



2026 Fall E-Marketing Tools MKTG 4620.001 (1125)

Mondays, Wednesdays 12:45 PM – 2:05 PM / BLB 170

Syllabus [Version 0.9 \(08-11-2026\)](#) — The most updated syllabus version will be on *Canvas*.

Important Notice:

The instructor reserves the right to modify any aspect of the course, including the syllabus, schedule, and evaluation criteria, at their sole discretion. Enrolling in this course constitutes your understanding and acceptance of the policies listed in this document.

Course Description

From the course catalog: Explores the evolution of the Internet and the Internet's ensuing role in marketing — introduction to web design, web authoring, and web-based marketing applications.

Instructor Contact

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If you prefer a Zoom meeting, please send me a *Canvas Inbox* to schedule it. I will then reply with the Zoom link.

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Email: [Please contact me only via Canvas Inbox](#). If you must email me using my *unt.edu* account, please see the next section for the necessary directions.

Communication Expectations

I will primarily communicate with you via ***Canvas announcements***.

Please ensure that you have set up Canvas to automatically email/notify you (at your most frequently used email address) whenever I post an announcement. If you need help, here are links to resources that may be helpful:

- [Android devices](https://bit.ly/3DE8F7K) (https://bit.ly/3DE8F7K)
- [iOS devices](https://bit.ly/4h4gt0Z) (https://bit.ly/4h4gt0Z)

You can also receive Canvas notifications via text message (SMS). Please follow [these directions](#) to set it up. (https://j.mp/3iExhjV)

The preceding paragraph contains critical advice. 

It would be best to seek answers to the most general questions through the *General Q&A* Forum in the *Discussions* section of Canvas. Either my TA or I will answer it, or one of your classmates will. That way, we can all benefit from the questions asked, and the answers will be available for the whole class to see.

If you have a private question, please contact me via *Canvas Inbox*, and I will endeavor to respond as soon as possible, within 48 hours on weekdays.

While my preferred method of contact is via *Canvas Inbox*, **if you need to email me directly** for any reason (for instance, if Canvas is unavailable), you can reach me at my UNT email address: jhinuk.chowdhury@unt.edu. If you must email me, please ensure you begin the subject line with “[MKTG 4620]” — including the square brackets. Doing so will ensure the message is directed to a designated folder in my Inbox and does not get lost in the deluge. Here is an example of a subject line of an email message:

“[MKTG 4620] – May I schedule a time to chat with you over Zoom, please?”

Course Prerequisites or Other Restrictions

The prerequisite for this course is MKTG 3650.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. Explain, in broad terms, how the Internet works.
2. Elucidate the differences between the many terms used in the discipline.
3. Develop simple, multipage websites that incorporate HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
4. Secure the necessary services to set up a commercially viable website.
5. Install and administer a Content Management System extensible for e-commerce transactions.
6. Interact with individual and corporate clients and set up a website for general marketing purposes.

Course Structure

This course will include face-to-face *and* online classes (via Zoom). Up to 49% of instruction could be delivered online. I will announce Zoom meetings at least 24 hours in advance (in most cases). Most (but not all) Zoom meetings will be recorded and made available for viewing later.

The Canvas modules will be opened sequentially, one at a time.

Course Materials

This course offers a unique approach by not requiring a traditional paper-based textbook. Instead, students are encouraged to subscribe to the "virtual book" (also known as an *online course*) available on the [World Class Courses](https://worldclasscourses.org/) website (<https://worldclasscourses.org/>).

The relevant course on the website is "[E-Marketing Tools and Applications](https://worldclasscourses.org/courses-archive-2/e-marketing-tools/)" (<https://worldclasscourses.org/courses-archive-2/e-marketing-tools/>).

Notwithstanding the price on that website, I will give you a discount code in class that will significantly reduce its cost. Please note that ***the code will only be valid until 11:59 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026***. I will make the discount code available to you via a Canvas announcement. Please subscribe to this online course *only if you are certain you will continue your enrollment*. For e-commerce purchases, *all sales are final and non-refundable*.

