Instructor Information
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Class Location: Remote Zoom sessions

Graduate Textbooks (optional)

Supplemental Textbooks (optional)

Note. Additional readings may be posted on Canvas throughout the semester. You will be expected to read these materials for discussions, quizzes, and exams.
Course Description
This course introduces students to health, leisure, and exercise behavior change strategies, and provides knowledge and skills necessary to improve the initiation of and adherence to lifetime health and physical activity behaviors among individuals and groups. Students will examine how individual and group behaviors are influenced through psychobiological and cognitive-affective approaches.

Purpose
The purpose of this course is to offer students a comprehensive inquiry into individual behaviors and lifestyles that affect physical and mental health from a health promotion, exercise science, and psychological perspective. Topics include enhancement of health, identification of health risk factors, prevention and treatment of disease, improvement of the health care system, and shaping of public opinion with regard to health and physical activity. Although many facets of exercise psychology will be presented, select topics will be covered in greater detail. The course has been designed for beginning graduate students in exercise and sport science (e.g., biomechanics, exercise physiology, physical education, and cardiac rehabilitation) as well as students from other fields such as psychology, psychiatry, and preventive medicine. The American Psychological Association (APA) Division 47 defines sport and exercise psychology as the scientific study of the psychological factors associated with participation and performance in sport, exercise, and other types of physical activity.

Sport and exercise psychology practitioners focus primarily on:

1. Helping individuals use psychological principles and skills to achieve optimal mental health and to improve performance.

2. Understanding how participation in sport, exercise, and physical activity affects their psychological development, health, and well-being.

Course Objectives
1. To identify and discuss the predominant models of health and exercise behaviors. Understand the principles of behavior change from various theoretical perspectives and compare/contrast the strengths and weaknesses of each.

2. To develop sophisticated insight into significant contemporary issues by defining and discussing determinants of exercise behavior in sport, leisure, and exercise settings.

3. To identify and discuss the effects of participating in physical activity on psychological development, health, and well-being.

4. To become acquainted with procedures, designs, methods, and analytical techniques appropriate to the health and exercise psychology field.

5. To discuss and evaluate current health promotion ideologies and how they influence exercise behavior change strategies and interventions.
6. To discuss future directions in the study of lifetime fitness and leisure behavior.
7. To be able to take health and exercise psychology theory into practice.

**Course Expectations**

1. This course offers you the flexibility to meet remotely throughout the semester; however, such a structure requires self-discipline and motivation to ensure that you do not miss important information and deadlines.

2. If you have special learning needs, please inform me immediately.

3. If at any point during the semester you are unhappy with your performance in this class, please contact me immediately.

4. **Academic dishonesty** will not be tolerated (e.g., copying, plagiarism, cheating) and will result in a failing grade for the semester.

**Course Delivery**
The Canvas and Zoom platforms will be used to enhance the delivery of course materials and content. Students must attend weekly Zoom lectures at the designated meeting day and time. Students must check the Canvas site regularly for course updates and become familiar with their Canvas account. Canvas will provide students with important announcements, lecture notes and quizzes, assignment information, and other important materials necessary for successful completion of this course.

**Technical Support**
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)
**Email:** helpdesk@unt.edu
**Phone:** 940-565-2324
**In Person:** Sage Hall, Room 130
**Walk-In Availability:** 8am-9pm
**Telephone Availability:**
- Sunday: noon-midnight
- Monday-Thursday: 8am-midnight
- Friday: 8am-8pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
**Laptop Checkout:** 8am-7pm

For additional support, visit [Canvas Technical Help](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328)
**Technical Skill Requirements**
Students will be required to understand how to download and upload files, send and receive emails, and navigate the Canvas online learning platform.

**Communication, Interaction, and Netiquette Expectations**

Due to the importance of communication in an online environment, I will expect each of you to log in to the Canvas course site at least 3 evenly spaced out times during the week. Please check the Announcements area first, since this is where I will put the most important information. Information about this class and updates to the assignments will be posted as announcements on Canvas and sent via email to your UNT account. If you do not use your UNT account on a regular basis, then please forward your e-mail messages to an account that you check on a regular basis.

