

HUNF 1322: Nutrition and Wellness:

Spring 2024

Course Information	Description
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Mode of Instruction:	Face to Face
Course Location:	Agricultural Business Building Room 217
Class Days & Times:	10:00 am-10:50 pm (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
Catalog Description:	Introduction to human nutrition and food. Study of human nutritional needs and problems encountered in providing food for the satisfaction of physiological and socio-cultural system needs, and the significance of these interrelationships to health. A discussion of current nutritional issues.
Prerequisites:	None
Co-requisites:	None
Required Text(s):	Nutrition: Concepts and Controversies, 16th edition Authors: Frances Sizer & Ellie Whitney, Wadsworth Cengage Learning – Publishing: ISBN 13: 978-0357727614
Communication Method:	Text @44ck6gc to 81010

Course Learning Objectives:

	The goal of this course is to introduce the concept of human behavior and diversity on food choices with emphasis on lifestyle alternatives that either positively impact or harm overall health and provide guidance on steps to make successful long-term changes in the diet to meet the physical, biological, and nutritional needs of the individuals. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:	Student Learning Outcome # Alignment	Core Curriculum Objective Alignment
1	Explain the basic knowledge of human nutrition and how it can be used to develop interventions to promote health and prevent disease.	1 & 3	K, CT
2	Explain the role of major nutrients, vitamins, and minerals in providing energy and other components needed to sustain life and wellbeing.	1 & 3	K, CT
3	Describe the role of the environment, food, and lifestyle choices, and explain how it can be used to affect change in individuals.	1, 2, 3	COM, CT
4	Demonstrate how to calculate calorie content from a given food label and measure it against the standard requirement, calculate individual protein needs, and BMI.	1 & 3	K, CT
5	Describe how to record, analyze, and calculate dietary intake and compare it to reference standards.	1 & 3	K, CT

Course Learning Objectives:

Student Learning Outcomes for Course Learning Objectives	
1	Describe how food gets digested in the body.
	Describe the roles and functions of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins in the body along with various food choices.
	Describe the roles and functions of the water soluble and fat-soluble vitamins, and what happens when the body is deficient or toxic levels are consumed.
	Compare and contrast the different types of chronic conditions and how they affect your health.
2	Identify key concepts from the Nutrition and Wellness course, including food choices and human health
	Discuss the various dietary assessment tools.
	Identify and describe similarities and differences in hunger, poverty, food insecurity and food security that is seen in developing countries and in the U.S.
	Identify and explain the important nutrients and diet recommendations, and physical activity requirements of the life stages.
	Define the important terms related to child, teen, and adult nutrition.
3	Identify the key concepts of food choices and human health.
	Explain the process of energy balance and how to obtain and maintain a healthy body weight.
	Identify different types of food-borne illnesses, and food safety measures to prevent illness.
4	Calculate calorie content from a given food label and measure it against the standard requirement.
	Calculate the calorie needs of individuals.
	Demonstrate how to calculate your own protein needs.
5	Research the current effects of vitamins and minerals in the body by reviewing current studies done on the benefits, deficiencies, supplements, functions, etc. with the use of the various vitamins and minerals.

Major Course Requirements

Method of Determining Final Course Grade

Item	Course Grade Requirement	Value	Total
1)	Attendance	Daily	100
2)	Pop quizzes	6 X 15 Points Each	90
3)	Chapter Case Studies	15 X 8 Points Each	120
4)	Vitamin and Mineral Presentations	1 X 100	100
5)	Chapter exams	2 X 100 Points Each	200
6)	Exams (Midterm and Final)	2 X 100 Points Each	200
Total:			810 points

Grading Criteria and Conversion:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = <60%

If a student has stopped attending the course (i.e. "stopped out") at any point after the first day of class but did not officially withdraw from the course and has missed assignments and exams and performed below the grade level of a D, a grade of FN (failed-nonattendance) will be assigned for the final course grade to ensure compliance with the federal Title IV financial aid regulations. In contrast, if the student has completed all assignments and exams, but performed below the grade level of a D, a grade of F will be assigned for the final course grade.

