



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SAN ANTONIO

BCOM 3304-610 (WI), Business Communication

Fall 2026, CRN: 13000

Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business

Course Syllabus

Class Modality:	Online Asynchronous
Class Meeting Time and Place:	Thursdays (Online Asynchronous)
Class Duration:	Complete online assignments prior to 11:59 PM
Instructor:	Dr. Halbert Brown, DBA, MBA Email: hbrown@tamusa.edu Phone: (210) 391-0819 Student emails will receive a reply within two business days.
Course Website:	https://tamusa.blackboard.com/
Office Hours:	None; Students may schedule a meeting on Zoom or MS Teams, or on campus on a case-by-case basis.

This course is delivered via an online asynchronous tool with mandatory assignments on the Blackboard platform! Each week we will have mandatory online chapter discussions and selected quizzes.

Important Notice:

- This is an online asynchronous course. (We will not have any in-person classes!)
- Online Assignments and Classroom Discussions are Required Each Week (at least 30% of total grade)!

Catalog Course Description: Students investigate best practices in business communication by writing effective letters, memos, emails, and reports. They learn the importance of oral communication and practice delivering presentations. During the course, students explore how to use artificial intelligence (AI) responsibly to improve their research and writing skills.

Course Objectives: Students in this course will be able to construct multiple types of resumes, learn effective job-application techniques, write effective reports, and investigate communication dynamics within the corporate structure, including its public presence and mission. Students will gain an understanding of public speech and presentation competency. They will also explore how AI tools can be used to improve their writing and research skills.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302.

Student Learning Outcomes: After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Integrate proper writing mechanics and syntax in business communication.
- Demonstrate effective oral skills in business presentations.
- Apply the business writing process to common professional communication.
- Use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to improve business communication.
- Describe the importance of ethical business communication.
- Create a research report about a current business communication topic.

AACSB Assessment:

The College of Business received AACSB accreditation in Spring 2023. As part of that ongoing process, students will be assessed on program-level outcomes based on course outcomes from various courses. The materials from this course may be used for assessing such program-level outcomes, and hence students must follow the necessary rigor to ensure mastery and retention of the above course outcomes.

Writing Across the Curriculum. This Writing Intensive (WI) course is an outreach of a writing program activated in universities throughout the world. The intent of this course and its training is to seriously engage students in the development of rhetoric and meaning in their writing. The focus in this course will be a Research Paper, worth 20% of the final grade, that proceeds through the following stages: thesis production, outline, rough draft, and final paper. The topic and thesis approach are submitted for review and critique, as well as a rough draft of the paper. The intent of the review is to ensure that critical writing techniques govern the formation of ideas appearing in linking paragraphs that support and promote the guiding thesis. The student is responsible for the final paper.

- Written assignments must be edited and proofread for error-free grammar, punctuation, and mechanics. Seek the Writing Center for help with this issue.
- Outside sources used in compiling information sought in the assignments must follow APA in-text and reference sheet citation formats.
- The student is the author, and the writing is original. Undisclosed partial or total plagiarizing of an outside source is prohibited under university policy.

Required Materials:

- **Textbook:** *Business Communication Process and Product*, 11th Edition, by Guffy, M. E., & Loewy, D. (2025). Cengage Learning, Inc. Mason, OH. ISBN: 978-0-357-98410-9 (softcover edition).

Important Notice: Your textbook is included with course fees. Should you encounter difficulties accessing the ebook, we will work with the TAMUSA Bookstore Manager to get you the required access. (See Follett Discover)

- **Blackboard:** Connect to <http://tamusa.blackboard.com>. You will have a list of all the readings, video, assignment descriptions, grading rubrics, PPT lectures, and other supplementary materials in Blackboard. To maximize your scores, review all of the material before completing your assignments.
- **Software:** You will be required to use Microsoft to complete various assignments. These products are available in the computer labs on campus. You will also be able to download the installation software from the Microsoft software center. You will receive your login name and password at your Jaguar email address.
- **Computer Hardware:** You will need a computer with an internet connection, a microphone and speakers/headphones.
- **Time:** You are expected to spend 4-8 hours per week for the course. Based on the background, some students may require more time. Time spent may be longer when assignment/exams are due.