Students are expected to carefully and thoughtfully write professional emails. For example, make it a point to use a meaningful and specific subject line (e.g., KINE 5135: Project 1 Question), a greeting (e.g., Hello Dr. Olson), and a signature with your name at the end (e.g., Best regards, John Doe). Writing professional emails is an important skill for all students so please avoid using abbreviations, all lower/upper case lettering, and please proofread emails before sending. Due to the large number of emails that I receive each day, please include “KINE 5135” in your subject title if you want me to receive the email sooner.

If you need to speak with me and have a conflict with office hours, I will be happy to make an appointment at a time that is convenient for us both. Please be punctual when we have a scheduled meeting or when you would like to meet with me during office hours. For example, showing up 20 minutes after a scheduled meeting/office hour may result in cancellation of the meeting. Additionally, come to meetings/office hours focused and ready to talk about your ideas and concerns.

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

To learn more about online etiquette, please visit the following website: [http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)

**Rules of Engagement**

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

- While the freedom to express yourself is a fundamental human right, any communication that utilizes cruel and derogatory language on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law will not be tolerated.
• Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in any communication online or face-to-face, even when their opinion differs from your own.

• Ask for and use the correct name and pronouns for your instructor and classmates.

• Speak from personal experiences. Use “I” statements to share thoughts and feelings. Try not to speak on behalf of groups or other individual’s experiences.

• Use your critical thinking skills to challenge other people’s ideas, instead of attacking individuals.

• Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. This may be interpreted as “YELLING!”

• Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts as tone can be difficult to interpret digitally.

• Avoid using “text-talk” unless explicitly permitted by your instructor.

• Proofread and fact-check your sources.

• Keep in mind that online posts can be permanent, so think first before you type.

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

**COVID-19 Impact on Class Performance**
While participation is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to perform in class because you are ill, or unable to complete assignments due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to falling behind so I may make a decision about accommodating any requests you may have.

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

**Statement on Face Coverings**
While this class is being administered fully online, it is important to note that face coverings are required in all UNT facilities. Students are expected to wear face coverings when on campus. If you are unable to wear a face covering due to a
disability, please contact the Office of Disability Access to request an accommodation. UNT face covering requirements are subject to change due to community health guidelines. Any changes will be communicated via the instructor.

**Americans with Disabilities Compliance (Policy 04.015)**
UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one’s specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time; however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the ODA website (https://disability.unt.edu/). The ADA policy can be reviewed online at https://policy.unt.edu/policy/04-015.

**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. This policy can be reviewed online at https://policy.unt.edu/policy/16-004.

**Ethical Standards and Academic Dishonesty (Policy 06.003)**
Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the University's status as an institution of higher education. In the class setting, students shall follow their instructors’ directions and observe all academic standards and requirements published in course syllabi and other course materials. A student is responsible for responding to an academic dishonesty report issued by an instructor or other University authority. If a student fails to respond after attempts at notification, the University may take appropriate academic actions in the absence of the student.

UNT policy will be followed in cases of academic dishonesty (e.g., cheating, plagiarizing, copying, etc.). Students caught cheating during an exam/quiz or plagiarizing a written assignment will be charged under the University's Code of Student Conduct. Among other punishments, students found guilty run the risk of having their score changed to a zero, receiving a grade of F for the course, and/or dismissal from the University. Students should be familiar with the Student Standards of Academic Integrity. Please review the student rights and responsibilities information online at https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Information (Policy 07.018)
Students have the right to expect their grades will be kept confidential. Every attempt will be made to keep your information confidential. Neither your course grades nor grades for any assignment will be posted in a way that could result in you being identified by other students or faculty members. The FERPA policy can be reviewed online at https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-018.

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

Retention of Student Records (Policy 04.008)
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 04.008, Records Management and Retention (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/04-008) for additional information.

Acceptable Student Behavior
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT’s Code of Student Conduct (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) to learn more.

Access to Information - Eagle Connect
Students’ access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student’s Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect (https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect).
Student Evaluation Administration Dates
Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during the last weeks of the semester to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (noreply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey, they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website (http://spot.unt.edu) or email spot@unt.edu.

Sexual Assault Prevention
UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT’s Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim’s compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu 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.

