# Core Course Syllabus – Fall 2021

|  | **Course** | Insert Course Prefix, Number, Section Here |
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| **Course Title** | Insert Course Title Here |
| **Professor** | Insert Professor's Name Here |
| **Term** | Insert Beginning & Ending Dates OR Semester & Year Here |
| **Meetings** | Insert Times, Days of Week. Location Optional |

## Professor’s Contact Information

| **Office Phone** | Primary Contact Phone Number |
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| **Other Phone** | Optional Phone Contact Number |
| **Office Location** | Office or Other Meeting Location for Consultation |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Office Hours** | State time/day and how office hours will be held, e.g., BlackBoard Collaborate or MS Teams (add appropriate links) and/or optional phone call; please ensure student's identity in adherence to FERPA |
| **Other Information** | Insert any other information you'd like to include, such as "I don't read eLearning mail" |

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## COVID-19 Guidelines and Resources

The following guidelines and resources outline expectations for students and instructors of record during the Fall 2021 semester.

## Instructor Resources

**Syllabi Language for Faculty: Masks and Vaccinations**

For faculty who would like to include information in your syllabus about the university’s policy on masks and vaccinations, you may use the developed language shown below. The inclusion of this language in your syllabus is not required and is at the discretion of the instructor of record. Please remember that Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s Executive Order [GA-38](https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-order-providing-clarity-and-uniformity-in-the-states-covid-19-response) prohibits us from mandating vaccines and face coverings for UT Dallas employees, students and members of the public on our campus. However, we strongly encourage all Comets to get vaccinated and wear face coverings as recommended by the CDC. The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) will continue to share more information and guidance as we get closer to the fall semester.

**Classroom Safety and COVID-19** To help preserve the University’s in-person learning environment, UT Dallas recommends the following:

Adhere to the University’s [CDC Updated Guidelines](https://evites.utdallas.edu/coronavirus/43.html) issued on July 30, 2021. All Comets are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings indoors regardless of vaccination status. Please note this represents a change in the [campus guidance](https://evites.utdallas.edu/coronavirus/39.html) issued on May 20, 2021.

**Accommodations for Students Who Miss Class for Reasons Unrelated to COVID-19**

Individual faculty maintain their discretion on whether and how to accommodate student absences unrelated to COVID-19.  

**Accommodations for Students Who Must Isolate or Quarantine Due to COVID-19**

To keep the UT Dallas community as safe as possible, the University requires students who test positive for COVID-19 or who are close contacts as determined by the campus contact tracing program to isolate or quarantine as applicable. Faculty will be notified by the Dean of Students' Office if a student in their class has been required to isolate (positive case) or quarantine (exposed). Faculty must make lectures available for those students during the period the students must isolate or quarantine. Faculty who need assistance with providing these students access to course content can contact the eLearning Team at [elearning@utdallas.edu](mailto:elearning@utdallas.edu). Faculty have the discretion to set an attendance policy for their in-person meetings, but the absences due to COVID-19 cannot be counted against an isolated or quarantined student.

**Verifying COVID-19 Isolations or Quarantines**

Students need to self-report COVID-19 positive results or exposures via an [online form](https://veoci.com/v/p/form/tqeyzbbexcyf?c=131560#tab=entryForm) so that university campus tracers can verify, record, and take necessary campus precautions. When faculty are notified by students rather than by the Dean of Students' Office that the students are isolating or quarantining, the faculty should remind students to self-report via the form; students should not attend class until cleared by campus tracers.

Vaccinations are widely available, free and not billed to health insurance. The vaccine will help protect against the transmission of the virus to others and reduce serious symptoms in those who are vaccinated. You are encouraged to [get a COVID-19 vaccine](https://getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov/txces/s/?language=en_US) and register your vaccination status through the [voluntary vaccine report form](https://veoci.com/v/p/form/kb42phdb6sct?c=131560).

Proactive Community Testing remains an important part of the university’s efforts to protect our community. Tests are fast and free. Please check the [Comets United](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/) webpage for additional information.

[Student Safety](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/students-families-info/student-safety/) remains an important part of the UT Dallas’ efforts to protect our community. All students will adhere to the Comet Commitment. Unvaccinated Comets will be expected to complete the mandatory [Required Daily Health Screening.](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/daily-health-check/) Those students who do not comply will be referred to the Office of Community Standards and Conduct for disciplinary action under the [Student Code of Conduct – UTSP5003](https://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003). All students are encouraged to read the [Recommendations for Students Returning to Campus](https://evites.utdallas.edu/studentaffairs/return/protective-measures.html) issued on August 2, 2021.

Visit [Comets United webpage](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/) to obtain the latest information on the University’s guidance and resources for campus health and safety.

[Previous Campus Communications](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/previous-campus-communications): a list of university announcements made in 2020-2021.

[Registrar's Intranet](https://sites.utdallas.edu/registrar-intranet/): please log in with your UTD NetID and password to access this site. Information that faculty need about grading, scheduling, and other essential aspects of our responsibilities related to teaching are made available and updated regularly in the Registrar's Intranet. This source of information can only be accessed by logging in with your UTD NetID and password. Many important faculty questions are answered here, and this is information that faculty members are expected to know and understand.

