

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
COLLEGE OF MERCHANDISING, HOSPITALITY &
TOURISM
Fall 2026**

EDEM 3700.002 Modern Weddings

CLASS MEETING:

Course: EDEM 3700

Section: 002

Day: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 12:45 – 2:05 pm.

Location: GAB Room 114

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: M.T. Hickman

Office Location: Chilton Hall, 359 F

Email: M.T.Hickman@unt.edu

Phone: 940-565-4518

Office Hours: Denton Tuesday 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

By appointment

Required Texts and Materials

For this course, you are not required to purchase a traditional textbook.

The reading material is provided in power points and was developed by multiple professors who taught and/or are teaching this course.

This course has digital components. To fully participate in this class, students need internet access to reference content on the Canvas Learning Management System. Information on how to be successful in a digital learning environment can be found at Learn AnywhereLinks to an external site. (<https://online.unt.edu/learnLinks> to an external site.).

Other materials that may be distributed during class include articles, essays, or additional information from guest speakers. Information from these materials may appear on examinations and quizzes.

Course Textbook: (not required)

Daniels, M and Wosicki, C (2021) Wedding Planning and Management
New York Routledge (ISBN: 9780367227821)

Vision of the Hospitality, Event & Tourism Management Program

To be a global leader in advancing education, creating knowledge, and shaping future hospitality and tourism professionals.

Mission of the Hospitality, Event & Tourism Management Program

Educating students for leadership in a global hospitality and tourism industries and advancing their profession through excellence in teaching research and service.

Description

No prerequisites are needed to take this course.

Comprehensive introductory course on the design and execution of modern weddings. Emphasis on culture, inclusion, and the role of the wedding within the hospitality industry.

This course will cover the key elements of a successful wedding, including developing a timeline, creating a budget, selecting the venue, entertainment, decor, and florist, and managing the guest experience.

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H.E.T.M. Program Learning Outcomes

PLO 1: Students will plan career goals and appropriate strategies for succeeding in the event and experience industries.

PLO 2: Students will develop analytical and quantitative skills using information technology to support business decisions in the event and experience industries.

PLO 3: Students will integrate event and experience management business principles to lead in diverse, collaborative, and global environments.

PLO 4: Students will apply innovative and imaginative methods in operating event and experience management businesses utilizing ethical and sustainable practices.

PLO 5: Students will demonstrate effective and efficient communication skills in all settings.

Learning Objectives/Course Objectives:

1. Discuss the role destination weddings and hotel wedding chapels play in the hospitality environment. (P.L.O. 2)
2. Identify current wedding décor, ceremony trends, and sustainability practices. (P.L.O. 4)
3. Discuss the importance culture and etiquette play in the design and execution of a wedding. (P.L.O. 5)

4. Explain the limitations of budgets and how such factors impact all facets of the wedding. (P.L.O. 2)
5. Describe the importance of vendor management and how those relationships impact timelines and efficiency. (P.L.O. 1)
6. Discuss how food & beverage is essential to honoring culture and keeping guests satisfied. (P.L.O. 3)
7. Discuss how entertainment is essential to honoring culture and keeping guests satisfied. (P.L.O. 3)
8. Identify essential technology-based planning tools to help bring the entire wedding experience together. (P.L.O. 2)

Objectives will be measured through quizzes, exams, and individual and group student assignments.

Methods of Instruction

This course will utilize several methods to maximize students' learning potential, including class lectures, readings, projects, and observations.

Participation (20 points per week 1-15)	300
Reflection Reports (Site and Speaker) (100 points x 2)	200
Midterm Exam (Week1 – 7)	100
Wedding Simulation Final Project	300
Final Exam (Week 8 – 15)	100
TOTAL	1,000

Students may monitor individual progress on Canvas. Notify the instructor of any discrepancies in grades within one week of posting.

Important: Students will be notified by Eagle Alert if there is a campus closing that will impact a class. Emergency Notifications and Procedures Policy (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-049>).

Attendance and Participation

Participation is more than attending the class. To earn full credit, students must physically participate in the class and actively engage in discussions and activities.