Attendance Standards
It is vital that students virtually attend class (i.e., show up to scheduled class times, check Canvas, review lecture slides, take lecture quizzes) to improve understanding of course content and stay up to date with course requirements, as the course calendar is subject to change. In the event of illness, students are responsible for notifying the instructor in advance and for making up any missed work. All university excused absences must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. In the event that you are scheduled to take part in an official University function on the date of a quiz or an exam, please contact me in order to schedule a make-up test session.
**Course Evaluation**
Final grades will be determined based on the total number of points that you accumulate during the semester. Final letter grades will be determined using the grading scale provided below:

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**Grading Scale**
A: 89.5-100%
B: 79.5-89.4%
C: 69.5-79.4%
D: 59.5-69.4%
F: 0-59.4%

**Late Work**
Late work will not be accepted. Please adhere to all assignment due dates listed below.

**Incompletes**
Students will not be allowed to take an Incomplete due to poor planning. However, if you find you do have a legitimate reason for an Incomplete, please talk with me as soon as possible to discuss the situation. Consult the Office of the Registrar (https://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes) to review when an Incomplete grade may be granted.

**Exams**
Three exams will be administered (30 points each) to assess your ability to synthesize the information dealt with in this course. Collectively, these exams will constitute 45% of your final grade. The exams will consist of objective-type questions (e.g., multiple choice and matching) but will also contain applied and/or short answer questions. You will be given several options to select from and complete for the applied and short answer questions. Exams 2 and 3 will *not* be comprehensive but may include additional chapters or content relative to Exams 1 and 2, respectively. All exams will cover content exclusively discussed during class (e.g., lectures, group discussions, etc.).
Sample Test Questions

True or False
1. Effect size is the magnitude of the outcome of an experimental manipulation, usually expressed as a standard score.

Multiple Choice
2. When subjects are identified and classified as to exposure and outcome at the same point in time, these types of studies are called:
   a. Case control studies
   b. Prevalence studies
   c. Randomized studies
   d. All of the above

Matching
3. Match the term at the bottom to the appropriate definition at the top.
   ____ The ability of a test to discriminate.
   ____ The ability of a test to detect a disease or attribute.
   ____ The ability of an intervention or method to do what it is intended to do.
   ____ The ability of an intervention or method to work in other settings, or its level of ecological validity.

Short Answer
4. Explain the difference between the “Halo effect” and the “Hawthorne effect”.

Projects
Three projects will be assigned and represent 45% of your final grade.

Project 1: Journal Article Abstract
For Project 1, you will write an abstract for a previously published peer-reviewed research article. This project consists of two parts and is worth 20 points total: (a) read and summarize a research article – worth 10 points (see Instruction 1 and 2) and (b) quiz over the article – worth 10 points (see Instruction 3).

Instructions
1. Go to Canvas (Project 1 module) and read the posted journal article. Make note of the study rationale, purpose, methods, results, and implications/significance.

2. Write a 200-250 word abstract based on the journal article. The abstract should include 1-2 introductory sentences indicating the main problem and/or rationale of the study. Immediately following the opening statements, you should include a clear and concise purpose statement indicating the main objective of the study. Next, there should be 1-2 sentences indicating the primary methods being used, 2-3 sentences of results (main findings from the study), and 1-2 sentences indicating the
conclusion and/or significance of the findings. *Your abstract should be virtually free of grammatical and spelling errors. Do not submit a first draft!*

3. Complete the online quiz pertaining to the article you read. To successfully answer the 10 questions on the quiz (worth 1 point each), you will need to have read (several times) and understood the selected article.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Your abstract should be (a) typed using Times New Roman 12-point font, (b) double-spaced, (c) formatted with 1-inch margins, and (d) absent of jargon or meaningless phrases. Please include a title page and the reference of the article on a separate page (see below). The title page and reference should be cited correctly using the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 6th Edition* format (APA, 2010). The title and reference pages do not count toward your final word count of 200-250 words.

