##### PSY3100.003: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

**Spring 2023**

###### Terrill Hall 120

###### Wednesday 6:00 pm to 8:50 pm

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## Welcome to UNT!

As members of the UNT community, we have all made a commitment to be part of an institution that respects and values the identities of the students and employees with whom we interact. UNT does not tolerate identity-based discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. UNT’s full Non-Discrimination Policy can be found in the UNT Policies section of the syllabus.

**COURSE OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES**

This course will examine a central question that is the foundational basis of Psychology: How do human beings relate to other human beings? What do they do when they are with them, and what do they do when they are isolated from them, and WHY? The primary goal of the course is to familiarize the student with major theories, issues, and research findings associated with the study of human social interactions. An additional goal is to develop critical‑thinking skills that will help the student to become an intelligent consumer of information associated with the study of human interactions in both formal (e.g., academic, professional) and everyday (e.g., newspapers, interactions with your parents, friends, etc.) situations. Moreover, we have a diverse class of individuals from a multitude of disciplines. A strong focus of this class will be on synthesizing the different ways of understanding and learning from each other. Despite appearances to the contrary, the instructor does not know all. Yet together, we will be able to explore the guiding principles of human interaction and encourage one another. Finally, we have to look at Social Psychology through the lens of culture, so culturally relevant information will define the contexts through which we come to understand Social Psychological concepts.

**REQUIRED TEXT**

*Social Psychology, 10th Edition by Kassin, Fein, and Markus*

**COURSE WEBSITE**

The course website contains information about reading assignments, schedule updates, and other important course-related material. The course website is located on Canvas.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

Our course is face to face.

**COURSE PREREQUISITES**

You probably should have taken *Intro to Psychology* in order to thrive in this course.

**TEACHING PHILOSOPHY**

As a professor, my goal is always to ensure that you learn the material. While the purpose of grades is to evaluate your performance in the class, what often happens is that they become the sole focus of your class experience. The class is designed for you to do the one thing you are here to do: learn. If you receive an A in this class but can’t remember anything from the course 3 years down the road, I’ve failed as a professor. If you receive a B in the course and can recall concepts 3 years from now, that means I have served you well. I focus on the latter as an evaluation of your performance. There are enough assignments in the class to where you shouldn’t have to worry about did you pass. Rather, I want you to learn the concepts we talk about and be able to discuss them intellectually and apply the material to your own lives. My goal as professor is to make sure that you are able to do just that.

**MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

* High Speed Internet
* Mobile Hotspot (if you live off campus)
* Speakers
* Microphones
* Plugins
* Ability to stream videos
* Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Powerpoint and Excel, specifically)
* [Canvas Technical Requirements](https://clear.unt.edu/supported-technologies/canvas/requirements) (https://clear.unt.edu/supported-technologies/canvas/requirements)

**COMPUTER SKILLS & DIGITAL LITERACY**

Provide a list of course-specific technical skills learners must have to succeed in the course, such as:

* Using Canvas
* Using email with attachments
* Downloading and installing software
* Using spreadsheet programs
* Using presentation and graphics programs

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Part of working in the online environment involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustration that can arise when technology breaks down or does not perform as expected. Here at UNT we have a Student Help Desk that you can contact for help with Canvas or other technology issues.

**UIT Help Desk**: [UIT Student Help Desk site](http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm) (http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm)

**Email**: [helpdesk@unt.edu](mailto:helpdesk@unt.edu)

**Phone**: 940-565-2324

**In Person**: Sage Hall, Room 130

**Walk-In Availability**: 8am-9pm

**Telephone Availability**:

* Sunday: noon-midnight
* Monday-Thursday: 8am-midnight
* Friday: 8am-8pm
* Saturday: 9am-5pm

**Laptop Checkout**: 8am-7pm

For additional support, visit [Canvas Technical Help](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328) (https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328)

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Rules of engagement refer to the way students are expected to interact with each other and with their instructors. Here are some general guidelines:

* While the freedom to express yourself is a fundamental human right, any communication that utilizes cruel and derogatory language on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law will not be tolerated.
* Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in any communication online or face-to-face, even when their opinion differs from your own.
* Ask for and use the correct name and pronouns for your instructor and classmates.
* Speak from personal experiences. Use “I” statements to share thoughts and feelings. Try not to speak on behalf of groups or other individual’s experiences.
* Use your critical thinking skills to challenge other people’s ideas, instead of attacking individuals.
* Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. This may be interpreted as “YELLING!”
* Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts as tone can be difficult to interpret digitally.
* Avoid using “text-talk” unless explicitly permitted by your instructor.
* Proofread and fact-check your sources.
* Keep in mind that online posts can be permanent, so think first before you type.
* Let compassion for yourself and for others guide every action you do in the course and outside in the world.

See these [Engagement Guidelines](https://clear.unt.edu/online-communication-tips) (https://clear.unt.edu/online-communication-tips) for more information.

**EVALUATION**

The final grade will be based on the total number of percentage points accumulated from 2 exams, several in-class assignments, participation online and an experimental proposal project. The points for each assessment are as follows:

Midterm Exam 30%

Final Project 30%

Assignments 30%

Participation 10%

**GRADING SCALE**

Students are responsible for keeping all graded materials until final grades are made available through Registration and Records for the purpose of resolving a grade dispute. Overall course grades will conform to the following as designated by the university:

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| A+ | 97-100% |  | B+ | 87-89% |  | C+ | 77-79% |  | D+ | 67-69% |  | F | 0-59% |
| A | 93-96% |  | B | 83-86% |  | C | 73-76% |  | D | 63-66% |  |  |  |
| A- | 90-92% |  | B- | 80-82% |  | C- | 70-72% |  | D- | 60-62% |  |  |  |

**ASSIGNMENT POLICY**

Assignments will be submitted through the CANVAS course website. Additionally, assignment due dates will be posted on CANVAS. Students should immediately report any problems or technical difficulties to the instructor and contact the UNT Student Help Desk: [helpdesk@unt.edu](mailto:helpdesk@unt.edu) or 940.565.2324 and obtain a ticket number. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

**EXAMS**

There will be one take home midterm in this course, worth 30%. The exam may be comprised of multiple-choice, completion, short answer, and essay questions and will cover assigned readings and material presented in lecture. The length of the exam may vary slightly across exams. For your mid term exam, you will miss class that week and have 3 days to complete this, and you will be able to utilize your notes, lectures from class and the textbook to help you. Those with ODA considerations will receive 5 days.The time and date for the final is set by the university and is not negotiable. This class does not have a final exam; in lieu of one, a final project is assigned that will be due at the time the final exam would have ended. More information is listed below.

**CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

To maximize critical thinking and encourage attendance and full participation, several class assignments will be randomly administered over the course of the semester. These assignments will build on material presented in class and in the text and may include group or individual activities with written products, worksheets, quizzes, and brief writing exercises. Grades of satisfactory or unsatisfactory will be recorded for these exercises. *In order to receive full credit for assignments, one must receive satisfactory on all 5 of the in-class assignments.*

**FINAL PROJECT**

To encourage students to think broadly about social psychology and integrate material across chapters, students will complete a final project in this course. More information will be given around Spring Break. quick social media project. As mentioned previously, there is no final exam in the course. The final exam period however is **Wednesday, May 10 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Therefore the final project is due Wednesday, May 10 at 3:30 pm. This time is set by the university. As such, I can not accept late projects.**

**ATTENDANCE**

I do not have a strict attendance policy due to the many outside considerations taking a night time course must contend with. Life IS going to get in the way this semester. Your goal is to make sure it doesn’t stop you from learning. If you’re going to be late turning in work (which is possible since this is the summer) I just ask for communication. It is your responsibility to ensure that sufficient documentation is obtained and submitted to the instructor for extended absences. *I ask that you must email the instructor beforehand if you perceive that you will be missing more than 2 assignments consecutively. If you miss an assignment and it was unforeseeable, you must email the instructor within 24 hours of the 2nd missed classes or 48 Hours prior. Failure to send electronic communication regarding absences will result in a reduction of participation. Communication is key because I need to make sure you are safe and that you are keeping up with the material.*