Students begin the semester with 300 points, 20 per week /10 points per class. Points will be deducted for the following reasons:

- 1) Late to class by more than 5 minutes. I start class on time, and if you are late, you must get notes from a classmate.
- 2) If students miss a class without sending the Professor an email. Things happen, and I get it, but it is important that you communicate with the instructor before the absence to get an excuse for absence.
 - 1st excused absence -0 points deduction
 - 2nd - 3rd excused absence – 5 points deduction
- 3) Not participating in class. Focus on your computer or phone instead of the lecture.
- 4) Unprofessional behavior to guest speakers, site visits, and off-campus activities. This includes focusing on your phone, laptop or classmate confersations during the presentations.
- 5) For full participation in off-campus activities, students must arrive 5 minutes before the start time.

Ultimate Wedding Planning Simulation Team Project

In this team project, students will work collaboratively to plan a fictional wedding, showcasing their abilities in various aspects of wedding planning, including timeline creation, budget management, venue selection, theme development, catering/food and beverage planning, and guest management/invitations.

Reflection Reports

Students write two reports based on class activity and application to the event industry.

Submissions

Instructions will be provided on how to name and save documents. All documents must be typed using arial, cablibri or apos and submitted as in Word, Excell, PowerPoint, Pdf or Canva. **Documents that the instructor cannot open will earn zero points.**

Bonus Quizzes

Four (4) bonus quizzes are included in the course. The quizzes are optional, and students can earn 10 points per quiz for 40 bonus points. The quiz question banks will be used for the midterm and final exams. Students have two attempts and will NOT be allowed to retake the quiz after the due date.

Exams

There will be two exams of 100 points each. The format of the exams, including the number of questions, will be discussed closer to the exams; however, students should expect multiple choice, True and False, and matching. Exam questions will come from bonus quizzes, any other materials assigned, and lectures.

Once started, this test must be completed in one sitting and the classroom.

Avoid using a wireless connection for exams unless they know its reliability. Take their exams using a supported web browser on a computer or laptop rather than using an iPad. If using an iPad, we recommend the Chrome browser.

Contact the U.I.T. Helpdesk at 940-565-2324 for assistance should they encounter technical problems affecting their ability to access or complete a test. The U.I.T. Helpdesk is open the following hours:

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

If the U.I.T. Helpdesk cannot resolve the problem, it will document the problem and provide a ticket number to the student. Once the student contacts you with that ticket number, you can get the U.I.T. Helpdesk or CLEAR Faculty Helpdesk for additional information. We hope these tips are helpful to you. If you have any questions, please contact CLEAR Helpdesk at 940-369-7394.

Extra Credit

Students may earn up to 70 extra credit points in the following ways.

1. Complete Bonus Quizzes 40 points
2. Attend an industry or college event (not included in the course) and write a one-page reflection to present to the class. (10 points each).
3. Join the Event Leadership Collective powered by PCMA Student Club, attend at least two meetings, and write a one-page reflection to present to the class. (20 points).

All extra credit MUST be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Sunday, December 1, 2026

Assessing Your Work

This course is based on points (not weighted totals)

A = 900 – 1,000

B = 899 – 800

C = 799 – 700

D = 699 – 600

F = 599 - 0

Every student in my class can improve by doing their own work and trying their hardest to access appropriate resources. Students who use other people's work without citations will violate U.N.T.'s Academic Integrity Policy. Please read and follow this important set of guidelines for your academic success (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>). If you have questions about this or any U.N.T. policy, please email or discuss this with me during my office hours. Failure to acknowledge other people's work without proper citation will result in a significant point deduction.

Academic Integrity and AI

Artificial intelligence (A.I.) is used in multiple ways in the hospitality and events industry. Professor Hickman considers A.I. a tool that can be used effectively. This course incorporates A.I. in several projects, and students will use the A.I. to complete some assignments.

Students taking this class may be asked to demonstrate their understanding of assignments submitted via oral presentation or in-class writing sample. A.I. should never be used to replace students' work. A.I. must be cited using A.P.A. Style.

Note that each Professor has an opinion on what is and is not acceptable when using A.I. Students should not assume that all instructors approve or support using A.I. When in doubt, ask.