Detailed Description of Major Assignments:

Assignment Title or Grade Requirement	Description
Attendance	Attendance whether online or in person is important to ensure successful completion of activities and class discussion. Not attending can have an impact on your grade.
Participation Activities	Simple activities to help to understand the chapter content.
Chapter Case Studies	Short untimed case studies to read and answer related multiple-choice questions; one for each chapter.
Vitamins and Minerals Presentations	For this assignment, you will research an assigned mineral or vitamin and create a presentation for your classmates. You will also design an activity that helps them learn more about the properties and uses of your assigned item.
Quizzes	Timed quizzes on information related to the assigned chapter's content.
Exams	Timed exams that will include primarily multiple-choice questions, but may also include short answers, matching, and calculations. Final Exam will be timed, comprehensive, and multiple choice.

Course Procedures or Additional Instructor Policies

About the Course

Class will meet on the assigned Thursdays of each week. I will post lecture slides and other materials to Canvas by each Monday. Please read the appropriate chapter(s) before class to familiarize yourself with the lesson and prevent yourself from falling behind. Additional assignments will be added to each week to help you to understand the course content better (i.e., videos, small assignments).

Attendance

Per PVAMU policy, attendance is mandatory. Your attendance will be graded for all in-person sessions, and your completion of assigned tasks will count toward attendance and participation grades weekly. Additionally, in-person attendance will be used for contact tracing purposes if there is a reported case from Covid. However, students who are sick or who are quarantined due to COVID-19 related illnesses or exposure must not attend in-person class sessions. Students who are feeling sick should follow the guidelines of PVAMU's COVID guidelines posted at www.pvamu.edu/coronavirus. Instructors will be notified accordingly. Students will not be required to provide documentation for absences of less than two weeks and will not be penalized for absences. However, if a student has to miss more than two weeks, then a doctor's note must be provided to the Division of Student Affairs, Dean of Students.

If possible, students who miss class due to illness should:

- Notify instructor of record by email in advance of missing class—this is especially important for exam days
- Attend and/or review online lectures or materials to stay abreast of all class notes or materials
- Email the instructor regularly regarding assignments, etc.
- Submit assignments electronically if permissible
- Reschedule all face-to-face exams and/or assignments with their instructor.

This temporary policy relies on the trustworthiness of each student. Adherence to student code of conduct policies is required.

Inclement Weather and Sick Day Policies

In the event that school is cancelled due to inclement weather, I will record that day's lecture and post it to Canvas. You are responsible for watching the lecture, and we will resume with the next lecture in the next class. In the event that I need to cancel in-person class, I will notify the class via Remind no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning of class. I will record the lecture and post it to Canvas. You are responsible for watching the lecture, and we will resume with the next lecture in the next class.

Assignment Due Dates and Policies

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES ON ALL ASSIGNMENTS! This is important even though you are submitting your assignment to Canvas. Students should take action to properly identify their work by submitting their name and dates on all work turned in. I ask that students treat the online platform as if we are in class and you are turning your assignment in to me in the classroom setting. Students who do not submit their work with their name will lose 5 points off the assignment. Students should submit all assigned work via Canvas by 11:59 p.m. on the specified due date. I will accept late work up to a week after the due date, but it will automatically receive 5% off, no exceptions. You are responsible for confirming that your assignments have been uploaded to Canvas. Be sure you double check to confirm. If you are having issues uploading your work, notify me via Remind for assistance.

AI/Chat GTP Usage:

Artificial intelligence (AI) language models, such as ChatGPT, may be used for specific assignments like Diet Analysis Summary, even though it should be your experience represented, BUT with appropriate citation. If you are in doubt as to whether you are using AI language models appropriately in this course, please see me for guidance. You are responsible for fact checking statements composed by AI language models. Assigned assignments must also be submitted in Turnitin to fact check.

MacBook Users: Students who use a MacBook, please download Microsoft Office Tools to your computer. This program is free to students. Canvas will not accept **pages.com** documents which is typically seen with MacBook submissions. You may also save your assignments as a PDF and submit accordingly. Submitting your assignments correctly prevents you from receiving a "0" in the gradebook until the submission is correct, and it also prevents a delay in grading assignments. It is your responsibility to ensure that your instructor can read your assignments and the submissions are timely.