Other Recommended / Reading Materials: Additional reading materials are available on the course website as recommended by the instructor.

Course Requirements every student must fulfill in order to succeed in course:

1. Students should check the Course Calendar, Announcements, and Messages (e-mail) systems in Blackboard on a regular basis.
2. Students should keep current with all course assignments, quizzes, and examinations.
3. If the course uses remote proctoring for exams, students must schedule their exam early in the semester.
4. Students should ask questions and communicate with the instructor either in class, online, offline, or during office hours.
5. For all classwork, exams, quizzes, etc., if a student is completing it off-campus, then they are responsible for the availability of internet connectivity. Extensions will **not** be granted due to a lack of internet connectivity.
6. Students should remember that hybrid and online courses assume greater responsibility and independent learning skills by the student for their own learning outcomes.
7. For online-asynchronous courses (OLC-A), students should keep current on class recordings. For online-synchronous (OLC-S) courses, students are expected to attend virtually during the class meeting time.

- a. For OLC-A courses, students are not required to come to class. Students are expected to read the announcements and view the assignment recordings for understanding.
- b. For OLC-S courses, there will be online class sessions as indicated. Students are expected to attend the online session at the given time. If a student is unable to attend a session, the instructor will make the recording of the session available for the student to view. All materials will be made available through Blackboard or through online links.
- c. **Grading Policy:** The final course grade will be based on your performance on the exams and assignments using the following weights:

Weekly Discussions/Participation	10% (Roll taken /class discussions)
Weekly Quizzes	10% (Mandatory assignments/quizzes)
Assignments (Written Semester Papers)	20%
Mid-term Exam	20%
Final Exam (as per University Schedule)	20%
Research Paper (one)	20% (Team/Group)
Total	100%

The final letter grades will be assigned as follows: Above 90% $\Rightarrow$ A; 80 – 89% $\Rightarrow$ B; 70 – 79% $\Rightarrow$ C; 60 – 69% $\Rightarrow$ D; Below 60% $\Rightarrow$ F.

Examinations: There will be a mandatory mid-term exam and a mandatory final exam (as per the university schedule). Being absent for an exam will result in a grade of zero for that exam and may result in a failing grade in the course. The exams will be administered online and consist of a series of true false, multiple-choice, and/or short answer questions. The exams will be based on the textbook and lectures. Questions will emphasize understanding and applications of concepts and topics covered in the course.

Proctored Exams: To ensure course integrity, students enrolled in this course may use remote test-proctoring software to administer exams, if allowed and set up by the instructor.

Assignments/ Research papers:

Individual assignment descriptions and due dates will be posted through Blackboard. Students are expected to read all assignment instructions carefully before attempting the assignment. Grading rubrics for all assignments are located at the end of the syllabus.

Online Individual Activities:

- Weekly BCOM 3304-chapter quizzes will be available online (Course Content Folder).

Fall 2026 BCOM 3304-610 Class Schedule

The provisions and information set forth in the schedule below are intended to be informational and not contractual in nature. The instructor reserves the right to amend, alter, modify, or delete the provisions of the schedule.