Academic Dishonesty:

There is no reason to cheat in this class or any other class. I will provide you with everything you need to be successful. Examples of academic dishonesty include using someone else's work as your own, sharing, consulting, or posting exam, quiz, or discussion answers or questions on web-based help sites, and/or sharing questions or answers with other students. Doing any of these activities is grounds for earning an F in this class. In addition, students who do so will be referred to student affairs, where your academic file may be noted.

Revisions:

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

Your success is very important to me; if I cannot help, please check out <https://success.unt.edu/>

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

My teaching philosophy is simple: "Students come first. I want you to succeed.

My teaching philosophy centers around the belief that learning should be a fun and enjoyable experience. To do this, I create an inclusive and collaborative classroom environment where every student's voice is valued and respected. I believe that learning is two-way and that I gain as much knowledge as I give.

Success starts with students taking ownership of their learning journey and actively participating in class discussions, group activities, and hands-on experiences. Ask questions, seek clarification, and be open to new ideas and perspectives. Complete all the course assignments. I encourage students to approach their education with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a growth mindset. Success is not measured solely by grades or accolades but by a student's personal and professional growth.

Students come first is my teaching philosophy, and I am committed to providing the knowledge, skills, and support needed to thrive in the meetings and events industry. I am here to guide, mentor, and inspire students along their educational journey.

Classroom rules and COURSE ETIQUETTE:

- Take full advantage of the class you are paying for it
- Respect everyone's opinion.
- Instructional methods may include, but are not limited to, lectures, videos, PowerPoint presentations, group discussions, projects (individual and/or group), discussion boards, guest speakers, and others. You are expected to participate in all class activities and discussions.

Electronic Technology – **Cell phones must be turned off when taking exams; this includes watches. NO TECHNOLOGY IS ALLOWED DURING GUEST SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS AND SITE VISITS.**

- Exams and quizzes may include objective and subjective questions. Examples of objective items include multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, and problems. Examples of subjective questions include short answers, essays, and case study analysis.
5. Any class information or schedule changes will be expressed at the beginning of class, and all major changes will be posted on Canvas.

COMMUNICATION PARAMETERS

The best way to reach me is via UNT email. I check messages throughout the day

Fall 2026 Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment	Points
1	8/19 (Tues)	Welcome to Class & Introductions	Participation	10
1	8/20 (Thurs)	Consumerism and the Construction of the Modern Wedding	Participation	10
2	8/25 (Tues)	Understanding Wedding Culture:	Participation	10
2	8/27 (Thurs)	Intro - Creating the Theme and vibe Create a Couple's Wedding Profile	Participation	10
3	9/1 (Tues)	Vendor Management & Selection Managing Client Expectations	Participation	10
3	9/3 (Thurs)	Discuss WPS Team Project	Participation	10
3	9/3 (Thurs)	WPS Team Contract	Project	20
3	9/7 (Mon)	Practice Quiz 1	Quiz	0
4	9/8 (Tues)	Wedding Timelines	Participation	10
4	9/10 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project timeline workshop	Participation	10
4	9/10 (Thurs)	Wedding Timeline Due	Project	20
5	9/15 (Tues)	Wedding Budget Planning	Participation	10
5	9/17 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project Budget workshop	Participation	10
5	9/17 (Thurs)	Wedding Budget Due	Project	20
6	9/22 (Tues)	Weddings, Culture and Religion Tourism & Creating the Theme and vibe	Participation	10
6	9/22 (Tues)	CMHT Career Expo	Extra Credit	10
6	9/24 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project Theme and vibe workshop	Participation	10
6	9/28 (Mon)	Theme and vibe Due	Project	20

