



UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS
DEPARTMENT of HOSPITALITY &
TOURISM MANAGEMENT
HMG1 1500.002– 2 credit hours
Orientation to the Hospitality Industry



CLASS MEETINGS:

Course: HMG1 1500: Orientation to the Hospitality Industry

Section: 002

Day: Monday/Wednesday

Time: 11:00 am-11:50 am

UNT Building: Gateway Center

Room Number: Gateway 132

Location: 801 N Texas Blvd, Denton, TX 76201

Course: HMG1 1500: Orientation to the Hospitality Industry

Section: 001

Day: Tuesday/Thursday

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Location: 801 N Texas Blvd, Denton, TX 76201

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Mrs. Rosa Malave, M.S.

Office Location: Chilton Hall #359E

E-mail: Rosa.Malave@unt.edu

Phone Information: 940-565-4696 Office

Office Hours: Tuesday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm or by appointment

Please feel free to talk with the professor after class

Email: Please use Blackboard Learn Message tool for all course communications

Fax: 940-565-4348

STUDENT ASSISTANT CONTACT INFORMATION :

TBA- Hiring Process- I will make the announcement when the Student assistant get hired.

TEXT AND OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Required:

Walker, J.R. (2016). *Exploring the Hospitality Industry, 3rd Ed.* Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall. (ISBN: 978-0-133-76277-8)

In addition to the course textbook, students will also be required to access Blackboard. During the semester, pertinent additional materials may be added via Blackboard; if so, instructions will be provided at the beginning of the appropriate class period.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: A course designed to survey the hotel, restaurant, club and food service industries, including history, scope, organization and career opportunities. This course applies toward hospitality pre-major requirements.

HOW CAN THIS COURSE BENEFIT YOU? The demand for highly skilled managers in the hospitality industry is increasing every day. For example, in its 2016-17 report, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted that employment opportunities for lodging managers would increase by approximately 8% over the following ten years (faster than the average of 5% for all occupations), and found that many employers were giving preference to applicants with a bachelor's degree. For foodservice managers, the prediction was for 5% growth, and for event management it was 10%! Hospitality is truly a versatile and expanding industry, and in this course you will explore the multitude of choice available to you as you pursue your career in this exciting field.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES/COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This is an introductory course that will provide you with basic knowledge related to the hospitality industry. After completing this course, you should be able to:

- ✓ Identify the characteristics and interrelated nature of hospitality and tourism
- ✓ Identify, compare and contrast career opportunities in the hospitality industry
- ✓ Understand the scope, development and history of the hospitality industry
- ✓ Identify and analyze different business operational units within hospitality organizations (for example, food and beverage, rooms division, etc.)
- ✓ Explain the scope of specialized components within the hospitality industry (for example, cruise ships, clubs, event planning, etc.)
- ✓ Introduce and discuss basic business subjects from a hospitality perspective (for example, marketing, human resources, accounting, etc.)
- ✓ Understand business ethics and describe ethical issues in the hospitality industry

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Your success as a student depends primarily on your willingness to accept responsibility for your own learning. I can provide you with the opportunity to learn (in the classroom & outside the classroom), motivation to learn (your grade), and support for your learning experience (through feedback and individual assistance); I will be happy to assist you as you tackle any challenges you will face in this class, and even in other classes and the university at large. BUT, you have responsibilities as well – to attend all class sessions, to participate in class discussions, to complete each and every assignment (both in and out of class), and to make the personal effort to master the concepts presented.

BLACKBOARD ACCESS & NAVIGATION

Access and Login Information

This course is supported by the University of North Texas' Learning Management System, Blackboard Learn. To access Blackboard, please go to: <http://learn.unt.edu>.

You will need your EUID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your EUID or have forgotten your password, please go to: <http://ams.unt.edu>.

Student Support

The University of North Texas provides student technical support in the use of Blackboard and supported resources. The Student Help Desk may be reached at:

◆ Email: helpdesk@unt.edu ◆ Phone: 940.565-2324 ◆ In Person: Sage Hall, Rm. 130

Regular hours are maintained to provide support to students. For updated hours, please refer to the website <http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm>.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