Week	Dates	Chapter and Topic: To take responsibility for your own learning, you MUST read the assigned chapters and complete all assignments for the course!	Writing Assignments Due: Thursdays, 11:59 PM.
1	Aug 24–Aug 30 (08/27) Assignment Due	Prior to Class: Read Chapters 1 & 2. Course Introduction, Syllabus, Group Assignments, Directions, & Chapter 1 overview. Writing Assignments due NLT 11:59 PM (Thursdays).	Note: Weekly Quizzes Due on (THURS) by 11:59 PM. Class Lecture: Syllabus & Course Overview (Discuss Chapter 1) Writing Assignments are due NLT 11:59 PM (THURS)
1	Aug 24–Aug 30 (08/27)	Chapter #1, Business Communication in the Digital Age Chapter #1 Quiz due by 11:59 PM	Read Chapter #1. Lecture: Chapter 1
2	Aug 31–Sep 06 (09/03)	Chapter #15, The Job Search, Resumes and Cover Letters in the Digital Age Chapter #15 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Week 2 AI Introduction/Demonstration Week 2 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use AI in a Brainstorming Exercise (30 min.)	Read Chapters #15 & #16. Lecture: CH #15 AI-generated Brainstorming
3	Sep 07–Sep 13 (09/10)	Chapter #16, Interviewing and Follow-Up Chapter #16 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Week 3 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use AI to formulate a Thesis Statement (30 min.) Note: Turn in First Journal Assignment (2) by 11:59 PM. (In-class editing assignment (2 Journal entries)) Post Research Paper Outline to Blackboard by 11:59 PM.	Read Chapter #16 Lecture: CH #16 AI-generated Thesis Statement Journal Editing In-class Submit first Journal Assignment (2) Outline of Research Project due
4	Sep 14–Sep 20 (09/17)	Chapter #2, Professionalism: Team, Meeting, Nonverbal, and Etiquette Skills Chapter #2 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Cover Letter & Resume due 11:59 PM. Week 4 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use an AI Assistant to formulate in-text citations (only 3 paragraphs of the research paper)	Cover Letter and Resume due 11:59 PM. Read chapter #2. Lecture: CH #2 AI-generated in-text citations
5	Sep 21–Sep 27 (09/24)	Chapter #3, Intercultural Communication Chapter #3 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Note: Turn in complete Journal Assignment (5) by 11:59 PM. Week 5 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use AI to format APA 7th edition references (Create a Reference Page with at least 5 resources.)	Read Chapter #3. Lecture: CH #3 Turn in Journal Assignment (5) AI-generated APA 7 References Page
6	Sep 28–Oct 04	Chapter #4, Planning Business Messages Chapter #4 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Week 6 AI Exercise (Asynchronous)	Read Chapter #4. Lecture: CH #4

6	(10/01)	Midterm Grading Period (10/05-10/16/26) (Password Protected) Exam open 10/10/26 at 12:01 AM until 10/12/26, 11:59 PM. - Use AI to improve fluency in writing	Midterm Grading Period (10/05-10/16/26) AI-generated fluency in writing
7	Oct 05–Oct 11 (10/08)	Chapter #5, Organizing and Drafting Business Messages Chapter #5 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Week 7 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use AI to overcome writer's block Midterm Examination due by 10/12/26. (20%)	Read Chapter #5. Lecture: CH #5 Midterm Examination due. (20%) Exam Open @ 12:01 AM, 10/10/26, complete by 10/12/26 @ 11:59 PM
8	Oct 12–Nov 18 (10/15)	Chapter #6, Revising Business Messages Chapter #6 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Week 8 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use AI to Generate Feedback about your writing	Read Chapter #6. Lecture: CH #6 AI-generated feedback
9	Oct 19–Oct 25 (10/22)	Chapter #7, Short Workplace Messages and Digital Media Chapter #7 Quiz due by 11:29 PM Job Analysis Report Due by 11:59 PM.	Read Chapter #7. Lecture: CH #7 Job Analysis Report Due.
10	Oct 26–Nov 01 (10/29)	Chapter #8, Positive and Neutral Messages Chapter #8 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Week 10 AI Exercise (Asynchronous) - Use AI to create a Letter of Intent to submit a proposal for a grant	Read Chapter #8. Lecture: CH #8 AI-generated Letter of Intent to submit a grant
11	Nov 02–Nov 08 (11/05)	Chapter #9, Negative Messages Chapter #9 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Note: Turn in first draft of Research Paper by 11:59 PM. (Comments – Time Permitting)	Read Chapter #9. Lecture: CH #9 Turn in first draft of Research Paper
12	Nov 09–Nov 15 (11/12)	Chapter #10, Persuasive and Sales Messages Chapter #10 Quiz due by 11:59 PM	Read Chapter #10. Lecture: CH #10
13	Nov 16–Nov 22 (11/19)	Chapter #11, Report Writing Basics Chapter #11 Quiz due by 11:59 PM Research Project Due by 11:59 PM. (20%)	Read Chapter #11 Lecture: CH #11 Research Project Due (20%)
14	Nov 23–Nov 29 (11/25) Thanksgiving Break	Chapter #12, Informal Business Reports Chapter #12 Quiz due by 11:59 PM No Classes on Campus (Thanksgiving Break)	Read Chapter #12/Lecture: CH #12 Note: CH #12 Quiz due 11/25/26! Thanksgiving Break
15	Nov 30–Dec 06 (12/03)	Chapter #13, Proposals, Business Plans, and Formal Business Reports Chapter #13 Quiz due by 11:59 PM	Read Chapter #13 Lecture: CH #13
15	Nov 30–Dec 06 (12/03)	Chapter #14, Business Presentations Chapter #14 Quiz due by 11:59 PM	Read Chapter #14 Lecture: CH #14
Final Exam	Dec 05–Dec 11 (12/10)	Final Exam – As per University Schedule Complete Final Exam by 12/10/26, 11:59 PM.	Final Exam: Opens at 12:01 AM & closes at 11:59 PM (Dec 8-Dec 10) (20%)
****	Grades	Grades completed by noon on 12/16/26	Grades

