

University of North Texas
College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism
HMGT 2810: International Sustainable Tourism (Fall 2017)

Class Schedule: Wednesday 5:30 PM - 8:20 PM (Building: CHEM 352)
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Course Description

According to the World Tourism Organization, sustainable tourism is tourism that leads to the management of all resources in such a way that economic, social and aesthetic needs can be fulfilled while maintaining cultural integrity, essential ecological processes, biological diversity and life support systems. The new sustainability paradigm gives compelling reasons for governments and the conventional tourism activity to seriously pursue the implementation of sustainable policies and practices.

The course explores the key sustainability-related themes in tourism and challenges for implementation of the operators and suppliers of tourism. Students will also gain the understanding of the economic, environmental and social aspects of tourism and why sustainability is a necessity.

Course Objectives

- Understand the sustainable tourism development core issues: the economic tourism impacts, social and cultural tourism impacts, and environmental impacts
- Understand issues in policy and planning for sustainable tourism
- Understand the major components of the sustainable tourism industry (Triple bottom line)
- Identify tourism stakeholders as base and support for sustainable tourism development
- Understand the role of key international organizations and stakeholders as support of sustainable tourism development

Course Materials (No text book required)

Swarbrooke, J. (1999). *Sustainable Tourism Management*. CABI Publishing: Oxon.
Liburd, J. J., & Edwards, D. (2010). *Understanding the Sustainable Development of Tourism*.
Goeldner, C. R., & Ritchie, J. R. B. (2009). *Tourism: Principles, Practices, Philosophies*. John Wiley & Sons (12th Edition)

Note*: Additional readings and handouts will be provided on Blackboard (Make sure to visit BB regularly to get updates on the course materials)

NOTE: This is not an on-line class. Some materials and grades will be available on-line to assist you. This is a regular lecture/discussion in-class format class! The classroom is the main forum for all activities, announcements, changes to syllabus, exam dates etc. If you miss a class, you might miss such important announcements. Please be sure to be in touch with some of your classmates to catch up on missed assignments and announcements.

Classroom Expectations

- Arrive on time to class. If you miss an assignment collection or an in-class activity due to an unexcused absence, you will not receive credit for that particular assignment.
- Arrive prepared to participate in discussion session. Do not sleep, read newspapers, books, magazines, or work on other assignments during class time.
- Refrain from using your cell phone in the classroom. Turn the ringer OFF before class begins and do not send text messages. Sending or receiving phone calls, texts messages or other forms of communication via a cell phone or similar device is strictly forbidden. Violations will count against class participation.
- Be respectful of your classmate's opinions and contributions to classroom discussions. Inevitably, others will have different views than you on a certain topic. These dialogues should encourage each of us to think about topics from a new perspective, and will contribute to a lively discussion. The classroom is a "safe place" where others will not be judged or ridiculed for their opinions, and where everyone should feel comfortable contributing to the discussion. Students who are disrespectful to their peers or the instructor will be asked to leave and will receive one unexcused absence for that class period.
- Honest and ethical conduct is both a required academic and professional behavior. Student who are found cheating, plagiarizing, or demonstrating poor ethical decision making will be subject to the full range of academic penalties presented in the Student Code of Conduct.

Grading

The weight of each course requirement will be as follows:

<i>Participation and Discussion</i>	<i>75 points (15%)</i>
<i>Pop-Quizzes</i>	<i>25 points (5%)</i>
<i>Midterm Exam</i>	<i>75 points (15%)</i>
<i>Final Exam</i>	<i>75 points (15%)</i>
<i>Sustainable Travel Guide</i>	<i>75 points (15%)</i>
<i>Sustainable Tourism Paper (*Includes Presentation)</i>	<i>175 points (35%)</i>
Total	500 Points

Note: All the assignments are individual except for **Sustainable Tourism Paper. Look at the course schedule for specific due dates.*

Grading Details:

1. Attendance and participation: 75 Points (5*15)
2. Midterm and Final Exam: 150 Points (75*2)
3. Pop-Quizzes: 25 Points (5*5)
4. Sustainable Travel Guide: 75 Points
 - Part I: Guidebook (50 Points)
 - Part II: Infographic (25 Points)
5. Sustainable Tourism Paper (Includes Group Presentation): 175 Points
 - Part I: Group Formation and Identification of Tourism Destination (10 Points)
 - Part II: Background of Tourism Destination (15 Points)
 - Part III: Impacts in Tourism Destinations (30 Points)
 - Part IV: Final Report (with additional components-Tourism Policy and Planning, Conclusion, and Recommendations) (70 Points)
 - Part V: Group Presentations (40 Points)
 - Part VI: Peer Evaluation for Group Project (20 Points)