**RESPONSIBILITES**

As the instructor in this course, I will strive to be prepared for each class, to be available for consultation during the week, conduct fair evaluations of learning, and make the material accessible to you outside of class. As a student in this class, you are responsible for (a) attending lecture and completing reading assignments prior to class, (b) participating in any class activities, (c) obtaining notes (from a fellow classmate) and learning of missed announcements in the event of an absence, (d) submitting any and all assignments on time, and (e) taking the exams on the scheduled dates.

**CLASS ETIQUETTE**

Be prepared to learn and to engage! Please check CANVAS consistently and keep up with announcements, emails and due dates. If you believe you will be late turning in an assignment, please communicate to me why that is and when you believe you can get the work turned in. I am normally very lenient with such things, but I just need to know. Discussion may be encouraged at times, and differing viewpoints may add to the course. Students should not ever disparage one another but should feel free to challenge each other intellectually, yet respectfully. *This course relies upon the honor system. So, if you tell the instructor anything, the instructor by default will believe you unless facts surface that your statement was not true. The instructor will maintain a classroom environment that is safe enough for you to be honest at all times.*

**COURSE POLICIES**

*Exam day procedures and make-ups.* 1. This semester, there will be a lot of flexibility… provided you email the professor that you need it. You will be given lots of time to complete exams this semester but if you find you need more time, please email the professor and /or TA to explain why. The midterm will be sent to you electronically, but if for some reason you can not start the exam on time or need more time, this will have to be explained and approved by me or the course TAs. 2. Make-up exams will be given if there is sufficient documentation of illness, family emergency, or another university-excused absence that prevents you from finishing the exam in a timely manner or starting it on time.

*Exam Questions and Grading Appeals.* If you think you should have received credit for an exam question that was scored as incorrect, you may appeal in writing. Only written requests will be considered. You should e-mail your rationale – this rationale should include references to specific page numbers in your text or lecture dates. *All appeals must occur within one week of the date in which exams are returned in class (whether or not you are present that day).* In addition, remember that, despite our best attempts to present an appearance of infallibility, we actually are not. If you are concerned that I have made a recording error, it is always fine to query me; just try not to be querulous.

*Inclement weather policy.* If an asteroid is projected to hit the Earth causing an extinction level event, I will permit you to miss class that day. Otherwise, please follow the University’s guidance and I will email you the morning of to answer questions.

*Course communication.*

As students who are strongly encouraged to form friendships and study groups, I understand that you might develop and join messaging forums to discuss course material. This can result in misinformation or disinformation about course content or requirements. Your right to free speech and my requirements to abide by FERPA and security policies require that I not acknowledge, become involved in, or be held responsible for any communication that occurs or is sent by anyone other than my team of TAs and myself outside of any other medium than UNT Canvas, UNT Zoom, or UNT Outlook. Therefore, any misinformation that you, are delivered by or, personally deliver to, other students concerning any aspect of this class is not under my control. All course requirements and contents are my intellectual property and thus, will be strictly contained within Canvas and the classroom. As a result, communication with me and my educational team about course content, assessments, and deadlines will only be delivered by me and my team in the following modalities: UNT Outlook, UNT Zoom, UNT Canvas, and the classroom. You are ultimately responsible for knowing course requirements as they are depicted in the syllabus. If you believe the syllabus, course requirements, or course content is erroneous, communicate with us directly and we will address the error. Any grade or deadline disputes must be individually delivered to me and my educational team no later than 7 calendar days after the grade has been entered or the deadline has passed.

### COVID-19 IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE

While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class.

If you are experiencing any [symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or [askSHWC@unt.edu](mailto:askSHWC@unt.edu)) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Hotline at 844-366-5892 or [COVID@unt.edu](mailto:COVID@unt.edu) for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.