1. Instructional methods may include, but not be limited to, lectures, videos, PowerPoint presentations, group discussions, projects (individual and/or group), discussions boards, guest speakers and field trips. You are expected to participate in all classroom activities, field trips, and on-line discussions.
2. You are expected to be prepared for class – this means being prepared to discuss the assigned chapter and other reading materials, as well as being actively involved in class discussions. Eating, reading unrelated materials, excessive talking with your neighbor, and inappropriate behavior are not conducive to learning and none are acceptable in the classroom. You are advised to take the attendance issue very seriously. Multiple excused and unexcused absences, tardiness and early or late class departures/arrivals will be noted.
3. Electronic Technology – *Cell phones must be turned off* and placed in a pocket, backpack or other area that is not visible during regular class and on any field trips. Although you may bring them with you to the classroom for use during activity sessions, *laptops and/or tablets may not be opened during regular class time unless you are directed to do so*. Any non-approved use of electronic technology during class time may result in the student being asked to leave the room.
3. In-class assignments, activities and quizzes will be part of the class. These may be unannounced, and makeup opportunities will only be offered in compliance with University guidelines.
4. 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 answer, essay, and case study analysis.
5. Any changes in class information or schedule will be expressed at the beginning of class, and all major changes will be posted on Blackboard.
6. All students are to take special notice of any exam dates stated on this syllabus. No make-up exams will be given EXCEPT in the case of Authorized Excused Absences according to UNT Policy # 15.2.5. Authorized Excused Absences include those for observance of religious holy days, participation in active military service, participation in an official university function, illness or other extenuating circumstances, pregnancy and parenting under Title IX, and when the University is officially closed by the President. Therefore, such events as regular medical appointments, “Check-ups,” and/ or “Family gatherings/vacations/reunions” do not constitute excused absence situations as they do not meet the aforementioned requirements. Travel plans are not excused except as they relate to the categories listed in the UNT policy. Additionally, excuses related to employment (working during the exam or sleeping late because of work the night before) do not meet the requirement for a make-up exam. I strongly advise you to contact your employer as soon as possible so that you can coordinate your work schedule with your academic/ exam schedule.
Once an exam is taken, *ex post facto* excuses for performance will not be considered. Additionally, extra credit projects will not be given to make up for poor exam performance. I cannot offer one student a project that I do not also offer the entire class.

COMMUNICATION PARAMETERS

Students should contact me and/or my student assistant via the Message tool in Blackboard. We will attempt to respond to messages as soon as possible

Please be aware that I will not be able to respond to “last minute” requests for assignment clarification, and you may encounter unforeseen problems with your Internet provider, software, or hardware. You must allow sufficient time to deal with these problems in order to make on-line submissions, if any, by the deadline.

When you are communicating online in this or any other class you must remember two things:

1. The person you are communicating with deserves to be treated with respect and consideration
2. Your message is preserved for all time in the class record

With this in mind, I will expect that your communications to me and to others will be in the proper format, including a greeting and a signature, and will use correct spelling and grammar.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

In-class or Other Assignments/Activities:

There may be regular assignments/activities pertaining to each chapter of the textbook and other materials covered in the class. Some of these will be addressed by students individually; others may involve small groups. Due to the nature of these activities, there will not be any opportunity to make up these points if you are not present in class when they take place.

In-class Quizzes:

There will be regular quizzes pertaining to materials included in chapters of the textbook and other materials covered in the class. Makeup quizzes will **ONLY** be permitted when absences meet the criteria listed in UNT Policy #15.2.5.

Outside class activities:

Group or Individual assignments

Group Project: Hospitality Company Research

Each group will need to select a hospitality company and make a detailed research about the company selected. Each group will prepare a report and a power point presentation. The hospitality industry is a broad category of fields within service industry that includes lodging, event planning, theme parks, transportation, cruise line, and additional fields within the tourism industry.

Exams:

Three (3) exams will be given during the semester, covering lecture material, class activities, assignments, textbook material, outside readings, guest speakers, field trips, and other indicated sources. Please note the exam dates and make sure to clear your calendar appropriately. Makeup exams will **ONLY** be permitted when absences meet the criteria listed in UNT Policy #15.2.5.

There will be three (3) examinations administered for this course. Exams will consist of a series of multiple choice and/or true and false questions, with some short answer/brief essay questions of varying complexity. Exams may cover any of the material assigned or covered in assigned readings, lectures, videos, and guest speakers. Exam 1 & 2 & 3 will be administered online. Final Exam will be comprehensive.

Complete the exam by accessing on Blackboard. The exams will be timed and grades made available to students, after the deadline. If you lose Internet connectivity during the exam, log back in immediately and continue on with the exam. Save your answers often (every 5-10 minutes). If you experience any issues while taking the exam, you must contact the UNT Help desk immediately so that your issue is documented with a helpdesk ticket number. Considerations regarding exam issues will be made by the instructor on an individual basis based on the documentation. Remember that once you start the exam online, you cannot close it out and go back in later to finish it. You must complete it in one sitting once you have started the exam. Avoid using a wireless connection for exams unless they are certain of 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 UIT Helpdesk at 940-565-2324 for assistance should they encounter technical problems affecting their ability to access or complete a test. The UIT Helpdesk is open the following hours:

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

If the UIT 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 contact either the UIT Helpdesk or CLEAR's Faculty Helpdesk for additional information. We hope these tips are helpful to you. If you have any questions, please contact CLEAR's Helpdesk at 940-369-7394. Please email faculty to both of her emails (rosa.malave@unt.edu &

Blackboard email) if you have any problem with your exam, please wait patient for faculty response, faculty will contact you.

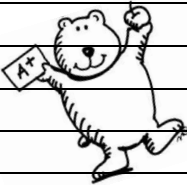
Exam 1 & 2 & Final consist of 50 questions (worth 80 points each), with 120 minutes allowed to complete each exam. Faculty will open the exam at 6:00am on the assigned day, and close it at 10:00 pm at the same day, means you must begin by 7:30 pm if you want the entire 120 minutes. Exams are closed book and individual. That means working with another student is considered cheating and is grounds for an F in the course.