Exam Policies

As a rule, I do not offer make-up exams. You will be able to double your comprehensive final grade at the end of the semester to make up for one missed exam. For extenuating circumstances such as illness, hospitalization, or death of an immediate family member, an opportunity to take an alternative examination will be offered only to those who make prior contact (at least 24 hours before hand) with me in person or by e-mail. Proof of the extenuating circumstance is required (e.g.: university notification, doctor's note, obituary, police report) and the approval is at my discretion. Only one alternative exam may be possible during the semester. Make-up exams will only be offered in the same format as they were originally administered, unless extenuating circumstances warrant otherwise. If an exam is scheduled on a day that school is cancelled due to weather or any other reason, I will instead post a recorded lecture to Canvas for that day and give the exam the next time we meet in person.

Office Hours

Students needing to meet with me for academic/career advising can send me an email to schedule a meeting. Students needing assistance with class material and information can see me in class or send me an email to schedule a meeting.

Extra Credit & Final Grades

I do offer extra credit periodically. If you are on the cusp of the next highest letter grade (i.e.: 69%, 79%, and 89%) toward the end of the semester, you will receive the higher letter grade provided you have turned in all work on time (no exceptions), taken all the quizzes and exams, and actively participated in class discussions and forums.

Instructor Responsibilities

- Prepare assignments, discussions, and lectures.
- Facilitate an effective learning environment.
- Evaluate and provide prompt feedback on exams and assignments.

Student Responsibilities

- Participate in class discussions.
- Read assigned chapters prior to coming to class
- Submit your own work for your assignments.
- Turn in your assignments on time.
- Complete all course evaluations.
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem.
- Keep your copy of this syllabus.

- Remember: there are no stupid questions! Your classmates probably have the same question. While we all have differing levels of comfort speaking in front of a group, I challenge you to venture outside your comfort zone and speak up.

Semester Calendar

Weeks	Topic	Assignment / Activity	Assignment/Activity (Online)	Due Date
Week 1: January 16	Course Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ch. 1: Food Choices and Human Health Ch. 2: Nutrition Tools and Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction Ch. 1: Food Choices and Human Health Calorie Calculations Major Project this semester: Vitamins and Minerals Research and Presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the syllabus. Introduce Yourself via canvas Read Chapters 1-2 Complete Case Studies for Chapters 1 & 2 Read chapter 3 for next class 	
Week 2: January 21	Ch. 3: The Remarkable Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ch. 3: Digestion Lecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Case Study for Chapter 3 consumption. Read chapter 4 for next class 	
Week 3: January 28	Ch. 4: Carbohydrates, Sugar, Starch, Glycogen, and Fiber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture Overview of Carbohydrates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Case Study for Chapter 4 Read chapter 5 for next class 	Complete on-line quiz related to alcohol February 4, 2024
Week 4: February 4	Ch. 5: Lipids: Fats, Oils, Phospholipids, and Sterols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture Overview of Lipids Class Review Session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Case Study for Ch. 5 Prepare for Exam 1 Exam 1 (Chapters 1-5) Read chapter 6 for next class 	Exam 1 Due February 11, 2024 by 11:59 pm
Week 5: February 11	Ch. 6: The Proteins and Amino Acids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture Overview of Protein and Amino Acids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Case Study for Chapter 6 Read chapter 7 for next class 	
Week 6: February 18	Ch. 7: The Vitamins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture introduction to vitamins and the fat - soluble vitamins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Case Study for Chapter 7 Read chapter 8 for next class 	
Week 7: February 25	Ch. 8: Water and Minerals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture Overview of water and minerals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Case Study for Chapter 8 Read chapter 9 for next class 	
Week 8: March 3	Ch. 9: Energy Balance and a Healthy Body Weight Ch. 10: Nutrients, Physical Activity, and the Body's Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer Overview of Energy Balance Lecture overview of Chapter 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read chapter 10 Complete Case Studies Chapter 9 & 10 Midterm Exam <p>Will cover chapters 6-10</p>	Exam 2 due March 9, 2024 by 11:59