CLASS MATERIALS FOR REMOTE INSTRUCTION

The UNT fall schedule requires this course to have fully remote instruction beginning November 28th. Additional remote instruction may be necessary if community health conditions change or you need to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Students will need access to a webcame and microphone to participate in fully remote portions of the class. Information on how to be successful in a remote learning environment can be found at <https://online.unt.edu/learn> .

STATEMENT ON FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings are required in all UNT facilities. Students are expected to wear face coverings during this class should we move from remote to face to face. If you are unable to wear a face covering due to a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Access to request an accommodation. UNT face covering requirements are subject to change due to community health guidelines. Any changes will be communicated via the instructor.

SYLLABUS CHANGE POLICY

This course syllabus is likely to change often. That is just how I roll. I will email out syllabus changes via CANVAS to keep you posted and mention those changes in class. Be assured, I always change the syllabus when I think a change will make the class better, easier or more accessible to you.

## UNT POLICES

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

### ADA POLICY

UNT makes 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 a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one’s specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, 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. For additional information see the [ODA website](https://disability.unt.edu/) (<https://disability.unt.edu/>).

### PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION (Policy 16.004)

The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION & PROCEDURES

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

### RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student’s records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University’s policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

### ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Student 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 the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT’s [Code of Student Conduct](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) to learn more.

### ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

Students’ access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: [my.unt.edu](https://my.unt.edu/). All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student’s Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail [Eagle Connect](https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect) (<https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect>).

### STUDENT EVALUATION ADMINISTRATION DATES

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 (November 16th – December 3rd) of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" ([no-reply@iasystem.org](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\no-reply@iasystem.org)) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the [SPOT website](http://spot.unt.edu/) (http://spot.unt.edu/) or email [spot@unt.edu](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\spot@unt.edu).

### SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT’s Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim’s compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at [oeo@unt.edu](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\oeo@unt.edu) or at (940) 565 2759.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR F-1 STUDENTS TAKING DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

**Federal Regulation**

To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website](http://www.ecfr.gov/) (http://www.ecfr.gov/). The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f)(6)(i)(G).

The paragraph reads:

(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

**University of North Texas Compliance**

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 (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an 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 Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS 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, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email [internationaladvising@unt.edu](mailto:internationaladvising@unt.edu)) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

### Student Verification

UNT takes measures to protect the integrity of educational credentials awarded to students enrolled in distance education courses by verifying student identity, protecting student privacy, and notifying students of any special meeting times/locations or additional charges associated with student identity verification in distance education courses.

See [UNT Policy 07-002 Student Identity Verification, Privacy, and Notification and Distance Education Courses](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002) (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002).

### **Use of Student Work**

A student owns the copyright for all work (e.g. software, photographs, reports, presentations, and email postings) he or she creates within a class and the University is not entitled to use any student work without the student’s permission unless all of the following criteria are met:

* The work is used only once.
* The work is not used in its entirety.
* Use of the work does not affect any potential profits from the work.
* The student is not identified.
* The work is identified as student work.

If the use of the work does not meet all of the above criteria, then the University office or department using the work must obtain the student’s written permission.

Download the UNT System Permission, Waiver and Release Form

**Transmission and Recording of Student Images in Electronically-Delivered Courses**

1. No permission is needed from a student for his or her image or voice to be transmitted live via videoconference or streaming media, but all students should be informed when courses are to be conducted using either method of delivery.
2. In the event an instructor records student presentations, he or she must obtain permission from the student using a signed release in order to use the recording for future classes in accordance with the Use of Student-Created Work guidelines above.
3. Instructors who video-record their class lectures with the intention of re-using some or all of recordings for future class offerings must notify students on the course syllabus if students' images may appear on video. Instructors are also advised to provide accommodation for students who do not wish to appear in class recordings.

Example: This course employs lecture capture technology to record class sessions. Students may occasionally appear on video. The lecture recordings will be available to you for study purposes and may also be reused in future course offerings.

