to university disciplinary procedures. As listed in the *University Administrative Guidelines on Academic Integrity*, the University Online Catalog, and the



Student Code of Conduct, the following are examples of prohibited conduct. This list is not designed to be all-inclusive or exhaustive. In addition to academic sanctions, any student found to have committed academic misconduct that is also a violation of criminal law may also be subject to disciplinary review and action by the Office of Student Conduct (as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct).

### **Forms of Academic Dishonesty:**

1. Cheating: Deception in which a student misrepresents that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise that he/she has not learned, giving or receiving aid unauthorized by the instructor on assignments or examinations. Examples: unauthorized use of notes for a test; using a "cheat sheet" on a quiz or exam; any alteration made on a graded test or exam which is then resubmitted to the teacher;
2. Plagiarism: Careless or deliberate use of the work or the ideas of another; representation of another's work, words, ideas, or data as your own without permission or appropriate acknowledgment. Examples: copying another's paper or answers, failure to identify information or essays from the internet and submitting or representing it as your own; submitting an assignment which has been partially or wholly done by another and claiming it as yours; not properly acknowledging a source which has been summarized or paraphrased in your work; failure to acknowledge the use of another's words with quotation marks;
3. Collusion: When more than one student or person contributes to a piece of work that is submitted as the work of an individual;
4. Conspiracy: Agreeing with one or more persons to commit an act of academic/scholastic dishonesty; and
5. Multiple Submission: Submission of work from one course to satisfy a requirement in another course without explicit permission. Example: using a paper prepared and graded for credit in one course to fulfill a requirement and receive credit in a different course.

### **Nonacademic Misconduct**

The university respects the rights of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires campus conditions that do not impede their exercise. Campus behavior that interferes with either (1) the instructor's ability to conduct the class, (2) the inability of other students to profit from the instructional program, or (3) campus behavior that interferes with the rights of others will not be tolerated. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior may be subject to disciplinary action. The Office of Student Conduct will adjudicate such incidents under nonacademic procedures.

### **Sexual Misconduct**

Sexual harassment of students and employees at Prairie View A&M University is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any member of the university community violating the university's sexual harassment policy will be subject to disciplinary action. In accordance with the Texas A&M University System guidelines, your instructor is obligated to report to the Office of Title IX Compliance ([titleixteam@pvamu.edu](mailto:titleixteam@pvamu.edu)) any instance of sexual misconduct involving a student, which includes sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual harassment, about which the instructor becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. The faculty and staff of PVAMU actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living environment that promotes respect that is free from sexual misconduct, discrimination, and all forms of violence. If students, faculty, or staff would like assistance or have questions, they may contact the Title IX Coordinator at 936-261-2144 or [titleixteam@pvamu.edu](mailto:titleixteam@pvamu.edu). More information can be found at [www.pvamu.edu/titleix](http://www.pvamu.edu/titleix), including confidential resources available on campus.

### **Pregnancy, Pregnancy-related, and Parenting Accommodations**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination, which includes discrimination based on pregnancy, marital status, or parental status. Students seeking accommodations related to pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, or parenting (reasonably immediate postpartum period) are encouraged to contact Student Disability Services or the Dean of Students' Office for additional information and to request accommodations.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Prairie View A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity in its programs and activities. The

University is committed to supporting students and complying with The Texas A&M University System non-discrimination policy. It seeks to establish an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you experience an incident of discrimination or harassment, we encourage you to report it. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you privacy or confidentiality, there are individuals who can meet with you. The Director of Equal Opportunity & Diversity has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and can be reached at Harrington Science Building, Suite 109 or by phone at 936-261-1744 or 1792.

### **Class Attendance Policy (See the University Online Catalog for Full Attendance Policy)**

Prairie View A&M University requires regular class attendance. Attending all classes supports the full academic development of each learner, whether classes are taught with the instructor physically present or via distance learning technologies such as interactive video and/or the internet. Excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, may result in a student's course grade being reduced or in the assignment of a grade of "F." Absences are accumulated beginning with the first day of class during regular semesters and summer terms. Each faculty member will include the University's attendance policy in each course syllabus.

### **Student Academic Appeals Process**

Authority and responsibility for assigning grades to students rest with the faculty. However, in those instances where students believe that miscommunication, errors, or unfairness of any kind may have adversely affected the instructor's assessment of their academic performance, the student has a right to appeal by the procedure listed in the University Online Catalog and by doing so within thirty days of receiving the grade or experiencing any other problematic academic event that prompted the complaint.