Letter Grades

This following grading scale will be used to determine final grade:

A	90%-100%
B	80%-89.9%
C	70%-79.9%
D	60%-69.9%
F	Below 60%

Course Requirements

Attendance

Attendance in class is mandatory. You must stay until dismissed by the instructor to be counted as “present.” Students leaving during the class period without making prior arrangements with the instructor will be considered absent. Attendance will be calculated as part of the class participation grade. *Any student with more than 4 unexcused absences (5 or more) for class* will lose all possible participation points for the course (75 Points). Student participation in class and discussions along with group exercises is required. Individual/group discussion sessions are designed to give you a broader understanding of the topic as well as opportunities for in-depth investigations. Please utilize discussion sessions efficiently.

Excused Class Absences

Excused absences require a written explanation and include only documented emergencies (e.g., medical problem), university excused/sponsored events (you are provided an excused slip from the dean of students), or a CMHT event. All documentation for excused absences must be provided to the instructor no later than one week after excused absence and before the final exam in the class. Failure to provide an explanation within this time frame will be considered unexcused.

Exams

There will be two exams (Exam 1 and 2), each exam will cover the materials discussed and covered in the class (readings and lecture notes). Details for the exams will be provided during the class.

Make-up Examinations

Make-up exams will **NOT** be scheduled unless arrangements are made prior to the examination. Make-up exams will be arranged only under reasonable circumstances deemed as such by the instructor. Under no circumstances whatsoever will a student be allowed to make-up an exam once the regularly scheduled exam has been administered unless she/he has made prior arrangements with the instructor. All requests should be made as early as possible and sufficient evidence must be presented to support requests (i.e., doctor’s note, Emergency Dean note, etc.).

Pop-Quizzes

There will be in-class pop-quizzes (worth 25 points-5*5), which will be based on the content covered in the class. Pop-quizzes will be announced during the class including the details (e.g., assigned readings and the date). There will be no make-up opportunities for unexcused absences, and make-up opportunities for excused absences will be provided within a limited timeframe-you need to consult your instructor in advance for such arrangements.

Sustainable Travel Guide

Each student is responsible to create a sustainable travel guide, which will focus on your next travel. In this individual assignment, you will organize your travel according to a theme of sustainable tourism. Additionally, you will create an infographic to reflect your plans. Details/guideline for this assignment will be provided later.

Sustainable Tourism Paper

Students are expected to work on a sustainable tourism paper, look at the assignment details for the components of sustainable tourism paper. Guideline for this assignment will be discussed in the class and uploaded on Blackboard for a reference. This is a group project and a group of 4-5 students will be responsible to lead this assignment. Your instructor will facilitate group formation if you do not already have your peers in mind; you are welcome to report your group members for this assignment. Details will be further discussed in the class.

All written assignments MUST follow this format:

- Typeface: Times New Roman
- Font: 12
- Margins: 1" on each side (and top and bottom)
- Spacing: 1.5
- Headings: Bold and/or underlined
- Ink color: Black

Revisions

The instructor reserves the right to revise this syllabus and list of requirements when, in his judgement, such revision will benefit the advancement of the course goals and objectives.

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Syllabus Statements

Fall 2017

Have you met with your advisor?

- **ALL** students should meet with their Academic Advisor at least one time per semester (Fall & Spring). Update your degree plan regularly to stay on track for a timely graduation.
- All pre-majors **MUST** meet with their Academic Advisor to receive an advising code to register for classes each semester.

Do you want to graduate on time?

- Advisors help you sequence courses correctly for an “on time” graduation. Ultimately, it is a student’s responsibility to ensure they have met all prerequisites before enrolling in a class.
- A prerequisite is a course or other preparation that must be completed before enrollment in another course. All prerequisites are included in catalog course descriptions.
- Students who have not met prerequisites will not be allowed to remain in a course.
- Once classes begin, students often have few, if any, options for adding a different course, which can be an issue for financial aid.

Are You Considering Transferring a Course to Meet UNT Degree Requirements?

Any transfer course(s) from another institution must receive *prior approval* from your CMHT Academic Advisor to ensure that the course(s) will be applicable to your degree plan at UNT.

Advising Contact Information (Chilton Hall 385 – 940.565.4635)

Could you be dropped?

- Students will be dropped for nonpayment for enrolled courses, parking fees, schedule change fees, etc. Please check your account daily through the 12th class day to insure you have not been dropped for non-payment of any amount. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure all payments have been made.
- ***Students cannot be reinstated for any reason after the 12th class day regardless of situation.***

Are you receiving financial aid?

