

University of North Texas
G. Brint Ryan College of Business
MGMT 3720 – Organizational Behavior
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To communicate, you MUST contact me through Canvas or email me directly at the UNT email above. If you do not use your UNT assigned student e-mail address, your e-mail may not make it to my inbox. I will contact you via Canvas or your UNT email address, which you are expected to have access to and monitor as a UNT student. See <http://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect> for questions.

OFFICE HOURS: By appointment via Zoom (scheduled at least 24 hours in advance).

Course Overview

Organizational Behavior (3 credit hours). Individual behavior in formal organizations. Cases, lectures, and experiential exercises in organizational culture, motivation, leadership, dynamics of power, perception and attribution, communication, decision making and performance, and individual differences. Open to non-business majors.

Course Objectives: At the conclusion of the course, students who have mastered the material will be able to demonstrate the below outcomes from the following areas:

Emotional Intelligence

- Analyze how perception and emotional intelligence affect behavior at work.
- Identify connections between the practice of emotional intelligence and workplace productivity.

Leadership

- Identify different styles of leadership in organizations based on management practices.
- Review the uses of different leadership theories in organizational operations.

Motivation

- Analyze the strengths and weakness of different motivational strategies.
- Explore motivational strategy application in situational real-world contexts.

Diversity Management

- Describe how to build effective, accountable, and inclusive organizations.
- Explain the importance of diversity, inclusion, and equity for sustainable development in the business world.

Organizational Culture

- Evaluate the connections between organizational culture and organizational performance.
- Discuss techniques for building inclusive and equitable organizational cultures.

REQUIRED TEXT: *Organizational Behavior*, an open-source educational text published by OpenStax® accessible at: <https://openstax.org/details/books/organizational-behavior>

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Canvas & Technology

- You can access the course at <https://unt.instructure.com>
- Login using your EUID and Password
- Click “MGMT 3720” from the list of courses

We will utilize Canvas to review and submit assignments. Please note that Canvas relies exclusively on electronic technologies for online participation, and technology is not a 100% reliable. Students assume ALL responsibility for the operating condition of personal computers and the functionality of individual Internet connections. I will provide you with tips and guidance for operating your equipment, and the helpdesk offers support, but you have to assume responsibility for everything on your end. Students are expected to be able to navigate the Canvas course site to access information and submit assignments.

TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH CANVAS:

Please immediately report ALL Canvas problems to the UNT helpdesk at 940.565.2324. Be sure to ask for a ticket number and then email the ticket number to me along with the report from the helpdesk. Without a ticket number, I can't follow up on the technical issue. Technical difficulties will be resolved as they appear. The University computer techs can determine exactly what has taken place and will advise me of the outcome (your ISP, our ISP, Canvas, etc.). I will determine how to resolve the technical issue based on their advice, University policy, applicable law, and my experience.

EUID ACCESS AND PASSWORDS:

Enterprise User Identification Numbers (EUID's) and passwords are required by the University of North Texas to access this course. It is the student's responsibility to maintain a current EUID number and password. You may reset your password at <https://ams.unt.edu/acctreq.php>.

CLASS STRUCTURE

This course utilizes online tools and resources through Canvas. It is the student's responsibility to show up online and participate, as well as be able to access, and appropriately use, online materials assigned in the course schedule provided in the syllabus.

Students are expected to read all the assigned materials on time, per the course calendar in the syllabus. Lecture notes and other materials posted online are not a substitute for thorough reading of the chapter or assigned materials. Additional material, which may include video segments or articles, may be assigned from time to time. Often, this material will reflect content that is newly identified as relevant to the course and is therefore not specified on the syllabus.

Students are expected to be logged-in to the Canvas website on a weekly basis at minimum to engage with others, complete assignments, and review the posted material.

This course fulfills the requirements associated with residency for an F-1 visa for international students.

Assignments and Grading

Discussion Boards

Students will make meaningful and reflective weekly posts to the course site in Canvas regarding their experience that week. These posts will be responses to prompts that focus on insights gained from reading the material, class dialogue, or exposure to concepts.