No notification is needed if only audio and slide capture is used or if the video only records the instructor's image. However, the instructor is encouraged to let students know the recordings will be available to them for study purposes.

### CLASS RECORDINGS & STUDENT LIKENESSES

Synchronous (live) sessions in this course will be recorded for students enrolled in this class section to refer to throughout the semester. Class recordings are the intellectual property of the university or instructor and are reserved for use only by students in this class and only for educational purposes. Students may not post or otherwise share the recordings outside the class, or outside the Canvas Learning Management System, in any form. Failing to follow this restriction is a violation of the UNT Code of Student Conduct and could lead to disciplinary action.

## Academic Support & Student Services

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

#### Mental Health

UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

* [Student Health and Wellness Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center)
* [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
* [UNT Care Team](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care)
* [UNT Psychiatric Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry)
* [Individual Counseling](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling)

#### CHOSEN NAMES

A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

* [UNT Records](https://registrar.unt.edu/transcripts-and-records/update-your-personal-information)
* [UNT ID Card](https://sfs.unt.edu/idcards)
* [UNT Email Address](https://sso.unt.edu/idp/profile/SAML2/Redirect/SSO;jsessionid=E4DCA43DF85E3B74B3E496CAB99D8FC6?execution=e1s1)
* [Legal Name](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)

*\*UNT euIDs cannot be changed at this time. The collaborating offices are working on a process to make this option accessible to UNT community members.*

#### PRONOUNS

Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don’t assume someone’s name, we should also ask and not assume someone’s pronouns.

You can [add your pronouns to your Canvas account](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-18406-42121184808) so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

Below is a list of additional resources regarding pronouns and their usage:

* [What are pronouns and why are they important?](https://www.mypronouns.org/what-and-why)
* [How do I use pronouns?](https://www.mypronouns.org/how)
* [How do I share my pronouns?](https://www.mypronouns.org/sharing)
* [How do I ask for another person’s pronouns?](https://www.mypronouns.org/asking)
* [How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?](https://www.mypronouns.org/mistakes)

#### Additional Student Support Services

* [Registrar](file:///C:\Users\jdl0126\AppData\Local\Temp\OneNote\16.0\NT\0\Registrar) (https://registrar.unt.edu/registration)
* [Financial Aid](https://financialaid.unt.edu/) (https://financialaid.unt.edu/)
* [Student Legal Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)
* [Career Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center)
* [Multicultural Center](https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center) (https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center)
* [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
* [Pride Alliance](https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance) (https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance)
* [UNT Food Pantry](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry) (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry)

### *Academic Support Services*

* [Academic Resource Center](https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources) (https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources)
* [Academic Success Center](https://success.unt.edu/asc) (https://success.unt.edu/asc)
* [UNT Libraries](https://library.unt.edu/) (https://library.unt.edu/)
* [Writing Lab](http://writingcenter.unt.edu/) (<http://writingcenter.unt.edu/>)

**Grade Appeals**

**Policy Statement.** Students are responsible for meeting the standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled as well as requirements for completion of their academic programs. Faculty members are responsible for establishing standards of academic performance and for evaluating student performance in an equitable manner. Faculty decisions in such matters are considered authoritative and can be overturned only when it has been determined that a grade was assigned in an inequitable, arbitrary, or erroneous manner. This policy outlines the grounds for a student grade appeal and the process by which it must be carried out.

**Application of Policy.** Students and Faculty

**Definitions.**

1. Course. “Course” means a unit of study that, upon completion, is recorded on the student’s transcript, or any other graded requirement for program completion (e.g., internship, comprehensive examination, thesis, dissertation).

2. Grade. “Grade” means the final grade issued at the end of a course. Grades assigned for parts of a course (e.g., reports, examinations) may not be appealed and are not subject to review except to the extent that they impact the appeal of the final course grade.

3. Student. “Student” means the individual who received the grade and who has initiated an appeal.

Individuals may not initiate appeals on behalf of others.