Weeks	Topic	Assignment / Activity	Assignment/Activity (Online)	Due Date
Week 9: March 10				Spring Break
Week 10: March 17	Ch. 11: Diet and Health Ch. 12: Food Safety and Food Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture overview of Chapter 11 Lecture on Food Safety Class Review Session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Chapter 11 Complete Case Studies for Chapter 11 Complete Case Study for Chapter 12 	
Week 11: March 24	Vitamins and Mineral Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Submit Vitamins and Mineral Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and submit major assignment. Read Chapter 13 	Due March 31 by 11:59 pm Good Friday March 29 No class
Week 12: March 31	Ch. 13: Lifecycle Nutrition: Mother and Infant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Lifestyle Nutrition Vitamins and Mineral Presentations begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Chapter 13 study guide Complete Case Study for Chapter 13 	
Week 13: April 7	Ch. 14: Child, Teen, and Older Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Child, Teen, and Older Adult Vitamins and Mineral Presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Chapters 14 Complete Case Studies for Chapters 14 Read chapter 15 for next week 	
Week 14: April 14	Ch. 15: Hunger and the Global Environment	Vitamins and Mineral Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Chapter 15 Complete Case Study for Chapter 15 	
Week 15: April 21	Final Exam Review (Comprehensive)	Class Review Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Review Session 	Last day of class on April 26, 2024
Final Exam: April 28	Final Exam Review (Comprehensive)			April 30th – May 8th

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. [Library Website](#) Phone: 936-261-1500

Academic Advising Services

Academic Advising Services offers students various services that contribute to student success and lead toward graduation. We assist students with understanding university policies and procedures that affect academic progress. We support the early alert program to help students connect 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 within Academic Advising Services are available to all students. We are located across campus. Find your advisor's location by academic major on the [advising website](#). 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 and virtually in online sessions. Other support services available for students include Supplemental Instruction, Study Breaks, Academic Success Workshops, and Algebra Study Jam. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 307; Phone: 936-261-1561; Email: pvtutoring@pvamu.edu; [University Tutoring Website](#)

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; [Writing Center Website](#), [Grammarly Registration](#)

Panther Navigate

Panther Navigate is a proactive system of communication and collaboration between faculty, academic advisors, and students that is designed to support student success by promptly identifying issues and allowing for intervention. Panther Navigate helps students by providing a central location to schedule advising appointments, view campus resources, and request assistance. Students who recognize that they have a problem that negatively affects their academic performance or ability to continue school may self-refer an academic early alert. To do so, students will log in to Canvas and click on Student Alerts on the left sidebar within a course. Students also have the option to download the Navigate Student app. Phone: 936-261-5902; [Panther Navigate Website](#)

Student Counseling Services

The Student Counseling Services 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, 2nd floor; Phone: 936-261-3564; [Health & Counseling Center Website](#)

Office of Testing Services

The Office of Testing Services serves to facilitate and protect the administration of educational and professional exams to aid students, faculty, staff, and the community in their academic and career goals. We provide proctoring

services for individuals who need to take exams for distance or correspondence courses for another institution, exams for independent study courses, or make-up exams. In order for a proctored exam to be administered by our office, the instructor of the course must first submit the online PVAMU Testing Services – Test Proctoring Form (this form can only be completed by the instructor) to the Office of Testing Services 72 hours prior to the first exam being administered. Once the Test Proctoring Form has been submitted, the instructor will inform their testers so they can then register for an appointment with our office on one of the selected proctored exam test dates within the testing window for the exam and pay the applicable fees. To access the OTS – Test Proctoring Form, to schedule a proctored exam appointment, or to find more information about our proctoring services, please visit the [OTS – Proctoring Service website](#). Location: Wilhelmina Delco, 3rd Floor, Rm. 305; Phone: 936-261-3627; Email: aetesting@pvamu.edu; [Testing Website](#)

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; [Disability Services Website](#)

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 classes in the traditional manner. CIITS supports student learning through online, hybrid, web-assist, and 2-way video course delivery. For more details and contact information, visit [CIITS Student Website](#). Phone: 936-261-3283 or email: ciits@pvamu.edu.

Veteran Affairs

Veteran 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; [Veteran Affairs Website](#)

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; [Student Engagement Website](#)

Center for Careers & Professional Development

This center supports students through professional development, career readiness, and placement and employment assistance. The center 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 center website for information regarding services provided. Location: Anderson Hall, 2nd floor; Phone: 936-261-3570; [Center for Careers & Professional Development Website](#)

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.