Disclaimer: I — your instructor — am the author of this digital resource. I have used the virtual textbook format to teach students in educational institutions in the US and overseas. The subscription is not mandatory. However, it is highly recommended, as it will provide valuable insights and materials that closely align with the course curriculum.

After the first two weeks of class, you will require —

1. At least one *domain name registration*. Depending on your choices, you might need two for the semester project. Depending on various factors, domain names cost between \$3 and \$20 *per year*. You will need no more than four months of usage for this class. However, the minimum registration period is typically one year.

2. A commercial *web hosting service* (on an Apache server with PHP and MySQL capabilities and offering the cPanel utility) for about four months. Web hosting services cost approximately \$5– \$ 20 per month, depending on the contract length (and other factors).

I will explain all these matters clearly in due course. You are *not* required to know how to acquire these at this time. *I am letting you know this in advance to give you an idea of the costs and resources needed for this course.*

Course Technology & Skills

Minimum Technology Requirements

The minimum technology requirements for students are:

- Computer — a laptop or a desktop; *a Chromebook will not suffice*
- Reliable internet access
- Speakers
- Microphone
- Webcam
- Plug-ins
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Computer Skills & Digital Literacy

The course-specific technical skills learners must have to succeed in the course are:

- Using Canvas
- Using email with attachments
- Downloading and installing software
- Using spreadsheet programs
- Using presentation and graphics programs
- Making and publishing (i.e., uploading to YouTube or an equivalent service) a homemade-quality video recorded on smartphones or digital cameras
- A moderately high level of comfort with the usual challenges associated with coding and debugging when working with software applications
- Understanding how folders and subfolders (and their hierarchies) work in Windows and Mac operating systems
- Being familiar with terminology (such as drag and drop) associated with copying or moving files and folders

Technical Assistance

Online work involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustrations that arise when technology breaks down or performs unexpectedly. *It is critical to avoid waiting till the last moment to submit assignments.* For Canvas issues or other technical problems, contact the *Student Help Desk*.

UNT Help Desk: [UNT IT Help Desk site](https://aits.unt.edu/support) (<https://aits.unt.edu/support>)

Email: ithelp@unt.edu

Phone: 940-565-2324

In-Person: Sage Hall, Room 330

Walk-In Availability: 8 AM – 5 PM

Standard Hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 8 AM – 9 PM
- Friday: 8 AM – 5 PM
- Saturday – Sunday: 11 AM – 3 PM

For additional support, visit [Canvas Technical Help](https://www.instructure.com/support/canvas-support-faq)
(<https://www.instructure.com/support/canvas-support-faq>)

Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy involves providing students with resources that inspire them to learn independently. Students motivated to acquire knowledge continue to thrive even after college. I work hard to promote student self-motivation by allowing them to explore areas of interest within the curriculum.

Instructor Responsibilities and Feedback

My responsibilities as an instructor include the following:

- helping you grow and learn
- providing clear instructions for projects and assessments
- answering questions about assigned materials
- identifying additional resources as necessary
- providing grading rubrics
- reviewing and updating course content

Rules of Engagement

Rules of engagement are guidelines for how students are expected to interact with one another and their instructors. Here are some general guidelines:

- The freedom to express yourself is a fundamental human right. However, we will not tolerate any communication that utilizes abusive and derogatory language based on 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.
- Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in all communication, even when their opinions differ.
- 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 individuals' experiences.
- Use your critical thinking skills to challenge others' ideas rather than attacking individuals.
- Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. Most people interpret that as "YELLING!"
- Be cautious with humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts, as tone can be difficult to interpret online.
- Avoid using "text-talk" unless explicitly permitted by your instructor.
- Proofread and fact-check your sources.
- Remember that online posts can be permanent, so think before typing.