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment	Points
7	9/29 (Tues)	Destination Weddings	Participation	10
7	10/1(Thurs)	Cont. Destination Weddings AND venue selection Tentative Site Inspection	Participation	10
7	10/5 Mon)	Site Selection Review	Report	100
7	10/5Mon)	Practice quiz 2	Quiz	0
8	10/7 (Tues)	Venue Floor Plans and room set	Participation	10
8	10/9 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project Venue Selection Workshop Review for Midterm	Exam	100
	10/13(Mon)	Venue Selection Due	Project	20
9	10/14 (Tues)	Guest Speaker- Photography and Videography	Participation	10
9	10/16 (Thurs)	Midterm Exam Online	Exam	100
			Participation	10
9	10/19(Mon)	Guest Speaker Reflection	Report	100
10	10/20 (Tues)	Food & Beverage for Weddings	Participation	10
10	10/22 (Thurs)	The Weddings Cake AND WPS Team Project F & B workshop	Participation	10
10	10/26 (Mon)	Wedding F & B Due	Project	20
11	10/27 (Tues)	Music and Entertainment	Participation	10
11	10/29 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project Music and Entertainment Workshop	Participation	10
11	10/29 (Thurs)	Wedding Music and Entertainment Due	Project	20
11	11/2 (Mon)	Practice quiz 3	Quiz	0
12	11/2(Tues)	Décor, Stationery, Elements of Etiquette, Invitation & Guest Management	Participation	10
12	11/5 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project Invitation and Guest Management Workshop	Participation	10
12	11/9 (Mon)	Wedding Invitation and Guest Management Due	Project	20
13	11/10 (Tues)	Floral Design Guest Speaker	Participation	10
13	11/12 (Thurs)	Wedding Floral	Participation	10
13	11/16 (Mon)	Practice quiz 4	Quiz	0
14	11/17 (Tues)	Client Letter & Officiant and backup plans	Participation	10
14	11/19 (Thurs)	WPS Team Project Client Letter Workshop	Participation	10
	11/19 (Thurs)	Wedding Client Letter Due	Project	20

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment	Points
15	11/24 (Tues)	Thanksgiving No Class-	No Class	0
15	11/26 (Thurs)	Thanksgiving No Class-	No Class	0
16	12/1 (Tues)	Final Presentation Workshop & Final Exam Review and WPS Team Presentations	Participation	10
16	12/3(Thurs)	WPS Team Presentations Continued	Participation	10
16	12/7 (Mon)	WPS Team Project Peer Reflection Due	Presentation Report	100 20
17	12/9 (Tues)	Study Time	Participation	20
17	12/10 (Thurs)	Final Exam	Exam	100
17	12/11 (Fri.)	Last Day of the Semester		

**School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management
Syllabus Statements
Fall 2026 (All Sessions)**

Advising and Degree Progression

Undergraduate Advising

ALL students are expected to meet with their Academic Advisor each semester to update your degree plan and to stay on track for a timely graduation.

- **Advising Contact Information (Chilton Hall 385 – 940.565.4635)**
- **SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS HERE: appointments.unt.edu**
- **Email: cmhtadvising@unt.edu**

Prerequisites

- **Ultimately, it is a student's responsibility to ensure they have met all prerequisites before enrolling in a class.**
- **A prerequisite is a course or other preparation that must be successfully completed (a grade of C or better) before enrollment in another course. All prerequisites are included in the catalog course descriptions.**
- **Students that lack prerequisites for a course are not allowed to remain on the course.**

Transfer Courses

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

Dropped for Non-payment

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

Dropping a Course

- **A decision to drop a course may affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. Talk to your academic advisor or Student Financial Aid if you are thinking about dropping a course.**
- **Speak with the course instructor to discuss any possible options to be successful in the course before dropping.**
- **Meeting deadlines for dropping a course is the student's responsibility.**
- **There are different procedures for dropping a class depending on the time of semester. Please see the instructions for dropping a class here: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/dropping-class>**

Graduate Advising

- Graduate students should work on their degree plan and discuss their progress with their assigned academic advisor. If you do not know who your academic advisor is, contact your graduate program coordinator.
 - Hospitality, Event and Tourism Management: Dr. Jihye Min
 - Merchandising and Digital Retailing: Dr. Kiseol Yang

Financial Aid Requirements

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

What if You Are in Distress?