4. Instructor. “Instructor” means the faculty member responsible for the course in question.

5. Department Chair. “Department Chair” means the individual holding administrative authority for instructors.

6. Committee. “Committee” means either a standing appeal committee constituted by the

department, college, or school, or an ad hoc grade appeal committee appointed by the chair to review a particular appeal.

7. Dean. “Dean” means the administrative authority for the chair or academic unit in which the grade appeal is lodged.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

**1. Appropriate Grounds for Appeal.**

Grades are subject to appeal only when the student believes that the grade was awarded in an inequitable, arbitrary, or erroneous manner. Appropriate grounds for appeal include circumstances where the grade was assigned based on:

a. inequitable treatment that is the result of departure from the instructor’s stated standards, and course policies; or

b. a decision based on an error in fact.

If the student believes that the grade was assigned inappropriately due to discrimination or sexual harassment, the case must first be resolved through procedures for such complaints (see UNT Policy

16.006, Information and Procedural Guidelines for Pursuing and Resolving a Complaint of Discrimination, Including Sexual Harassment). Changes in a grade due to violations of academic integrity cannot be appealed through this process.

**Responsible Party**: Students, Office of Equity and Diversity

**2. Time Limits for Appeal and Resolution.**

The formal grade appeal should be resolved within a maximum of 13 weeks after the semester in which the grade was officially posted. Under extraordinary circumstances, the chair may grant an extension of any time limits identified in this policy.

a. The student must consult with the instructor as soon as possible and no later than 10 calendar days after the start of the following academic term, inclusive of fall, spring, summer and intersession terms.

b. The student must initiate a formal grade appeal in writing to the department chair within five weeks (35 calendar days) of the date the grade was officially posted in the university system.

c. If unresolved, the chair must forward the appeal to a faculty committee within seven (7)

calendar days of its receipt.

d. A grade appeal case should be resolved within five weeks (35 calendar days) of the chair’s

receipt of the written appeal.

e. An appeal to the Dean, described below and based solely upon procedural grounds, may extend the time limit on resolution of the grade appeal by no more than three weeks (21 calendar days).

f. If any person, whether student, faculty or administrator, fails to respond to requests made as part of the grade appeal process within one week of the request, the requester may move forward without that response.

g. The grade issued by the instructor remains in effect during the appeal process.

**Responsible Party**: Students, Instructors

**3. Procedures for the Appeal.**

A. Informal Consultation with Instructor

The student must first discuss the course grade with the instructor in an attempt to resolve the issue. This discussion should occur as soon as possible after receiving the grade and not more than 10 days after the start of the following academic term. If the instructor is unavailable or unresponsive, the student should immediately contact the department chair for guidance, as the 35-day time limit for formal appeal includes this faculty consultation period.

B. Formal Grade Appeal to Department Chair

If consultation with the instructor does not resolve the student’s concerns, the student may

submit a formal appeal to the department chair within the time limit for initiating an appeal.

i. The department chair may attempt to resolve the issue through consultation with the instructor and the student. If both instructor and student agree to a resolution, the appeal ends at this level. The resolution must be described in writing, signed by the department chair, acknowledged in writing as received by the student and instructor, and filed in the student's record in the department.

ii. If the chair does not engage in a consultation, or if the consultation does not resolve the issue, the chair refers the appeal to a faculty committee within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the formal appeal.

C. Faculty Committee Review and Resolution

The committee that reviews the grade appeal may be a standing appeal committee comprised of faculty. If no such committee exists, the department chair appoints an ad hoc grade appeal committee of three faculty members: one selected by the student, one selected by the instructor, and one selected by the chair with agreement of the other two committee members. Committee members may include any person holding a faculty appointment in the department, college or university. The chair's appointee will chair the faculty committee.

i. The committee requests a written statement from the instructor for review along with the student's appeal. The committee may request additional information and will meet with the student, the instructor, and/or others, as it sees fit.

ii. The committee issues one of the following recommendations to the instructor:

1. The grade should remain unchanged, as it was assigned in an equitable and valid manner.

2. The grade should be changed. In this case, the committee must provide a written explanation of this finding to the instructor.

iii. If a grade change is recommended to the instructor, one of the following may occur

The committee requests that the instructor change the grade, in response to the written explanation to the instructor, and the instructor agrees to change the grade.