Course Grading

Your overall semester grade will include evaluations of your performance in the following three areas:

- **Exams** (delivered through Canvas/Respondus LockDown browser) — 55% of the overall grade
- **Assignments** (may include short quizzes, essays, and discussions) — 15% of the overall grade
- **Projects** (one individual and one individual/group project; details to be announced separately) — 30% of the overall grade

The final course grade will be determined using the following formula:

$$\text{OVERALL} = [\text{EXAMS} * 0.55] + [\text{ASSIGN} * 0.15] + [\text{PROJECTS} * 0.30]$$

Legend:

EXAMS refer to the average score on all exams, each scaled to 100 points.

ASSIGN refers to the cumulative score obtained on all assignments, scaled to 100 points.

PROJECTS refer to the overall score obtained in the projects, scaled to 100 points.

Letter Grades

The LETTER GRADE assignment, based on the *OVERALL* score, will be as per the following scheme:

90% and above	A
80% - 89.99%	B
70% - 79.99%	C
60% - 69.99%	D
Less than 60%	F

Scaled points will NOT be rounded up; grades will be determined *precisely* by the ranges above.

If you withdraw from the class, you must remove your name from the class rolls. If you withdraw and do NOT remove your name from the class rolls, you will receive a failing grade (F) for this course at the end of the semester.

Course Policies

Classroom Behavior

Each course participant is responsible for classroom behavior conducive to the teaching-learning process. Therefore, each participant should be familiar with the policies and guidelines for academic honesty and classroom behavior as outlined in the University of North Texas Student Guidebook and UNT's website.

The [Code of Student Conduct](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012) (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012>) and an abbreviated list of other rules, regulations, and policies are available from the Office of the Dean of Students. Anyone compromising the integrity of the learning process will receive a failing grade in this course and be referred to the Dean of Student Affairs for disciplinary action.

Cellular telephones, laptop computers, and other devices: You cannot have a device that makes any sound or noise audible to others in the classroom. If you have a specific need, you must obtain the instructor's express written consent to use such a device in class. If it is considered a nuisance, the instructor reserves the right to remove you from the classroom.

During class sessions, refrain from activities such as browsing websites, reading personal email, using your phone to send/receive text messages, sleeping, or reading material unrelated to the class. Such practices disrupt the instructor's and other students' concentration, detracting from a proper learning environment. Please be considerate of others by refraining from excessive talking when the instructor is speaking. Even a small amount of unnecessary conversation can inhibit other students' hearing and participation and be detrimental to the learning environment. I will expect you to pay close attention to the class proceedings.

Attendance Policy

In this course, attendance is critically important! Lectures, videos, and class discussions will contain vital information needed not only to do well on the exams, but it will be prohibitively difficult to understand what is being discussed in class if you miss the preceding class meetings.

You must have at least 50% attendance to receive a passing grade. If you do not meet that threshold, you will receive a grade of "F."

Tardiness: If you arrive late, please enter quietly and take a seat. Do not walk in front of speakers or disrupt the class in any other way. You must reach the classroom before the instructor or the teaching assistant collects attendance to receive attendance credit for that day. No exceptions! If you need to leave early, please inform your instructor in advance. Visit the [University of North Texas's Attendance Policy](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-039) (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-039>) to learn more.

Years of grade data from my classes show that performance *strongly* correlates with attendance. Regular engagement makes a **big difference** in your learning and exam performance. Rather than penalizing absences, this course uses a **positive attendance/engagement bonus**:

- o For each scheduled class meeting you attend (in person or live on Zoom), you earn **attendance points**.
- o At the end of the semester, if you have attended at least **60%** of class meetings, you will receive a **bonus added to your final course average** (out of 100):
 - **100% attendance**: approximately **+2 points**
 - **Between 60% and 100% attendance**: a **prorated bonus**
 - Example: 80% attendance → about **+1.6 points**
 - **Below 60% attendance**: no attendance bonus

This bonus is my way of recognizing the time and effort you invest by consistently showing up.

Zoom Webcam Encouragement

During live Zoom sessions, I encourage you to turn on your webcam when you are comfortable. Seeing faces helps build a sense of community and makes discussion easier.

