SYLLABUS

Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

CURR 5300 Z01 – Theory and Dynamics of Curriculum and Instruction
Spring 2024

<mark>*Note: This course syllabus is a general plan; revisions may be made at the discretion of Dr. Angela Dickson.*</mark>

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Mode of Instruction:	Online
Course Location:	Online
Class Days & Times:	Online
Course Dates:	16 January – 8 May 2024
Catalog Description:	**CURR 5300 Theory & Dynamics of Curriculum and Instruction. Three Credit hours.** A curriculum of theoretical and logical structures that exceeds the essential elements and promotes higher level thinking skills, explores consideration of implications for bilingual, migrant and exceptional education. Expands integration of technology in influencing implementation, planning and evaluation of curriculum at all levels of teaching.

This is an online course. You must have regular Internet access, e-Course access, as well as basic computer skills. If you do not have Internet access off campus, you can get access on campus through the College of Education student computer lab in 321 Delco, the Farrell Hall computer lab, or the student computer lab on the second floor of the Coleman Library.

Prerequisites: A baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency equivalent to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and acceptance into or permission from the Graduate School of Prairie View A&M University.

Co-requisites: None

Required Texts: Parkay, F. W., Hass, G., & Anctil, E. J. (2011). *Curriculum Leadership* (9th ed.). Boston: Pearson.

Recommended Texts: TExES PPR - Texas Examinations of Educator Standards Preparation Manual

Course Goals/Correlation to:
- Conceptual Framework
- Content Area and Pedagogy Standards for Texas Educators/TExES Content and Pedagogy Responsibilities Examinations
- NCATE

Conceptual Framework
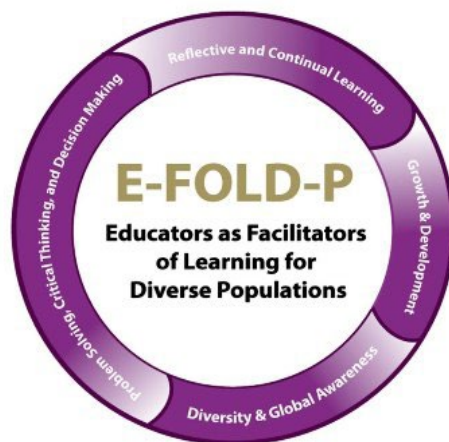
The PVAMU Conceptual Framework Model - Educator as Facilitator of Learning for Diverse Populations (E-FOLD-P)- supports the major goals of the Teacher Education Unit. E-FOLD-P guides the design and the implementation of teacher education programs located in the College of Education and constitutes a commitment by the Unit to develop and prepare candidates as:

- Problem solvers, critical thinkers, and decision makers.
- Reflective and continual learners who utilize effective teaching practices.
- Facilitators of student growth and development, by precept and example.
- Educators with understanding and appreciation of human diversity and global awareness.

Related TExES Standards:

PEDAGOGY AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (EC-GRADE 12)
Standard I. The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.

Standard III. The teacher promotes student learning by providing responsive instruction that makes use of effective communication techniques, instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process, and timely, high-quality feedback.

Standard IV. The teacher fulfills professional roles and responsibilities and adheres to legal and ethical requirements of the profession.

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS STANDARDS FOR ALL BEGINNING TEACHERS
Standard I. All teachers use technology-related terms, concepts, data input strategies, and ethical practices to make informed decisions about current technologies and their applications.

Standard II. All teachers identify task requirements, apply search strategies, and use current technology to efficiently acquire, analyze, and evaluate a variety of electronic information.

Standard III. All teachers use task-appropriate tools to synthesize knowledge, create and modify solutions, and evaluate results in a way that supports the work of individuals and groups in problem solving situations.

Standard IV. All teachers communicate information in different formats and for diverse audiences.

Standard V. All teachers know how to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction for all students that incorporates the effective use of current technology for teaching and integrating the Technology Applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) into the curriculum.

Professional Learning Outcomes (PLO's) – Master's Degree, Curriculum and Instruction
Below are short descriptions of the related Professional Learning Outcomes (PLO's) for this course:

<u>PLO1- Written Communication</u>- The student must demonstrate sophisticated language use; strong organization of written content; consistent adherence to required system of documentation of outside information; clear expertise in stylistic choices, mechanics and usage.

<u>Oral Communication-</u> The student must demonstrate excellent oral delivery skills (posture, gesture, eye contact, vocal expressions) with appropriate, imaginative language; and appropriate documentation of facts/references to establish credibility.