This project is worth 10% of your overall grade and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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*Note. Submit one .pdf file containing the title page, abstract, and reference page via the Canvas submission link prior to the due date. Please name the file as “LastName_Project1_MM-DD-YYYY.pdf”.*
Abstract

In your own words, provide a summary of the article for Project 1 in this space. Include 1-2 sentences of introductory information indicating the problem and/or rationale of the study. Include the purpose of the study and a 1-2 sentences,简述主要研究方法的优缺点。

Finally, provide the main results and any conclusions/implications made by the authors. You will be graded on content, organization, clarity, quality of writing, and format. Use 12-point Times New Roman font, single-spaced lines, 1-inch margins, and APA 6th edition format throughout the document. Make sure you include a title page and reference page. The abstract should be between 200 and 250 words. Read the instructions and criteria listed in the syllabus for additional information on this assignment.
**Project 2: Journal Article Presentation**

Project 2 ensures that you are not only able to read and correctly interpret exercise psychology research, but that you can effectively communicate your findings. This project consists of 2 parts and is worth 30 points total: (a) Journal Article Evaluation Form – worth 5 (see Instruction 2) and (b) professional presentation over selected exercise psychology research article – worth 25 points (see Instruction 3).

**Instructions**

1. Select a journal article with a topic you are interested in from the provided list on Canvas (APA format listed). Once confirmed, download your selected article.

2. Read your selected journal article carefully. It may take several readings to fully understand it. While reading, note the rationale for the study, purpose, methods used, results, and implications of the results. Unless you have had advanced statistical courses, the results section may be difficult to understand, but try to comprehend as much as you can. Also, remember that the abstract and discussion section often emphasize the major findings. You will also fill out and turn in the *Journal Article Evaluation Form* (provided in the syllabus and online) to help you constructively evaluate the article.

3. Create a 6-minute PowerPoint presentation that you will present to the class (plus a 2-minute Q&A). You should also create an outline/summary sheet of your presentation which will be handed in with your submission. The presentation should include 1 title slide, 1-3 slides introducing the topic, 1 slide stating the purpose and hypothesis, 1-3 slides of methodology, 2-4 slides of results (especially main findings, including figures and tables), 1-2 slides discussing the conclusion/significance of the findings, 1 slide addressing limitations and strengths, 1 slide indicating future directions, and 1 slide with the APA reference. Your presentations should be virtually free of grammatical and spelling errors. Do not submit a first draft!

**Evaluation Criteria**

The presentation should include (a) easy to read and appropriately sized font, (b) suitable spacing between images and bullet points, (c) more bullet points compared to full sentences, (d) appealing color schemes, and (e) reproduced figures and tables. Standard slides used when presenting are: (a) title, (b) introduction, (c) purpose and hypothesis, (d) methods, (e) results, (f) conclusions/implications, (g) limitations and strengths, (h) future directions, and (i) references.

This project is worth 15% of your overall grade and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
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**Note.** Submit one .pdf file of your slides (2 per page) via the Canvas submission link prior to the due date. The submission should include your presentation and the outline/summary. Please name the file as “LastName_Project2_MM-DD-YYYY.pdf”.

### Project 2: Journal Article Evaluation Form

1 = Completely Incompetent, 2 = Poor, 3 = Mediocre, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

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Adapted from the *Handbook in Research Evaluation* (Isaac & Michael, 1983)
Project 3: Institutional Review Board (IRB) Submission

Project 3 gives you experience applying for permission to conduct human research within a collaborative team (3-5 students). This project helps students learn more about working with others to develop a study that meets appropriate ethical standards. This project consists of 3 parts and is worth 40 points total: (a) IRB application (including accompanying documents) – worth 15 (see Instruction 2), (b) professional presentation describing experiment and addressing ethical concerns – worth 15 points (see Instruction 3), and (c) defense of the experiment from a simulated IRB panel – worth 10 points (see Instruction 4).

Choosing Your Research Topic

Working in groups of two, select an exercise psychology research experiment from the list below (or have one approved by the instructor).

- Chronic physical activity and ADHD in youth
- High-intensity interval training and anxiety in young adults
- Exercise as an augmentative therapy for treating depression
- Fitness and stress reactivity
- Exercise and personality disorders
- Acute exercise on sleep quality
- Exercise and behavior change
- Physical activity behaviors and social influence
- Chronic exercise, self-esteem, and body image
- Enjoyment and exercise adherence in older adults
- Effects of exercise on affect, mood, and emotion
- Incentive programs and exercise motivation
- Sedentary time and cognitive dysfunction
- Emotional well-being and exercise
- Interventions to change PA behaviors
- Physiological and psychological responses during exercise
- Exercise, quality of life, and cancer

Instructions

1. Once your group has selected an experiment, go to Canvas (Project 3 module) and download the blank IRB application and an example IRB application with accompanying documents.

