



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
SAN ANTONIO

MBA 5122.001, Leading Organizations

Spring 2025, CRN: 25804

Department of Management & Marketing, College of Business

Course Syllabus

Class Meeting Time and Place: 5:45 – 9:30 PM BLH 155
M 01/05
W 01/07
F 01/09
M 01/12
W 01/14

Class Duration: 01/05 – 01/014 2026

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Student emails will receive a reply within two business days.

Class Modality: **Face-to-Face**

Course Website: <https://tamusa.blackboard.com/ultra/courses>

Office Hours: **M- F 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (in office)**

Other times by appointment (please call/msg: 210-784-2332; or email: Adrian.Guardia@tamusa.edu).

Catalog Course Description: This course constitutes a study of various leadership styles and their effectiveness in providing a productive workplace environment. The course examines topics, such as: understanding the various leadership styles and leadership traits, developing leadership skills, maintaining a constructive workplace climate, handling conflict, and addressing ethics in leadership.

Course Objectives: Improve organizational performance and minimize organizational risk.

Prerequisites: Admission to the 11-Month MBA program

Student Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify seminal and classic theory supporting the foundation of leadership practices in today's business world.
2. Explain current leadership practices in today's complex business environment including

- but not limited to the topics of globalization, social responsibility and ethical awareness.
3. Apply critical thinking skills to assess leadership practices based on an objective application of relevant leadership theory.
 4. Demonstrate professional oral and written communication skills.

AACSB Assessment:

The College of Business is in the process of applying for AACSB accreditation. As part of that 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 of the above course outcomes.

COVID-19 Protocols:

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Required Materials:

Textbook: *Leadership*, 10e, by Andrew DuBrin, 2019, ISBN: 978-0-357-71617-5.

Blackboard: Connect to <http://tamusa.blackboard.com>. You will have lecture notes, solutions to problems, multimedia materials and other supplementary materials in Blackboard. All class communications will be through Blackboard and students should monitor this several times a day.

CATME: Comprehensive Assessment of Team Measurement Effectiveness. CATME is a teamwork learning and team management system used by over 11,000+ instructors and 550,000+ students in more than 1,500 institutions spread across 74 countries around the world. We will use this system in building our course project teams and for evaluating the effectiveness of team members and their teams.

Software: You will be required to use Microsoft Office products (WORD; EXCEL; POWERPOINT). 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. Additional software will be required, for example, Acrobat Reader, Flash Player and Windows Media Player. Instructions and website links or additional software will be available online.

Computer Hardware: In order to participate in online sessions, you will need a computer with an internet connection, a microphone and speakers/headphones. To complete the class work, you will need appropriate software installed on the computer.

Time Expectations for coursework: 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.

- **McKinsey & Company:** <https://www.mckinsey.com/>
- **Gallup:** <https://www.gallup.com/270002/customer-support.aspx>
- **Deloitte:** <https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en.html>
- **Ernst & Young:** https://www.ey.com/en_us/insights
- **Pricewaterhouse:** <https://www.pwc.com/>

Course Requirements every student must fulfill 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 on class recordings, if not attending the live class (either in person or online).
3. Students should keep current with all course assignments, quizzes, and examinations.
4. If the course uses remote proctoring for exams, ensure that students schedule their exam early in the semester.
5. Students should ask questions and communicate with the instructor either online or off-line
6. Students should remember they are responsible for their own learning outcomes.
7. For online courses, students should keep current on class recordings, if not attending the live class (either in person or online).
8. For online asynchronous courses, there will be no online class sessions. All materials will be made available through Blackboard or through online links.
9. For online synchronous 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, 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.

Grading Policy: The final course grade will be based on your performance on the quizzes, exams, assignments, and team project using the following weights:

Assessments	Contribution to Final Grade	Maximum Point Value
Quizzes	20%	20
Reflection	40%	40
Team Project	<u>40%</u>	<u>40</u>
Total	100%	Total 100 Points

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.

- **Quizzes (QZ):** Students will be assessed through quizzes following selected chapters. Quizzes will be timed and composed of 20 multiple choice questions. Quizzes will be posted under the Course Content Blackboard link. Quiz scores will be averaged over the course of the semester and **contribute 20% of the student's final grade (equal to a maximum of 20 pts)**.
- **Reflection (RFX):** Students will take the CliftonStrengthsFinder assessment to identify their 5 top personal strengths. Students will prepare a written reflection regarding their experience with the assessment, personal assessment results, and how they intend to apply those findings to their practice of leadership. The Reflection will **contribute 40% of the student's final grade (equal to a maximum of 40 pts)**. Reflection scores will be posted on MyGrades.
- **Team Project:** The term project is an analysis, interpretation and recommendation of actions for the City of Tempe, AZ. The assignment provides a data-driven decision-making framework which requires teams to:
 - Identify the goal (or problem)
 - Analyze the data
 - Develop insights
 - Test insights
 - Review of the results
 - Recommend a course of action

Teams will select to study, analyze, interpret, and recommend strategies for either improving employee engagement for one group of employees based on surveyed results OR one of the five Community Strategic Priorities (see attached document for link to respective data sets).