The committee requests that the instructor change the grade, in response to the written explanation to the instructor, and the instructor disagrees with the committee. In such cases, the instructor should provide a written explanation of their disagreement to the committee.

1. The committee may then concur with the instructor’s assessment and

allow the grade to stand unchanged.

2. However, if the committee upholds its conclusion that the grade should be changed, it may recommend an administrative change of grade to the department chair.

iv. Upon the conclusion of the exchange with the instructor regarding its recommendations, contained in steps C-ii and C-iii, above, the committee submits its final recommendation in writing to the department chair.

v. The department chair notifies both student and instructor of the final resolution to change or not change the grade. The resolution must be described in writing, signed by the department chair, acknowledged as received by student and instructor, and filed in the student's record in the department. The department chair changes the grade, as appropriate. The grade appeal ends at this level and, except under extraordinary circumstances (e.g., the closure of the university due to weather, students’ hospitalization, administrative mandate), shall be completed within 35 calendar days of the chair’s receipt of the written appeal. The only further basis for appeal is on procedural grounds.

D. Dean ’s Procedural Review

If either student or instructor believes there was a procedural error in the process, that party may request reconsideration on procedural grounds by filing a written request for review to the dean within 7 (seven) calendar days of having received notice of the resolution. This request must specifically state the procedural grounds for requesting the reconsideration. If the dean determines that the procedures were followed, the dean responds in writing that the faculty committee’s determination has been upheld. The decision of the dean is final.

i. If the dean determines that there were procedural errors, the appeal will be considered anew, and the dean will appoint a new ad hoc grade appeal committee, comprised of individuals holding a full-time faculty appointment within the University. That committee reviews the grade appeal as described in steps C-ii and C-iii, above.

ii. Upon the conclusion of the exchange with the instructor regarding its recommendations, contained in C-ii and C-iii, above, the committee submits its final recommendation in writing to the dean.

iii. The dean shall provide notice of the final resolution to the student, instructor and department chair. The resolution must be described in writing, signed by the department chair, acknowledged as received by student and instructor, and filed in the student's record in the department. The department chair changes the grade, as appropriate.

iv. This process shall extend the timeline by no more than 21 calendar days, except under extraordinary circumstances. The decision of this committee may not be appealed further.

**Responsible Party**: Faculty Review Committee, Dean

**4. Records Retention.**

Documentation of all formal grade appeals, including procedural appeals, whether resolved by a faculty committee, the chair, or the dean, must be maintained in department files for a period of time designated in the university records retention policy.

**References and Cross-references.**

UNT Policy 16.006, Information and Procedural Guidelines for Pursuing and Resolving a Complaint of

Discrimination, Including Sexual Harassment

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**PROPOSED LECTURE, READING, AND EXAM SCHEDULE**

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| **Date** | **General Topic** |
| 1/18 | Introduction |
| 1/25 | What is Social Psychology? |
| 2/1 | Scientific Method |
| 2/8 | Ethics in Psychology |
| 2/15 | Social Influence |
| 2/22 | Social Influence Part 2 |
| 3/1 | Social Cognition |
| 3/8 | **MIDTERM** |
| 3/15 | **SPRING BREAK** |
| 3/22 | Aggression / Antisocial Behavior |
| 3/29 | Emotions |
| 4/5 | Group Dynamics |
| 4/12 |  |
| 4/19 | Racism, Prejudice & Discrimination |
| 4/26 | Racism, Prejudice & Discrimination Part 2\* Class may possibly be cancelled on this date |
| 5/3 | LGBTQ+/Gender |
| 5/10 at 3:30 pm | Final Project Due (This can not be accepted late) |
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|  | Dating |
|  | The Psychology of Wealth |
|  | Religious Beliefs |
|  | Political Belief Systems |
|  | Isolation |
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