AI Asynchronous exercises are in green. AI summation assessments are in blue.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND RESOURCES

University Email Policy and Course Communications: All correspondence between professors and students must occur via university email accounts. You must have your Jaguar email account ready and working. If it is not working, contact the help desk at helpdesk@tamusa.edu or at 210-784-HELP (4357). If you don't hear back within 48 hours, contact them again. They have many requests during the first part of the semester, so you may need to follow up with them.

Academic Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities: Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to providing all students with reasonable access to learning opportunities and accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you experience barriers to your education due to a disability or think you may have a disability, Disability Support Services is located in the Central Academic Building, Suite 210. You can also contact us via phone at (210) 784-1335, visit us on the [website](#), or email us at dss@tamusa.edu. All students are encouraged to discuss their academic accommodation with Disability Support Services and their instructors as soon as possible.

Academic Learning Center: All currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio can utilize the Academic Learning Center for subject-area tutoring. The Academic Learning Center provides free course-based tutoring to all currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Students wishing to work with a tutor can make appointments through the Brainfuse online tutoring platform. Brainfuse can be accessed in the *Tools* section of Blackboard. You can contact the Academic Learning Center by emailing tutoring@tamusa.edu, calling (210) 784-1307, or visiting the Central Academic Building, room 202. Online tutoring is also available for after-hours and weekend assistance.

While tutoring hours may change based on tutor schedules and availability, the current tutoring hours for MATH in the ALC are as follows:

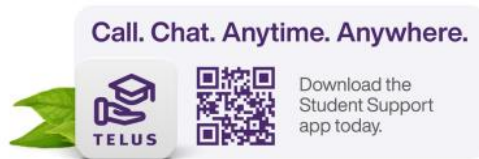
Appointments available MATH Walk in Tutoring – No appointment needed

	Appointments available	Walk in Tutoring – No appointment needed
MONDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
TUESDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
WEDNESDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
THURSDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
FRIDAY	8 am – 5 pm	11 am – 4 pm

Counseling/Mental Health Resources: As a college student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and negatively impact your daily functioning. If you are experiencing emotional difficulties or mental health concerns, support is available to you through the Student Counseling Center (SCC). To schedule an appointment, visit our website, call 210-784-1331, or come to Madla 120 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

All mental health services provided by the SCC are free and confidential (as the law allows). The Student Counseling Center provides brief individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, case management, and prevention services. *Crisis support is available 24/7/365 by calling the SCC at 210-784-1331 or through the TELUS Student Support App.*

The TELUS Student Support App provides a variety of mental health resources, including 24/7/365 support for in-the-moment distress, crisis support, an anonymous peer-to-peer support network, mental health screenings, podcasts, and articles to improve your mental well-being.