### **Technical Considerations**

#### **Minimum Recommended Hardware and Software:**

- Intel PC or Laptop with Windows 10 or later version; Mac with OS High Sierra\*
- Smartphone or iPad/Tablet with Wi-Fi\*
- High-speed Internet access
- 8 GB Memory
- Hard drive with 320 GB storage space
- 15" monitor, 800x600, color or 16 bit
- Sound card w/speakers
- Microphone and recording software
- Keyboard & mouse
- Most current version of Google Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

**Note:** Be sure to enable Java & pop-ups in the Web browser preferences

\* Smartphones, Google Chrome books, and Android tablets may not be supported. iPads are the only tablets supported.

#### **Participants should have a basic proficiency of the following computer skills:**

- Sending and receiving email
- A working knowledge of the Internet
- Microsoft Word (or a program convertible to Word)
- Acrobat PDF Reader
- Windows or Mac OS
- Video conferencing software

#### **Netiquette (online etiquette)**

Students are expected to participate in all discussions and virtual classroom chats as directed. Students are to be respectful and courteous to others on discussion boards. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Do not use ALL CAPS for communicating to others AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS YELLING. Avoid slang terms such as "wassup?" and texting abbreviations such as "u" instead of "you." Limit and possibly avoid the use of emoticons. Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post, and the message might be taken seriously or sound offensive.

### **Video Conferencing Etiquette**

When using Zoom, WebEx, or other video conferencing tools, confirm the visible area is tidy, clear of background clutter, inappropriate or offensive posters, and other distractions. Ensure you dress appropriately and avoid using high traffic or noisy areas. Stay muted when you are not speaking and avoid eating/drinking during the session. Before the class session begins, test audio, video, and lighting to alleviate technology issues.

### **Technical Support**

Students should go to <https://mypassword.pvamu.edu/> if they have password issues. The page will provide instructions for resetting passwords and contact information if login issues persist. For other technical questions regarding eCourses, call the Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services at 936-261-3283 or email [ciits@pvamu.edu](mailto:ciits@pvamu.edu).

### **Communication Expectations and Standards**

Emails or discussion postings will receive a response from the instructor, usually in less than 48 hours. Urgent emails should be marked as such. Check regularly for responses.

### **Discussion Requirement**

Online courses often require minimal to no face-to-face meetings. However, conversations about the readings, lectures, materials, and other aspects of the course can occur in a seminar fashion. The use of the discussion board will accomplish this. The instructor will determine the exact use of discussion boards.

**It is strongly suggested** that students type their discussion postings in a word processing application such as Word and save it to their PC or a removable drive before posting to the discussion board. This is important for two reasons: 1) If for some reason your discussion responses are lost in your online course, you will have another copy; 2) Grammatical errors can be greatly minimized by the use of the spell-and-grammar check functions in word processing applications. Once the post(s) have been typed and corrected in the word processing application, copy and paste to the discussion board.

## **COVID-19 Campus Safety Measures**

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, PVAMU has adopted policies and practices to limit virus transmission.

- **Self-monitoring** - Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction.
- **Face Coverings** - Face coverings (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) are recommended in classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways, public study spaces, libraries, academic resource, and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is challenging to maintain reliably.
- **Physical Distancing** - Physical distancing should be maintained between students, instructors, and others in course and course-related activities where possible.
- **Personal Illness and Quarantine** - Students required to quarantine are to participate in courses and course-related activities remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities. Students experiencing personal injury or illness that is too severe for the student to attend class qualify for an excused absence. To receive an excused absence, students must provide appropriate documentation to the Office for Student Conduct, [studentconduct@pvamu.edu](mailto:studentconduct@pvamu.edu).

## **COVID-19 Campus Safety Measures**

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, Prairie View A&M University has adopted policies and practices for the Fall 2020 academic term to limit virus transmission. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses and course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.):

- **Self-monitoring** - Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction.
- **Face Coverings** - Face coverings (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) must be properly worn in all non-private spaces including classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways, public study spaces, libraries, academic resource and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to reliably maintain.
- **Physical Distancing** - Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in course and course-related activities.
- **Classroom Ingress/Egress** - Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Students should leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded, should not congregate in hallways and should maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.
- **Face-to-face Class** - To attend a face-to-face class, students must wear a face covering (or a face shield if they have an exemption letter). If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office for Student Conduct for adjudication. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day's class remotely for all students.
- **COVID-19 Guidelines for Student Conduct Adjudication** - The mandatory COVID-19 Training/Certification taken by all students serves as the 1st Warning for violation of COVID-19 Guidelines.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> incident: upon review of Incident Report and finding of responsibility — Conduct Probation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> incident: upon review of Incident Report and finding of responsibility — Suspension
  - Consult the Code of Student Conduct in the Student Planner or [Student Conduct website](#) for additional information on Conduct Probation and Suspension.

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