[FERPA Guidelines](https://www.utdallas.edu/registrar-intranet/faculty/ferpa-faculty-guidelines/): you will be asked to log in before you access the FERPA Guidelines webpage on the Registrar's Intranet. If faculty have additional questions about FERPA guidance, please contact the Office of the Registrar at [records@utdallas.edu](mailto:records@utdallas.edu) for the proper student consent forms and further instructions.

[Honorlock](https://ets.utdallas.edu/testing-center/distance-learning/): Online proctoring tool will be available for fully online courses and for classes with enrolled international students who are not yet in the United States.

[UT System Resources for Creating Accessible Course Content](https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/moer/introduction-accessibility): designed to assist faculty with developing course content

## Student Resources

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or may have been exposed should not attend class in person and should instead follow required disclosure notifications as posted on the university’s website (see "[What should I do if I become sick?](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/faq/#students)")

## COVID-19 Resources

[Comets United webpage](https://utdallas.edu/covid/): check frequently

[FAQ](https://utdallas.edu/covid/response/faq/): check out the FAQs and reach out to your instructor or academic advisor if answers are not included

[Student Resources](https://utdallas.edu/covid/students-families-info/student-resources/): a variety of resources are available to help students to obtain counseling, health care, and academic support.

## General Core Area 030 Life and Physical Sciences

**Description:** Courses in this category focus on describing, explaining, and predicting natural phenomena using the scientific method. Courses involve the understanding of interactions among natural phenomena and the implications of scientific principles on the physical world and on human experiences.

**Objectives: Critical Thinking (CT)–**to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information

**Communication (COM)–**to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication

**Empirical and Quantitative Skills (EQS)–**to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

**Teamwork (TW)–**to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

## General Course Information

| **Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions** | Insert any restrictions on enrollment, including prior knowledge or required skill |
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| **Course Description** |  |
| **Learning Outcomes** | List Student Learning Outcomes or other course objectives here. |
| **Required Texts & Materials** |  |
| **Suggested Texts, Readings, & Materials** |  |

## Assignments & Academic Calendar

*[Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates, Exam Dates*

| **Insert Week Number OR Range of Dates for week** | Insert topics, assignments, etc. If you copy/paste, your formatting may not work correctly. |
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| **Course Policies** | |  |
| **Class Materials** | The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](https://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003). | |
| **Classroom Conduct Requirements Related to Public Health Measures** | UT Dallas will follow the public health and safety guidelines put forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and local public health agencies that are in effect at that time during the Fall 2021 semester to the extent allowed by state governance. Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s Executive Order [GA-38](https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-order-providing-clarity-and-uniformity-in-the-states-covid-19-response) prohibits us from mandating vaccines and face coverings for UT Dallas employees, students, and members of the public on campus. However, we strongly encourage all Comets to get vaccinated and wear face coverings as recommended by the CDC. Check the [Comets United: Latest Updates webpage](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/) for the latest guidance on the University’s public health measures. Comets are expected to carry out [Student Safety](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/students-families-info/student-safety/) protocols in adherence to the Comet Commitment. Unvaccinated Comets will be expected to complete the [Required Daily Health Screening.](https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/daily-health-check/) Those students who do not comply will be referred to the Office of Community Standards and Conduct for disciplinary action under the [Student Code of Conduct – UTSP5003](https://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003). | |
| **Class Attendance** | The University’s attendance policy requirement is that individual faculty set their course attendance requirements. Regular and punctual class attendance is expected. Students who fail to attend class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. In some courses, instructors may have special attendance requirements; these should be made known to students during the first week of classes. Faculty have the discretion to set an attendance policy for their in-person meetings, but the absences due to COVID-19 cannot be counted against a quarantined student. | |
| Class Participation | Regular class participation is expected. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. A portion of the grade for this course is directly tied to your participation in this class. It also includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures (and/or labs). Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](https://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003). | |
| **Class Recordings** | Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct.](https://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003)  ***NOTE: if the instructor records any part of the course, then the instructor will need to add the following syllabus statement:*** The instructor may record meetings of this course. These recordings will be made available to all students registered for this class if the intent is to supplement the classroom experience. If the instructor or a UTD school/department/office plans any other uses for the recordings, consent of the students identifiable in the recordings is required prior to such use unless an exception is allowed by law. | |
| **Grading (credit) Criteria** | Detail your grading methods, grade scale, percentages, etc. | |
| **Make-up Exams** |  | |
| **Extra Credit** |  | |
| **Late Work** |  | |
| **Special Assignments** |  | |
| **Classroom Citizenship** |  | |
| **Comet Creed** | *This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:*  *“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”* | |
| **Academic Support Resources** | *The information contained in the following link lists the University’s academic support resources for all students.*  *Please go to* [*http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources*](http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources)*.* | |
| **UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures** | *The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please review the sections regarding the* [*credit/no credit*](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/now/undergraduate/policies/course-policies#credit-no-credit-classes) *grading option and withdrawal from class.*  *Please go to* [*http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies*](http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies) *for these policies.* | |

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.