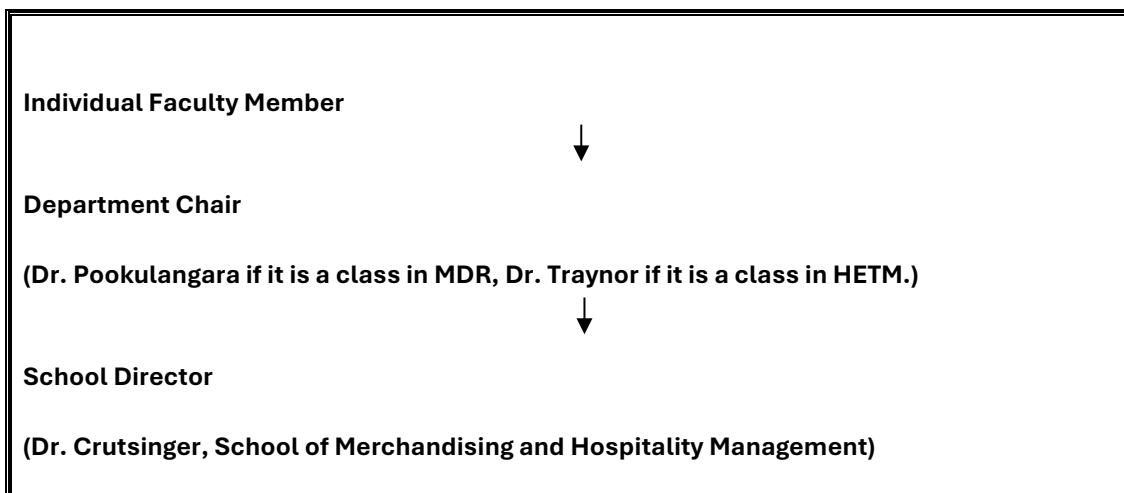
The University has a number of resources that can be useful if you find yourself in need of help. Faculty and advisors can help direct you to resources; please note that any reports of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking must be reported to the UNT Dean of Students, per Texas law. Some resources you might consult are:

UNT Police	940-565-3000
Dean of Students	940-565-2648 or 940-565-2039
Counseling and Testing	940-565-2741
Student Health and Wellness Center	940-565-2333
Office of Disability Access	940-565-2333
Housing and Residence Life	940-565-2610
Substance Use and Resource Education Center	940-565-3177
Veterans Center	940-369-8021
Denton County Friends of the Family	940-387-5131
National Suicide Hotline	1-800-273-TALK

Grade and Class Concerns

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

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



Do You Know the Academic Integrity Policy?

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences, UNT 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.

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

Academic Integrity Guidance on GenAI

According to UNT guidelines, “The "unauthorized" use of any person or technology that assists in a student's assignment, project, or paper is considered cheating under the UNT Student Academic Integrity Policy (UNT Policy 6.003). Unless a professor or instructor gives explicit "authorization," AI cannot be used to complete assignments, projects, or papers. Doing so will result in a "cheating" violation.” Read the course syllabus carefully to determine the course policy on GenAI use on class assignments, and the consequences of violating such policies.

Class Recordings

Your instructor may decide to record lectures and/or class content 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.

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

- Students are expected to meet all prerequisites for the courses in which they are registered.
- Students are expected to be respectful of other students, guests, and faculty. Behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT.
- Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and may be referred to the Dean of Students for possible violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
- UNTs expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/dean-of-students>.

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

Do you require special accommodations?

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

Are you aware of safety regulations?

Students are urged to use proper safety procedures and guidelines. In lab sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use property safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the University of North Texas is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider obtaining Student Health Insurance for this insurance program. Brochures for this insurance are available in the UNT Health and Wellness Center on campus. Students who are injured during class activities may seek medical attention at the UNT Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If you have an insurance plan other than Student Health Insurance at UNT, please be sure that your plan covers treatment at this facility. If you choose not to go to the UNT Health and Wellness Center, you may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. You are responsible for expenses incurred there.

Career Resources

SMHM Career Coach

For one-on-one help with your resume, cover letter, LinkedIn profile, interview tips/practice or other internship and job-search skills, Mrs. Dee Wilson (Dee.Wilson@unt.edu) is our Career Center Coach. Contact her for an appointment through navigate.unt.edu or drop by her office in Chilton 333.

Career Center

The Career Center is currently located in Sage Hall. They provide *free* business cards, professional portraits, etc. They also host several recruiters throughout the year in various events/information sessions and career fairs. Learn more about their services here: <https://careercenter.unt.edu/>.