PVAMU's General Statement on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools in the Classroom

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI), specifically foundational models that can create writing, computer code, and/or images using minimal human prompting, are increasingly becoming pervasive. Even though ChatGPT is one of the most well-known GAIs currently available, this statement includes any and all past, current, and future generations of GAI software. Prairie View A&M University expects that all work produced for a grade in any course, be it face-to-face or virtual, will be the sole product of a student's endeavors to meet those academic goals. However, should an instructor permit their students to use artificial intelligence as a resource or tool, students must not substitute the substance of their original work with the results of using such GAI tools. This clearly violates the [University's Administrative Guidelines on Academic Integrity](#) and its underlying academic values.

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 ability 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) 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, Dr. Zakiya Brown, at 936-261-2144 or titleixteam@pvamu.edu. More information can be found at [Title XI Website](#), including confidential resources available on campus.

Protections and Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Students

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces, among other statutes, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. This protection includes those who may be pregnant and parenting. Title IX states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Students seeking accommodations related to pregnancy or parenting should contact the Office of Title IX for information, resources, and support at titleixteam@pvamu.edu. Additional information and/or support may be provided by the Office of Disability Services or the Office of the Dean of Students.

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.

Makeup Work for Legitimate Absences

Prairie View A&M University recognizes that there are a variety of legitimate circumstances in which students will miss coursework and that accommodations for makeup work will be made. If a student's absence is **excused**, the instructor must either provide the student an opportunity to make up any quiz, exam, or other work contributing to the final grade or provide a satisfactory alternative by a date agreed upon by the student and instructor. Students are encouraged to work with instructors to complete makeup work before known scheduled absences (University-sponsored events, administrative proceedings, etc.). Students are responsible for planning their schedules to avoid excessive conflicts with course requirements.

Absence Verification Process

All non-athletic absences (e.g., Medical, Death/Funeral, Court/Legal-related, etc.) for which a student seeks to obtain a valid excuse must be submitted to the Dean of Students/Office of Student Conduct, with supporting documentation, for review and verification. Please use the [Online Reporting Forms](#) to access/complete/submit the *Request for a University Excused Absence* form for an excuse. Upon receipt, a staff member will verify the documentation and provide an official university excuse, if applicable. The student is responsible for providing the official university excuse issued by the Office for Student Conduct to the professor(s). Questions should be directed to the Dean of Students via email: deanofstudents@pvamu.edu or phone: (936) 261-3550 or Office for Student Conduct via email: studentconduct@pvamu.edu or phone: (936) 261-3524.

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 Catalina
- Smartphone or iPad/tablet with wi-fi*
- High-speed internet access
- 8 GB memory
- Hard drive with 320 GB storage space
- 15" monitor, 1024 x 768, color
- Speakers (internal or external)
- 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

* Some courses may require remote proctoring. At this time only Chromebooks, laptops, and desktops running Windows or Mac work with our proctoring solution, but iPads are not compatible. Most other applications will work with Android or Apple tablets and smartphones.

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 (Zoom)

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 [Password Reset Tool](#) 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.

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

In accordance with the latest guidelines from the PVAMU Health Services, the following measures are in effect until further notice.

- Students who are ill will be asked to adhere to best practices in public health, such as masking, handwashing, and social distancing, to help reduce the spread of illness across campus.
- Mandatory self-reporting will no longer be required by students. Students will be responsible for communicating with their professors regarding COVID, similarly to any other illness.
- There will be no mandatory isolation. Students who are too ill to engage in classroom activities will be responsible for securing the appropriate documentation to support the absence.
- Students who self-isolate will be responsible for communicating with their professors and securing an excuse from Student Conduct.
- All students will have access to [TimelyCare](#), a telehealth platform that provides virtual medical care 24/7 and by appointment in the Student Health Clinic. Students are encouraged to enroll with TimelyCare at the beginning of the semester, at timelycare.com/pvamu.
- Students will have access to COVID testing in the Student Health Clinic by appointment. Testing is for students who are symptomatic ONLY.