- If you attend a Zoom session **with your webcam on for most of the class**, you will receive a **slightly higher attendance weight** for that day (for example, **1.25 points instead of 1**). Over the semester, this can result in a **slight increase** in your total engagement bonus (e.g., from ~2.0 points to around 2.1–2.2 for perfect attendance).
- If you are **not able or comfortable** turning your camera on (for reasons such as bandwidth, privacy, disability, caregiving responsibilities, or other significant circumstances), you can still earn full attendance credit — and, where appropriate, the higher engagement weight — by **actively participating through audio and/or chat**, or by contacting me so we can agree on an alternative way to demonstrate engagement.

Notes:

- This bonus is **purely additive**. Keeping your camera off does **not** deduct points; it simply reduces or eliminates the bonus.
- The webcam-related bump is intentionally small. It is a nudge to encourage a more connected Zoom experience, not a requirement.

- In rare cases where consistent attendance or camera use is not possible for documented reasons, **equivalent alternative engagement activities** may be arranged with the instructor.

Class Materials for Remote Instruction

You should read this valuable information on succeeding [in a remote learning environment](https://online.unt.edu/learn) as soon as possible (<https://online.unt.edu/learn>).

Class Participation

I encourage you to participate enthusiastically in Canvas's *Discussions* section. The peers you meet in class are a subset of students with similar ideas and interests. There is much to be learned from each other's perspectives, and you should not waste that opportunity.

Late Work

UNT instructors have the prerogative to accept or not accept late work. Please see the **policy for late submissions** under the *Examination Policy* and the *Assignment Policy* sections below.

Examination Policy

Exams will cover the recorded class lectures, lessons, handouts, readings, class exercises, videos, discussions, and guest lectures (if any) that we have covered in the course up to the day of the exam.

I will deliver the exams via *Canvas* and *the LockDown Browser*.

You will be required to take the exams in the classroom on DELL laptops (Windows OS) provided by the Ryan College of Business, NOT on your personal computer.

If you cannot take the test in the classroom on the day the exam is scheduled for any reason (including illness and isolation) and have been approved by the instructor to take it in the Sage Hall Computer-Based Testing Center (Sage Hall 331) on an alternate date, you may have a different set of test parameters than those administered in class. Those parameters include *time limit* and *opportunity to backtrack* in tests with multiple-choice questions. You may be given a different test than the one administered in class. Additionally, you will be required to take the test *after* the one scheduled for classroom students.

Missed Exams:

You cannot miss a test because of travel, social commitments, or pre-planned vacations. Your enrollment in this in-person course implies your consent to adhere firmly to the course's requirements, including the testing schedule.

The consequence of missing a test is a score of zero on that exam.

You can make up a missed exam provided you have a documented [university-excused absence](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-039) (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-039>). If you know you will miss an exam in advance, you **MUST** contact your instructor *before* the scheduled exam. A student can take a make-up exam in extremely rare cases, with a 15% penalty on the exam grade. The administration of such make-up exams is solely at the instructor's discretion. Make-up exams may not contain the same questions as the regular exam; they may have a completely different format. Your instructor will schedule a make-up exam within three days of the original exam date. No more than one alternative timeslot will be offered (depending on what is convenient for the instructor and the teaching assistant). There will be no opportunities to backtrack on multiple-choice exam questions. The total time available will be reduced, and a LockDown Browser & Monitor requirement (webcam proctoring) may be enforced.

There will be no additional opportunities if the student does not take the exam within the alternative time slot offered. Finally, without a documented university-excused absence or a waiver from the Office of the Dean of Students, a 15% deduction will be applied to late exam-taking.

Assignment Policy

Assignments may include quizzes, short essays, and discussion items that will be distributed throughout the semester. Please endeavor to complete and submit each task well in advance of the deadline.