Online Job Board and Social Media Sites

- SMHM Careers Group page on LinkedIn.

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14137002/>. This is a private group that current SMHM students and alumni can request to join.

- Facebook Careers Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CMHTCareers/>
- Twitter - @UNTCMHT
- Facebook Social Sites - @UNTCMHT and @UNTHTM
- Instagram - [@untcmht](https://www.instagram.com/untcmht)
- UNT Handshake- <https://careercenter.unt.edu/handshake.html>. Handshake provides students access to employment opportunities (FT, PT, Internships, and On Campus student employment), as well as career fairs and other career and professional development events on and off campus.

SMHM Career Expo

The next SMHM Career Expo will be Tuesday, September 22, 10am-1pm in Union 314. The link for students to view information in Handshake is at https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/a166cfe5-26c4-4cbc-8388-432011ad55b3/student_preview.

If you need to borrow professional clothing to wear, please go to the Diamond Eagle Clothing Closet(former Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life building on Welch St. <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/desresources/index.html>) The closet is available by appointment at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/desresources/programs/clothing-closet.html> under the “Using the Closet” tab. For any questions, please contact the Diamond Eagle Student Resource Center at DESresources@unt.edu.

IT Resources

UNT Citrix Virtual Lab

UNT Students currently enrolled in a SMHM course have access to the UNT Citrix Virtual Lab. This is useful if your course requires specific software and you need access to the software on your personal machine. You can

find more information and installation steps here: <https://academictechnologies.unt.edu/services/computer-labs/request/remotely-connect-virtual-computer-lab#connect-options>.

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

Phone: 940-565-2324

In Person: Sage Hall, Room 330

Walk-In Availability: 8am-5pm

Telephone Availability:

- Saturday-Sunday: 11am-3pm
- Monday-Thursday: 8am-9pm
- Friday: 8am-5pm

UNT Libraries Laptop Checkout: <https://library.unt.edu/services/laptop-checkout/>
or additional support, visit [Canvas Technical Help](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328) (<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328>)

Additional Information

Are You An F-1 Visa Holder?

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) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

Student Code of Conduct

According to the [Code of Student Conduct](#), "The University of North Texas is deeply committed to advancing educational excellence and preparing students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens of a diverse, global community. The University has established the Code of Student Conduct to promote the well-being, honor and dignity of all who live, learn and work in our educational community. The Code of Student Conduct is intended to foster a safe environment conducive to learning and development, as well as to hold students accountable through an educational process that balances the interests of individual students with the interests of the University. Students and student groups are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the rights and property of others and upholds the integrity and values of the University community."

Feedback and Communications

Image Release

The School actively posts images and descriptions of class and student accomplishments. If you do not want your image posted on the SMHM website and/or social media sites, (1) you should avoid being in group photographs or in photographs taken by your teachers or the IT staff and (2) send an email to Thanalakshimi.Arumagam@unt.edu and request that your name and image not be shared. We will share this information with the IT staff and the faculty who post to social media. Faculty and staff are asked to honor your wishes without question.

If your instructor employs lecture capture technology to record class sessions, students may occasionally appear on video. The recording may be used in future course offerings.

What is SPOT?

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

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

Final exams or other appropriate end of semester evaluations are administered at the designated times during the final week of each long semester and during the specified day of each summer term. Please check the calendar early in the semester to avoid any schedule conflicts. You can find the Final Exam Schedule here: <https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule>

Do you know what you may be missing?

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

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

- UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify you with critical information in an event of emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). The system sends voice messages (and text messages upon permission) to the phones of all active faculty staff, and students. Please make certain to update your phone numbers at <https://my.unt.edu>.
- Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 1) ensuring you know the evacuation routes and severe weather shelter areas, determining how you will contact family and friends if phones are temporarily unavailable, and identifying where you will go if you need to evacuate the Denton area suddenly.
- In the event of a university closure, your instructor will communicate with you through Canvas regarding assignments, exams, field trips, and other items that may be impacted by the closure

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 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.

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.

Retention of Student Records (Policy 10.10)

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.