Emergency Preparedness: JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio's mass notification system. In the event of an emergency, such as inclement weather, students, staff, and faculty who are registered will have the option to receive a text message or email with instructions and updates.

To register or update your information, visit: <https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/>. More information on emergency response may be found at: [Emergency Operations Plan](#) and the [Emergency Action Plan](#). Download the SafeZone App (<https://safezoneapp.com/>) for emergencies or call (210) 784-1911. Non-Emergency: (210) 784-1900.

Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance: According to the following federal regulation, 34 CFR 668.21: U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title IV regulation, a student can only receive Title IV funds based on Title IV eligibility criteria, which include class attendance. If Title IV funds are disbursed to ineligible students (including students who fail to begin attendance), the institution must return these funds to the U.S. DoE within 30 days of becoming aware that the student will not or has not begun attendance. Faculty will provide the Office of Financial Aid with an electronic notification if a student has not attended by the published Census Date (the first week of class). Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend prior to the published Census Date (the first week of class) will have their aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester may also need to return a portion of their federal aid.

Jaguar Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center (WLDCC): The WLDCC provides support to graduate and undergraduate students across all three colleges, as well as to faculty and staff. Writing tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, plan, draft, and revise their written assignments. Our language tutors support students enrolled in Spanish courses and students composing in Spanish for any assignment. Our digital studio tutors support students working on digital projects such as eportfolios, class presentations, or other digital multimedia projects. The WLDCC offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. Students can schedule appointments with the WLDCC in JagWire under the Student Services tab. Click on "Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center" to make your appointment. Students wanting to work in realtime with a tutor can schedule an "Online Appointment." Students wishing to receive asynchronous, written feedback from a tutor can schedule an "eTutoring" appointment. More information about what services we offer, how to make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our [website](#). The WLDCC can also be reached by emailing wldcc@tamusa.edu.

Meeting Basic Needs: Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient food to eat every day or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is urged to submit a [CARE report](#) for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to direct you to available resources. A food pantry is available on campus; click [here](#) for hours and contact information.

Military Affairs: Veterans and active-duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to visit the Office of Military Affairs for any question involving federal or state VA Education Benefits. Visit the Patriots' Casa building, room 202, or to contact the Office of Military Affairs with any questions at military.va@tamusa.edu or (210)784-1397.

Religious Observances: Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the wide variety of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or course work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes.

The Six-Drop Rule: Students are subject to the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007. SB 1231 limits students to a maximum of six (6) non-punitive course drops (i.e., courses a student chooses to drop) during their undergraduate careers. A non-punitive drop does not affect the student's GPA. However, course drops that exceed the maximum allowed by SB 1231 will be treated as "F" grades and will impact the student's GPA.

Statement of Harassment and Discrimination: Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equal opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, A&M-San Antonio encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality and the uniqueness of the individual on our campus and within our state, nation, and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees are to be based on applicable law and individual merit. Texas A&M University-San Antonio, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or pregnancy/parenting status. Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the University's Civil Rights Officer at 210-784-2061 or titleix@tamusa.edu.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio faculty are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and for the university as a whole. If you have experienced any form of sex discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking based on sex, know that help and support are available. A&M-San Antonio's Title IX Coordinator can support those impacted by such conduct in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. The university strongly encourages all students to report any such incidents to the Title IX Coordinator. Please be aware that all A&M-San Antonio employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as counselors and trained victim advocates) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the university. This means that if you tell a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment, sexual violence, or other related sex-based misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the university's Title IX Coordinator (titleix@tamusa.edu, 210-784-2061, CAB 439K). If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting requirement, you can contact the Student Counseling Center at (210) 784-1331 or visit them in Madla 120.