Team Deliverables: A 20-minute in-class PPT presentation to include (See attached rubric for scoring Team presentation):

- An interpretation of data analysis (purpose, goals, results) developing insights on strengths, challenges, opportunities and threats.
- List areas of further inquiry (questions and why) you would recommend to test your insights.
- Identify the top 3 priorities within your study for the City of Tempe and why.
- Recommend an action plan.

Presentations should use appropriate illustrations (a gap analysis, Pareto analysis, SWOT, fishbone diagram, charts, tables, and relevant bibliography/citations.) to demonstrate their findings and support recommendations for improving/sustaining performance. Students will summarize findings and recommend change strategies and tactics for improving performance.

The project is a collaborative group exercise requiring the engagement of all assigned team members. The Project will contribute 40% of the student's final grade (equal to a maximum of 40 pts). Team project scores will be posted on MyGrades. All relevant and supplementary documents are attached with this project file.

Make up and Late Assignment/exam/quiz policy: As a general rule, make-ups or late submissions will NOT be offered or accepted for any missed assignments/exams/quizzes. Late submissions or make-ups may be accepted/administered only in extra-ordinary circumstances such as an excused official university activity, a severe illness, or a dire emergency. However, you must provide comprehensive documentation either before or within a few days of the missed assignment/quiz/exam.

Class conduct and civility code: Everyone in class is expected to follow all rules in the student handbook, as well as common courtesy during classroom lectures and discussions in class and online, including the following:

1. Attendance may be taken by an appropriate method by the instructor.
2. It is the students' responsibility to obtain and be able to use the required materials and software for this class.
3. Students must retain copies of all assignments and graded work for verification purposes and provide it to the instructor, if necessary. Keep your own copies of all computer files and emails till final grade is received.
4. Talking while the instructor is lecturing is extremely disruptive and discourteous to the instructor and other students.
5. Using computers or phones (except for a valid urgent need) during class for a purpose not related to class is disruptive. All cell phones and gadgets should be turned off.
6. For any questions about the exams and assignments, a student should contact the instructor before the day they are due, so the instructor may have enough time to provide feedback.
7. All communications will be via e-mail communications to the Texas A&M University e-mail account, and students are expected to use their school provided email account. The instructor will reply to student e-mail messages and voice messages within 2 business days (Monday-Friday).

8. All assignment submissions must be uploaded as instructed by the due date and time. The submission window may close or be marked late, even if late by one second.

Anyone violating these policies may be subject to disciplinary actions.

Class attendance and Participation: A vital part of every student's education is regular attendance of class meetings (for face-to-face/hybrid classes/online synchronous classes) or regular review of class materials posted by the instructor for asynchronous classes. Any absences tend to lower the quality of a student's work, and frequent or persistent absences may result in a failing grade. Students are responsible for the materials covered in class. The course covers a lot of material and most students find at least some parts of it difficult. Class participation is highly encouraged as it makes the class more interesting and enhances the learning experience. Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions, participate in class discussions and problem solving, and visit/contact the instructor during office hours in case of questions or concerns. Good attendance and participation will be rewarded when final grades are assigned.

The course is intensive and challenging, and you are expected to master the materials presented in class. The structure of the class makes your individual study and preparation outside of class extremely important and may vary considerably based on student background. However, a **minimum** of two hours of work outside the class is expected for every one-hour of class period per week. Reading the assigned chapter(s) and having some familiarity with them before class will be very useful for understanding lectures.

Spring 2026 MBA 5122.001 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, change, delete or modify the provisions of the schedule.