<u>PLO2-</u> Differentiate instruction in order to address diverse learner needs, e.g. dyslexia, learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorders (ADHD), and English Language Learners (ELLs), etc. The student must create instructional plans that include extensive, appropriate and

allowable modifications for above and below grade-level learners in reading, math and other content areas, including ELL and special needs students.

Student Learning Outcomes

	Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:	Program Learning Outcome # Alignment	Core Curriculum Outcome Alignment
1	Understand and articulate in written form the College of Education's E-FOLD-P philosophy in relation to issues of importance in Educational Psychology	PLO1 & PLO2	Critical Thinking, Communication
2	Understand and articulate in written form how the values of the major philosophies influencing American education, perennialism, essentialism, progressivism, and reconstructionism have contributed to curriculum development.	PLO1 & PLO2	Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical
3	Understand and articulate in written form how the social forces, theories of human development, learning, and knowledge are underlying goals of curricula.	PLO1 & PLO2	Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical
4	Examine and articulate the social forces, theories of human development, learning, and knowledge that are underlying goals of curricula.	PLO1 & PLO2	Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical
5	Examine and understand important research studies on the effectiveness of and best practices for instructional materials for various learners.	PLO1 & PLO2	Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical

Grading Criteria and Conversion:

A = 95-100 points   B = 85-94 points   C = 75-84 points

Modules	Topic	Assignment / Activity	Assignment / Activity (Online)	Due Date	Point Value
19 Jan @ 6:30 pm	Course Q&A	ZOOM Meeting	*Link will be in eCourses*	-	-
MODULE 1 16 Jan – 6 Feb	COURSE INTRODUCTION	M-1 A-1 Who am I? Introductions M-1 A-2 E-FOLD-P Paper	Online post of ALL assignments for Module 1	6 Feb	5 5
MODULE 2 7 Feb – 28 Feb	LEARNING OBJECTIVES	M-2 A-1 Dispositions M-2 A-2 Curriculum Criteria M-2 A-3 Writing Learning Goals & Objectives	Online post of ALL assignments for Module 2	28 Feb	30
MODULE 3 29 Feb – 21 Mar	SOCIAL FORCES	M-3 A-1 Multiculturalism M-3 A-2 Digital Equity	Online post of ALL assignments for Module 3	21 Mar	20
MODULE 4 22 Mar – 12 Apr	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	M-4 A-1 Domain Specific Tasks M-4 A-2 Moral Development	Online post of ALL assignments for Module 4	12 Apr	20
MODULE 5 13 Apr – 26 Apr	IMPLEMENTING THE CURRICULUM	M-5 A-1 Problem Based Learning M-5 A-2 Including Everyone	Online post of ALL assignments for Module 5	26 Apr	20
26 Apr **8 May**	-	**LAST CLASS DAY** **SEMESTER END**	-	-	-

Course Procedures or Additional Instructor Policies

Taskstream
Taskstream is a tool that Prairie View A&M University uses for assessment purposes. At least one of your assignments is **REQUIRED** to be submitted as an "artifact," an item of coursework that serves as evidence that course objectives are met. More information will be provided during the semester, but for general information, you can visit Taskstream via the link in eCourses.

Related Websites:

Alternative Forms of Assessment http://www.nclrc.org/essentials/assessing/alternative.htm

Assessment http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/areas/as0cont.htm

Bibliography for Instructional Design http://home.apu.edu/~rwhite/idbib.html

Bloom's Taxonomy http://www.nwlink.com/~donclark/hrd/bloom.html

First Monday http://firstmonday.org/index

Formative and Summative Evaluation
http://www.cmu.edu/teaching/assessment/basics/formative-summative.html

Gagne's Events of Instruction http://edutechwiki.unige.ch/en/Nine_events_of_instruction

Instructional Design Strategies http://www.nwlink.com/~donclark/hrd/learning/development.html

Instructional Design Theory http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instructional_design

Learning Theories http://tip.psychology.org/theories.html

Lessons Plans http://thegateway.org/

Problem-solving Objectives http://www.uwsp.edu/education/lwilson/CURRIC/problem.htm

Rubrics http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php

Writing for a Web Audience http://www.smartisans.com/articles/web_writing.aspx

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 contribute 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. 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; 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 to 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, 2nd floor; Phone: 936-261-3564; Website: https://www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/student-counseling-services/

Office of Testing Services
Testing Services serve 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, 3rd Floor, Rm. 305; Phone: 936-261-3627; Email: aetesting@pvamu.edu; Website: 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 reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring 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, 2nd 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.

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) 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. More information can be found at 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.

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