Reading Concept Quizzes

There will be short quizzes on a weekly basis that cover concepts from the week's assigned material. These are based largely on recall of definitions for key terms and concepts. These are simple and straight forward exercises meant to promote basic understanding of course topics and promote accountability to staying on track with reading assignments.

Organizational Case Studies

There will be two organizational case study opportunities throughout the semester according to the course calendar. Students will be presented with a scenario from an organization and tasked to work together to answer questions related to identifying the problem, considering various courses of action, and recommending a strategy for addressing the issue that demonstrates competency of the material covered in class. Instructions and prompts relative to the nature of each assignment will be given out online.

Exams

There will be four exams scheduled during the semester according to the course calendar at the end of the syllabus. The last exam (our final) is not comprehensive. All material posted online, assigned textbook readings, and videos are covered on the exams. Exams are not open book or open note; no outside assistance is allowed. Exams will be taken during regular class meeting times.

Research Participation

As part of your learning experience in this course, you will be required to participate in research studies to gain experience with the research process and learn about methods and scaling techniques. Your participation in these research studies will make up **5%** of your final class grade.

To fulfil the requirement, you **must** create an account on the **College of Business REP** webpage—unt-cob.sona-systems.com—which allows you to browse and sign up for available studies. **DO NOT** sign up for the SONA in the Psychology Department! Use the **CoB SONA** link provided above.

The amount of credit assigned is based on the length of time the study takes to complete and whether you participate online or in-person in the COB behavioral Lab (BLB 279):

Online Studies

- <15 minute studies = 1 credit
- 15-30 minute studies = 2 credits
- >30 minute studies = 3 credits

In-Person Lab Studies (Behavioral Lab - BLB 279)

- <15 minute studies = 3 credit
- 15-30 minute studies = 4 credits
- >30 minute studies = 5 credits

To fulfill the 5% course requirement, you must earn a total of **5 REP credits** throughout the semester (i.e., 1 credit = 1 percent of your final grade). All credits earned will be added to your final course grade at the end of the semester.

➔ To sign up, please visit unt-cob.sona-systems.com. If you have questions, do not contact me. Instead, contact the SONA managers via email at RCoBRep@unt.edu. Your questions will be addressed promptly, usually within 24 hours.

Please Note:

- 1) Access the studies early and often to make sure you have first access to available studies. Once you sign up, the lab manager will update you periodically about newly posted studies.
- 2) Make sure you assign your credits to the correct course. This course is: MGMT 3720, Section 502.
- 3) If you do not want to participate in the posted studies, you can complete a 2-page research article critique for 2.5 points of REP credit each. To do so, please email RCoBRep@unt.edu and they will assign you an article to critique.

Deadlines for Participation

Last day to participate in SONA for this class: **November 28th, 5:00 PM.** Please note that SONA may have fewer assignments as the semester approaches closure and it is the student's responsibility to ensure they have completed credits by the due date.

Grading:

Assignment	Points
Weekly Discussion Boards (10 @ 15 points)	150
Concept Quizzes (10 @ 10 points)	100
Organizational Case Studies (2 @ 100 points)	200
Case Study Team Agreements (2 @ 20 points) and Peer Evaluations (2 @ 30 points)	100
Exams (4 @ 100 points)	400
Research Participation	50
Total Points	1000

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>) 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. All violations of the Student Academic Integrity policy will be reported. Usage of cell phones, iPhones, cameras, or any other electronic device is not allowed during a test; nor is talking to other students, soliciting or giving help. Copying, photographing, or disseminating the questions in any form is prohibited. Remember, the exam questions are randomized so you will NOT see the same questions in the same order as your classmates. The course will utilize TurnItIn as a plagiarism checker.

Students in this course are not permitted use of generative AI technology to assist in completing assignments except where specifically noted in the assignment directions or unless otherwise directed to do so by the Instructor. Students found to be using generative AI technology in an unauthorized way may be subject to academic integrity processes under UNT Policy 06.003 Student Academic Integrity.