Wk	Dates	Chapter and Topic	Due 5:45 pm
1	01/05 Mon	Orientation: Course Overview: learning objectives, syllabus, deliverables, & Blackboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to Leadership themes: Purpose/People/Process/ Performance ➤ Leadership: PURPOSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who Do You Trust ○ State of the American Workplace ➤ Chp 1: The Nature of Leadership ➤ Chp 2: Traits, Motives & Characteristics of Leaders ➤ Introduction to Project Tempe (Team project). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz 1 (chps 1 & 2) 	01/07
2	01/07 Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to CliftonStrengths, Clarissa Tejeda, Guest Speaker ➤ Purpose/People/Process/Performance: PEOPLE (Leaders & Followers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employee trust & employee engagement ○ Why are employees detached? ○ The trust gap is growing. ○ What's at risk if stakeholders don't trust their company? ○ Drivers of workplace disengagement & related costs. ➤ Chapter 3 Transformational Leadership ➤ Chapter 4 Leadership Behaviors ➤ Chapter 5 Situational Leadership ➤ Project work time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz 2 (chps 3 - 5) • Complete CliftonStrengths assessment 	01/09 01/09
3	01/09 Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purpose/People/Process/Performance: PROCESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognition & feedback ○ Growth & Development ○ Collaboration ○ Employee experience ➤ Chapter 6 Society, Ethics and Social Responsibilities ➤ Chapter 7 Power & Politics ➤ Project work time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz 3 (chps 6 & 7) 	01/12
4	01/12 Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CliftonStrengths: Results & Interpretations, Clarissa Tejeda, Guest Speaker ➤ Purpose/People/Process/Performance: PERFORMANCE ➤ Leveraging Technology ➤ Innovation & Growth Mindset ➤ Measurement ➤ Developing Action Plans ➤ Chapter 10 Motivation & Coaching ➤ Chapter 11 Creativity & Innovation ➤ Chapter 12 Communication & Conflict Resolution ➤ Getting to "Why" ➤ The decline in leadership ➤ Project work time ➤ Quiz 4 (chp 10 – 12) ➤ Reflection DUE ➤ Submit Team Presentation 	01/14 01/14 01/14
5	01/14 Wed	Team Presentations Project Tempe	

University Email Policy and Course Communications: All correspondence between professors and students must occur via TAMUSA email accounts. You must have your Jaguar email account ready and working. If it is not working, contact the help desk at 210-784-4357.

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Academic Accommodations for Persons 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 at the website or email us at dss@tamusa.edu. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to, attentional, learning, mental health, sensory, physical, or chronic health conditions. 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) 7841307, 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	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 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 visit Madla 120 between the hours of 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 to 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 wellbeing.

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, email with instructions and updates. To register or update your information visit: <https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/>. More information about Emergency Operations Plan and the Emergency Action Plan can be found here. 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 the first week of class. Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend 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 Jaguar Writing Center provides writing support to graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges as well as faculty and staff. Writing tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, and 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 Writing Center offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. Students can schedule appointments with the Writing Center 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 Writing Center can also be reached by emailing writingcenter@tamus.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@tamus.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 coursework 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@tamus.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@tamus.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@tamus.edu; 210-7842061; 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 this 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. For more information, please contact Young Jaguars at youngjaguars@tamus.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 is 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

Violations of Academic Conduct (Section 14.5 Student Handbook): As a member in an academic community, students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education, be mature, be self-directed and be able to manage their own affairs. Students who are unwilling to abide by these basic expectations will find themselves facing academic and/or disciplinary sanctions. Students are expected to share in the responsibility and authority with faculty and staff to challenge and make known acts that violate the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Code of Conduct. For more information please visit the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities website <http://bit.ly/TAMUSAStudentRR>.

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Faculty members are required to report such serious breaches of academic honesty to their chair, their dean and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. In cases of academic misconduct, students may be subject not only to grade sanctions in courses but to disciplinary action. Grade sanctions may be imposed only by faculty members, but suspension or expulsion may be imposed only by the Vice President for Student Affairs. If a student wishes to appeal the decision of suspension or expulsion due to violations of academic misconduct, they must initiate their appeal as outlined within the Student Code of Conduct. Extenuating circumstances may cause the University to deviate from the defined time frames.

All student term papers and other written assignments are subject to analysis by anti-plagiarism software. Posting of any class work given to student, or solutions, or discussion, on publicly accessible forums or on social media is not permissible.

Considering the potential consequences of academic misconduct, it is obviously in students' best interests to avoid even the appearance of such behavior. If a student is unclear whether a specific act might constitute academic misconduct, please she/he should contact the instructor for an assessment of the situation.

Use of Generative AI Permitted

Use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including ChatGPT, is permitted in this course for students who wish to use them. To adhere to our scholarly values, students must cite any AI-generated material that informed their work (this includes in-text citations and/or use of quotations, and in your reference list). Using an AI tool to generate content without proper attribution qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Texas A&M-San Antonio's standards of academic integrity.

Key Dates

The complete academic calendar is available online:

Dates	Event
January 13	Tuition & Fee Payments deadline
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. – No Classes
January 20	First day of class
February 4	Census date
March 23-March 6	Midterm grading period
March 9-March 14	Spring Break
April 3	Study Day – No classes
April 17	Last day to drop with an automatic “W”
May 1	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University
May 4	Last day of classes
May 5	Study Day – No classes
May 6-May 12	Final exams
May 19	Commencement