- A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue receiving financial aid by maintaining a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and successfully completing the required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per semester. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose financial aid eligibility. Visit

<http://financial.aid.unt.edu/satisfactory-academic-progress-requirements> for more information about financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Are you thinking about dropping course?

- **A decision to drop a course may affect your current and future financial aid eligibility.**
Talk to your academic advisor or Student Financial Aid if you think about dropping a course.
- A student needing to drop an online course should send their instructor an email with their name, student ID#, reason for dropping the course, and the date you are sending the email. This must be done prior to the UNT deadline to drop a course. If approved, the instructor will contact the Director of CMHT Advising in Chilton 385 where you may obtain a signed drop form. It is your responsibility to turn in the completed drop slip to the UNT Registrar's office before the deadline to make sure you have been dropped from the course with a "W". *If you are taking only online courses and your instructor approves the drop, please contact the CMHT Director of Advising for instructions.*

Are you considering transferring a course to meet UNT degree requirements?

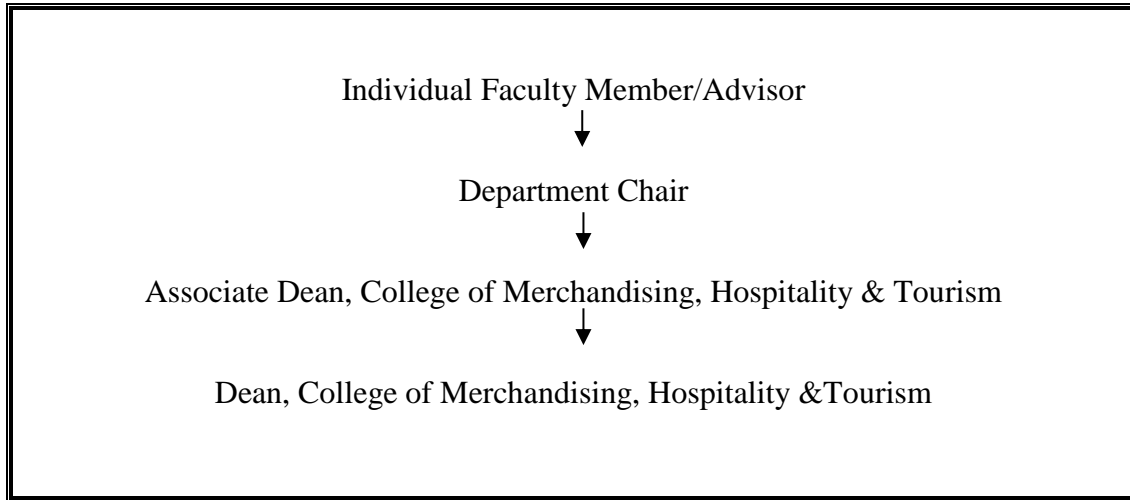
Any CMHT equivalent course from another university must receive prior approval from the CMHT academic advisor to insure that all CMHT degree plan requirements are met. For example, courses that are taken online or from a program that offers course material via CD, booklet, or other manner of correspondence ***must have prior advisor approval.***

Do you know these important dates in Fall 2017

August 28	First day of class
September 1	Last day for change of schedule other than a drop. (Last day to add a class.)
September 4	Labor Day – UNT closed
September 11	Census date –Students cannot be added to a course for any reason after this date.
September 12	Beginning this date, students must have written consent of instructor to drop a course.
October 6	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from UNT with a grade of W. After this date, a grade of WF may be assigned.
October 7	Instructors may drop a student for nonattendance beginning this date.
November 6	Last day for a student to drop a course with consent of instructor with either a W or WF.
November 23-26	Thanksgiving holiday – UNT closed
December 6-7	Pre-final days
December 7	Last class day
December 8	Reading day (no classes)
December 9-15	Final exams (Exams begin on Saturday)
December 15-16	Graduation ceremonies

Do you know who to contact for a course-related or advising issue?

Understanding the academic organizational structure is important when resolving class-related or advising issues. When you need problems resolved, please follow the step outlined below:



Do you require special accommodations?

The University of North Texas and the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism make reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

Are you aware of safety regulations?

Students are urged to use proper safety procedures and guidelines. In lab sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use property safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the University of North Texas is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider obtaining Student Health Insurance for this insurance program. Brochures for this insurance are available in the UNT Health and Wellness Center on campus. Students who are injured during class activities may

seek medical attention at the UNT Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If you have an insurance plan other than Student Health Insurance at UNT, please be sure that your plan covers treatment at this facility. If you choose not to go to the UNT Health and Wellness Center, you may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. You are responsible for expenses incurred there.