Please note:

- Under no circumstances will an assignment be considered for a grade if you do not submit it through Canvas (or whatever medium I designate in the detailed description of the assignment). ***Attempted submissions via email, an attachment to an email message, a Canvas Inbox message, or a hard copy will NOT be entertained.***
- Some (but not all) assignments may be accepted after the original deadline. However, for submissions after the expiration of the deadline (where it is allowed), Canvas will automatically deduct 10% of the grade for each day you are late. This policy is immutable. **All assignments will close at 11:59 PM, November 30, 2026.** There will be no opportunities for late submission after that deadline.
- Please be advised that all written (essay-format) submissions will be scanned by (or will need to be submitted via) *TurnItIn* or other plagiarism and AI detection utilities.

The University is committed to providing all users with a reliable online course system. If an unexpected server outage or other technical issue prevents students from completing a time-sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide appropriate accommodations. Students should immediately report any problems to the

instructor and contact the *UNT Student Help Desk* at ithelp@unt.edu or 940.565.2324. *Please remember to obtain a ticket number.*

Extra Help

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE — contact me as soon as possible if you need help with this class. If you did not do as well as expected *in your first exam*, please discuss this with me ASAP. Turning your performance around as the semester progresses will become progressively more difficult, and it will likely be impossible after the midpoint.

Extra Credit

There is none.

Syllabus Change Policy

While I strongly desire to adhere to the syllabus, exigent circumstances may necessitate changes to its content and timelines. In such cases, I reserve the right to make any changes I deem fit. Whenever I make a change, I will notify you via Canvas announcements.

ADA Policy

The College of Business Administration complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide the student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to the faculty, initiating a private discussion regarding the student's specific course needs. If you have an established disability under the Act and would like to request an accommodation, please see me *as soon as possible*. Please note that university policy requires students to **notify their instructor within the first week of class if an accommodation is needed**. Please do not hesitate to contact me now or in the future if you have any questions or need further assistance. For additional information, see the ODA website (<https://disability.unt.edu/>).

Academic Integrity Policy

The G. Brint Ryan College of Business takes academic honesty seriously. Ethics and integrity are important business values, essential to building trust and adhering to professional and legal standards. Academic dishonesty destroys trust, damages the degree's reputation and value, and is unacceptable.

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 academic penalties or sanctions ranging from a warning to expulsion from the University.

Specific examples of academic integrity violations include cheating, plagiarism, and providing inappropriate assistance on examinations, homework, research papers, and case analyses. Your work must be entirely your own. When working on assignments, you should not discuss your work with others unless approved by the course professor. Group assignments should only be discussed with members assigned to your group, and all group members may be held accountable for known academic integrity violations in a group assignment.

Another example of academic dishonesty is failing to properly attribute sources. You must quote or footnote all outside sources used when preparing your assignments. Copying or using material from any source prepared or previously submitted by others at UNT or other institutions or downloaded from the Internet is plagiarism. Unless directed otherwise in an assignment, large-scale “cutting and pasting” from different sources, even if adequately footnoted, is also considered plagiarism. You should synthesize this material in your own words and provide a footnote.

Your professor will specify what materials, if any, may be used on the tests and exams. Using materials other than those permitted, discussing the exam with other individuals, exchanging information about an exam when one has taken it and the other has not, or copying or using material from another individual’s exam constitutes academic dishonesty. It will result in an academic referral or penalty. The use of online assistance, group chats, cell phones, smartwatches, and similar tools during exams is strictly prohibited for any reason, unless expressly permitted. No portion of an exam may be copied or photographed without permission.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the University's status as an institution of higher education. They are responsible for responding to reports of academic dishonesty from an instructor or other university officials. If a student fails to respond after a proper attempt to notify them, the University may take appropriate academic action in the student's absence.

UNT Policies

The university requires me to pass along a litany of contractual information, some of which you may find necessary and others not. I have placed this information on a [Google Doc](https://bit.ly/3WGLLni) (<https://bit.ly/3WGLLni>). I suggest you refer to it as required.

Finally . . .

I work hard to make this course both enjoyable and valuable. I recognize that students face various pressures, so I strive to keep the course straightforward, easy to follow, clear, and engaging. If you have any constructive suggestions about the course or my teaching style, please share them with me in person or anonymously. Your feedback is always appreciated.

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