Accessing Grades

All grades will be posted on Blackboard as soon as possible after the due date or exam date.

COURSE EVALUATION

OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT:

In-class Activities, Outside class Activities, Quizzes & Assignments	120	
Group Project (Paper/Presentation)	200	
Exam #1	80	
Exam #2	80	
Final Exam #3 Comprehensive	80	
Hospitality Events	25	
Total	585 points	

COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to change):

Hospitality Events

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Executive in Residence Lecture

Mr. Michael Stengal

Senior Vice President

The Gaylord Hotel Brand at Marriott International

9:00am-12:00pm

Gateway Ballroom

Grading Scale

A 90%-100%

B 80%-89.9%

C 70%-79.9%

D 60%-69.9%

F < 60%

COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to change): Revisions: Every effort is made to make the syllabus as complete as possible, but there may be occasions when changes are required, due to extenuating circumstances such as changes in the schedules of our Guest Speakers. I will announce any deviations from this syllabus and schedule through Blackboard Message and class announcements.

DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Vision of the Hospitality & Tourism Management Program

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

Mission of the Hospitality & Tourism Management Program

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

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of theoretical constructs pertaining to the hospitality and industries.
2. Apply the basic principles of critical thinking and problem solving when examining hospitality and tourism management issues.
3. Apply technical aspects of the hospitality and tourism industry.
4. Demonstrate professional demeanor, attitude, and leadership needed for managerial positions in the hospitality industry.

Have you met with your advisor?

ALL students should meet with their Academic Advisor at least one time per semester (Fall & Spring). Update your degree plan regularly to stay on track for a timely graduation.

All pre-majors **MUST** meet with their Academic Advisor to receive an advising code to register for classes each semester.

Do you want to graduate on time?

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

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

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

Advising Contact Information (Chilton Hall 385 – 940.565.4635)

Could you be dropped?

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

Are you receiving financial aid?

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

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

Are you thinking about dropping course?

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

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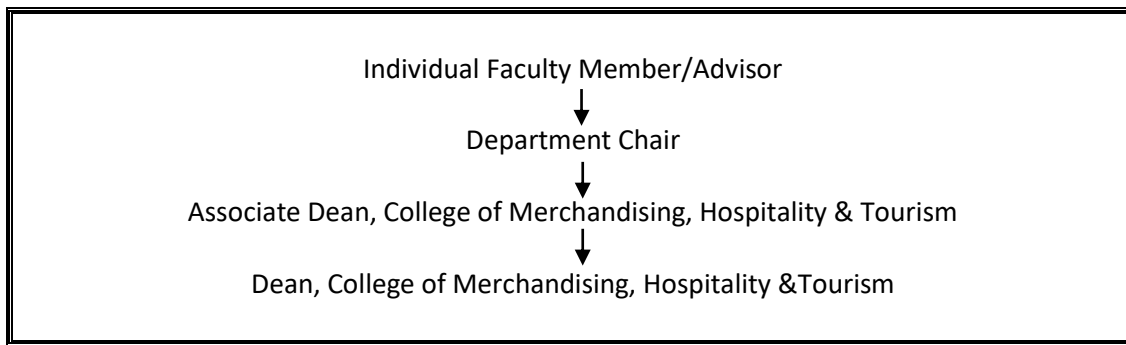
Any CMHT equivalent course from another university must receive prior approval from the CMHT academic advisor to ensure that all CMHT degree plan requirements are met. For example, courses that are taken online or from a program that offers course material via CD, booklet, or other manner of correspondence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

Do you know these important dates in Fall 2017

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

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

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



Do you require special accommodations?

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

Are you aware of safety regulations?

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

Do you know the penalties of academic dishonesty?

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

Academic dishonesty is unacceptable on exams, quizzes, or any other graded assignments. **Students who are found copying or using written materials without giving credit to the original authors will receive a grade of "O" for any assignment or exam and possibly an "F" for the entire course depending on the specifics of the incident.** 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. **Instructor may drop students automatically who do not follow academic dishonesty policy from the course or/and the program.**

In an academic institution, every member of the community must demonstrate the highest standards of academic honesty; one must produce work that is wholly one's own, whether it is in the form of taking a test, writing an essay or report, conducting an experiment, or completing an assignment.

Cheating: Cheating includes, but is not limited to, (1) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests or examinations; (2) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments; or (3) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the college faculty or staff

Examples of Cheating

- Looking at notes, books, cheat sheets, another student's answer, asking someone else how he/she answered a question, using prohibited electronic devices and taking a test/exam in place of another person
- Asking or paying someone to do work that was assigned to you, even if it is a small portion of a larger assignment.
- If an instructor does not allow materials (tests, quizzes, etc.) to leave the classroom, you may not remove them. You may not have them in your possession. For example, if a friend who had the class in a previous semester removed tests from the classroom and passed them on to you; it is still against policy for you to have them, even if you weren't the one who took them in the first place.

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

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

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

What is SPOT?

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

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

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

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

Do you know what you may be missing?

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

Are you an F-1 visa holder?

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

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

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