Do you know the penalties of academic dishonesty?

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or exams; dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor, the acquisition of tests or other material belonging to a faculty member, dual submission of a paper or project, resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructors, or any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. Plagiarism includes the paraphrase or direct quotation of published or unpublished works *without* full and clear acknowledgment of the author/source. Academic dishonesty will bring about disciplinary action which may include expulsion from the university. This is explained in the UNT Student Handbook. **Individual faculty should include penalties for academic dishonesty in their courses.**

Do you meet ALL expectations for being enrolled in a course?

- Student are expected to be respectful of others, i.e., other students and faculty. Behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT.
- Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and may be referred to the Dean of Students for possible violation of the Code of Student Conduct.
- UNT's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.deanofstudents.unt.edu

The College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism requires that students respect and maintain all university property. Students will be held accountable through disciplinary action for any intentional damages they cause in classrooms. (e.g., writing on tables). Disruptive behavior is not tolerated (e.g., arriving late, leaving early, sleeping, talking on the phone, texting or game playing, making inappropriate comments, ringing cellular phones/beepers, dressing inappropriately).

What is SPOT?

The Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey at the end of the semester gives students the opportunity to comment on how the course is taught. Student feedback is important and is essential as we strive for excellence.

Do you know the date/time of the final exam in this course?

Final exams or other appropriate end of semester evaluations will be administered at the designated times during the final week of each long semester and during the specified day of each summer term. *Please check the calendar early in the semester to avoid any schedule conflicts.*

- If approved, the instructor will contact the Director of CMHT Advising in Chilton 385 where you may obtain a signed drop form. **It is your responsibility to turn in the completed drop slip to the UNT Registrar's office before the deadline to make sure you have been dropped from the course with a "W".** If you are taking only online courses and your instructor approves the drop, please contact the CMHT Director of Advising for instructions.

Do you know what you may be missing?

Your access point for ALL business and academic services at UNT occurs within the my.unt.edu site, and EagleConnect is the official method of communication for UNT. If you do not regularly check EagleConnect or forward it to your favorite e-mail account, please do so to learn about job and internship opportunities, CMHT events, scholarships, and other important information. The website that explains EagleConnect and how to forward your email is:
<http://eagleconnect.unt.edu>.

Are you an F-1 visa holder?

- To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component must be approved in advance by the instructor and can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in multiple on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.
- If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:
 - (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
 - (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Advising Office. The UNT International Advising Office has a form available that you may use for this purpose.
- Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, students should contact the UNT International Advising Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email international@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

Do you know what to do in an emergency or UNT closure?

- UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify you with critical information in an event of emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). The system sends voice messages (and text messages upon permission) to the phones of all active faculty staff, and students. Please make certain to update your phone numbers at www.my.unt.edu.

- Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 1) ensuring you know the evacuation routes and severe weather shelter areas, determining how you will contact family and friends if phones are temporarily unavailable, and identifying where you will go if you need to evacuate the Denton area suddenly.
- In the event of a university closure, your instructor will communicate with you through Blackboard regarding assignments, exams, field trips, and other items that may be impacted by the closure. **FACULTY - SPECIFY HERE HOW YOU WILL CONTACT STUDENTS and CONTINUE WITH THE CLASS.**

Tentative Class Schedule*(Subject to change as needed)

Week	Dates	Topics	Remarks
Week 1	8/30	Syllabus Overview and Course Expectations Introduction to Tourism	First Day of Class!
Week 2	9/6	Economic aspects of tourism	
Week 3	9/13	Socio-cultural aspects of tourism	Project Part I Due 9/13, 11:59 PM
Week 4	9/20	Gringo Trails by Pegi Vail (Video)	No Class! Online Discussion
Week 5	9/27	Environmental aspects of tourism	
Week 6	10/4	Tourism and Sustainability Midterm Exam Review	Project Part II Due 10/4, 11:59 PM
Week 7	10/11	Midterm Exam (In-class)	Regular Class Time
Week 8	10/18	Planning for sustainable tourism	
Week 9	10/25	Tourism development models	
Week 10	11/1	Collaboration in tourism planning	
Week 11	11/8	Community-based tourism	Project Part III Due 11/8, 11:59 PM
Week 12	11/15	Corporate social responsibility and triple bottom line	
Week 13	11/22	Ecotourism and voluntourism	Travel Guidebook Due 11/22, 11:59 PM
Week 14	11/29	Group presentation	
Week 15	12/6	Group presentation Final Exam Review	Peer Evaluation Due-12/6 (In-class) Project Part IV(Final Report) Due-12/8, 5 PM
Week 16	12/13	Exam (In-class)	Regular Class time