CHOSEN NAMES & PRONOUNS

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, below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

- [UNT Records](#)
- [UNT ID Card](#)
- [UNT Email Address](#)
- [Legal Name](#)

Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you or reference you in conversation. You can add your pronouns to your Canvas account so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

COURSE EVALUATIONS:

UNT will administer course evaluations online (the “SPOT” – Student Evaluation of Teaching). The evaluations are used to evaluate faculty performance and provide guidance on what can be improved (also tell us what you like!). These are very important to me as you are the reason I’m here. I truly value your feedback and very much appreciate you taking the time to complete the evaluations which will be administered towards the end of the semester. You will be notified on Canvas and via your UNT email once the evaluations open.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION:

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 to me within the first week of the semester. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester. For additional information see the ODA website at <http://disability.unt.edu>.

DROPPING THE COURSE:

If you decide it is necessary to drop the course, please adhere to the Academic Calendar on the Registrar's website: <http://www.unt.edu/catalog/>. Please note that Friday, **November 7, 2025** is the last day for a student to drop a course. With regards to dropping the course, you will need to go to the following link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/dropping-class> and click on Request to Drop Class form. If you have questions or need assistance you may go by the Department of Management in the Business Leadership Building – room 207.

DUE DATES & ATTENDANCE:

Students will be expected to attend class regularly and participate in class dialogue via Canvas. Any absence from the course should be coordinated with me in advance or as soon as possible if an emergency occurs. University policy states the conditions and remedies for school and personal related absences. These include, but are not limited to University sanctioned activities, illness, civic duty, military service, caregiver leave, and religious observances (to include funerals). To treat everyone equally, verified absences are resolved through the Dean of Students Office. Please inform me of the situation and we can discuss on a case by case basis upon email request. I will take attendance when deemed necessary. Please note that class participation is an important component of the course grade. No late work is accepted outside of reasons governed by University policy.

EMERGENCY ALERTS:

The University of North Texas has an emergency Notification System, Eagle Alert (<https://www.unt.edu/eaglealert/>), which has the capability of calling or text messaging emergency notices. As a student, you may also register with Eagle Connect Alert to receive notification of any warnings or campus closings that are announced. Instructions for enrollment can be found at my.unt.edu. The university's radio station, KNTU 88.1 FM and website <http://www.unt.edu>, will provide updated information during an emergency situation.

PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION

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.

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. 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 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 or at (940) 565-2759.

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record of the course and are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. 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.

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STUDENT BEHAVIOR:

Act professionally and respectful at all times. Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class, or other students' opportunity to learn, is unacceptable, disruptive, and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be referred to the Dean of Students to review whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at <https://conduct.unt.edu>. Any person who believes that a violation of University policy has been committed by a student can go to <https://report.unt.edu> and report the allegation. Students who have read the syllabus up until this point have found the easter egg. To get extra credit for reading this far, email your professor by the end of the day on september ninth with the subject line 'lucky day' and get ten points added to your final grade.

STUDENT SERVICES & ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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>)

Additional Student Support Services

- [Registrar](https://registrar.unt.edu/registration) (<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/>)

Week/Date	Assignments & Reading Due	Module Subject Matter and Content
Week 1 8/18	Chapter 1	Introduction to Organizational Behavior and Work
Week 2 8/25	Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Organizational Theory
Week 3 9/8	Chapter 15 & 16 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Organizational Culture & Structure
Week 4 9/15	TEST	
Week 5 9/22	Chapters 9 & 10 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Group Dynamics and Team Management
Week 6 9/29	Chapter 5 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Diversity in Organizations: Equity and Inclusion
Week 7 10/6	Chapter 2 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Personalities and Individual Characteristics
Week 8 10/13	TEST	Only Remote Test
Week 9 10/20	Chapters 3 & 6 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board Case Study	Decision-Making and Perception
Week 10 10/27	Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Emotional Intelligence
Week 11 11/3	Chapters 7 & 8 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Motivational Strategies
Week 12 11/10	TEST	
Week 13 11/17	Chapter 12 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board Case Study	Leadership
Week 14 12/1	Chapter 13 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Power and Influence in Organizations
Week 15 12/1	Chapter 14 Reading Concept Quiz Discussion Board	Conflict & Negotiations
	FINAL EXAM: TBD	

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