Pregnant/Parenting Students: Texas A&M-San Antonio does not require a pregnant or parenting student, solely because of that status or issues related to that status, to (1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from their degree or certificate program; (2) limit the student's studies; (3) participate in an alternative program; (4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or (5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the University. The university will provide such reasonable accommodations to pregnant students as would be provided to a student with a temporary medical condition that are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child. These could include maintaining a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities known to be hazardous to pregnant individuals and their unborn child; excused absences because of illness or medical appointments; modified due dates for assignments; rescheduled tests/exams; taking a leave of absence; and being provided access to instructional materials and video recordings of lectures for excused absences, if these would be provided to any other student with an excused absence. Pregnant/parenting students are encouraged to contact the Title IX Coordinator with any questions or concerns related to their status (titleix@tamusa.edu; 210-784-2061; CAB 439K).

Texas A&M-San Antonio has also designated the Title IX Coordinator as the liaison officer for current or incoming students who are the parent or guardian of a child younger than 18 years of age. The Title IX Coordinator can provide students with information regarding support services and other resources.

Young Jaguars can support parenting students with daycare if students meet these criteria: (1) must be enrolled in classes at Texas A&M-San Antonio in the current semester, (2) must be Pell eligible or a single parent, (3) child(ren) must be aged 3 to 12-years-old, and (4) child(ren) must be enrolled in Pre-K-3 through 6th grade. Hours of operation is Monday-Thursday 3:30 pm-9:00 pm. For more information, please contact Young Jaguars at youngjaguars@tamusa.edu or call (210) 784-2636.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities: The following statement of students' rights and responsibilities is intended to reflect the philosophical base upon which University Student Rules are built. This philosophy acknowledges the existence of both rights and responsibilities, which are inherent to an individual not only as a student at Texas A&M University-San Antonio but also as a citizen of this country.

Students' Rights

1. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no University rule or administrative rule that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition, and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.
2. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the University, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, and pregnancy/parenting or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
3. A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.
4. Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of university student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process.

Students' Responsibilities

1. A student has the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, the faculty, and administration.
2. A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published University Student Rules found in the Student Handbook, [Student Code of Conduct](#), on our website, and University Catalog, and to comply with them, as well as with federal, state, and local laws.
3. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire University community.
4. A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide a safe environment for learning.
5. A student has the responsibility to check their university email for any updates or official university notifications.

We expect that students will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, or disability. Conduct that infringes on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Students are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education. Students engaging in an act that violates the standards of academic integrity will find themselves facing academic and/or disciplinary sanctions. Academic misconduct is any act, or attempt, which gives an unfair advantage to the student. Additionally, any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion may be considered as academic misconduct. For more information on academic misconduct policies and procedures, please review the [Student Code of Conduct](#) or visit the resources available in the [OSRR website](#)

Important Fall 2026 Dates:

Dates	Event
August 20	Tuition & Fee Payments deadline
August 24	First day of class
September 7	Labor Day Holiday – No Classes / University Closed
September 9	Census Date – Students not paid in full or enrolled in a payment plan by 4:59 pm may be dropped for non-payment
October 5 – October 16	Midterm grading period
November 13	Last day to drop with an automatic “W”

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November 25	Study Day – No classes
November 26-November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes / University Closed
November 30	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University
December 4	Last day of classes
December 5 – December 11	Final exams
December 15	Commencement

The complete [academic calendar](#) is available online

Option Selected for Maximum Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Option 2 – Use of Generative AI Permitted Under Some Circumstances or With Explicit Permission (Authorized)

There are situations and contexts within this course where you may be asked to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to explore how they can be used. Outside of those circumstances, you should not use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, images) that will end up in any student work (assignments, activities, discussion responses, etc.) that is part of your evaluation in this course. Any student work submitted using AI tools should clearly indicate with attribution what work is the student's work and what part is generated by the AI. In such cases, no more than 25% of the student work should be generated by AI. If any part of this is confusing or uncertain, students should reach out to their instructor for clarification before submitting work for grading. Use of AI-generated content without the instructor's permission and/or proper attribution in this course qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Texas A&M-San Antonio's standards of academic integrity.