2. Submit an IRB application based on an experiment you and your partner design. You must complete all sections in the IRB application and include an informed consent form, relevant questionnaires, a study proposal with references (≤ 1000 words describing your methods in APA format), and a recruitment flyer.

3. Create a 15-minute PowerPoint presentation of your research experiment. You should provide an outline/summary sheet of your presentation to each class member.
prior to presenting. The presentation should include 1 title slide, 1-2 slides introducing the topic, 1 slide stating the purpose and hypothesis, 1-3 slides of methodology, 2-3 slides of expected results (including figures and tables), 1 slide discussing the potential significance of the findings, 1 slide addressing limitations and strengths, 3-4 slides addressing potential ethical concerns, and 1 slide with references. Your presentations should be virtually free of grammatical and spelling errors. Do not submit a first draft!

4. Complete a 5-minute defense of your IRB submission in front of a panel of IRB members (i.e., the instructor and randomly selected classmates). You must take into consideration both methodological issues and any ethical concerns that may be brought up during your experiment. This could include subject populations, test measures and instrumentation, sensitive personal information, etc.

**Evaluation Criteria**
The presentation should include (a) easy to read and appropriately sized font, (b) suitable spacing between images and bullet points, (c) more bullet points compared to full sentences, (d) appealing color schemes, and (e) figures and tables. Standard slides used when presenting a full board review are: (a) title, (b) introduction, (c) purpose and hypothesis, (d) methods, (e) expected results, (f) potential significance, (g) limitations and strengths, (h) ethical considerations, and (i) references.

This project is worth 20% of your overall grade and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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Note. Send one .pdf file per group of your IRB application (and accompanying documents) prior to the due date. Please name the file as “GroupNumber_Project3_MM-DD-YYYY.pdf”.

**Instructor Evaluation**
Attendance, preparedness, and class participation will be used in your evaluation and constitutes 10% of your final grade.

**Attendance.** Defined as being in the virtual classroom for the complete class period. Being late and/or leaving early will be counted as not being in attendance and may result in points being deducted from your final point total. During select class meetings, attendance will be taken. You will be allowed ONE (1) absence during the semester for any reason. This DOES NOT include exam, quiz, or project quiz days. Following ONE (1) absence, points will be deducted from your instructor evaluation for each additional absence.

**Preparedness.** Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and articles, formulate discussion points and questions, share perspectives, and provide professional constructive feedback to fellow students and instructors. The benefits derived from this course correspond directly to the degree of student preparation for class meetings. Therefore, part of a student’s final grade is tied to regular and meaningful contribution to group discussions. In order to master course content and complete assignments at a grade of C or better, it is expected that students will spend approximately 6-9 hours per week preparing for classes by studying the text and assigned readings and completing any assigned homework. Assignments should be completed on time; late work will not be accepted unless arrangements have been previously made with the instructor.

**Participation.** Actively involving yourself in class discussions and activities can help develop your understanding of the topics covered and improve your course grade.

**Academic Support & Student Services**
**Student Support Services**

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

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

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

- **UNT Records**
- **UNT ID Card**
- **UNT Email Address**
- **Legal Name**

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

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

You can [add your pronouns to your Canvas account](https://canvas.unt.edu/) so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

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

- What are pronouns and why are they important?
- How do I use pronouns?
- How do I share my pronouns?
- How do I ask for another person’s pronouns?
- How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?

**Additional Student Support Services**

- **Registrar** (https://registrar.unt.edu/registration)
- **Financial Aid** (https://financialaid.unt.edu/)
- **Student Legal Services** (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)
- **Career Center** (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center)
- **Multicultural Center** (https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center)
- **Counseling and Testing Services** (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
- **Pride Alliance** (https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance)
- **UNT Food Pantry** (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry)

**Academic Support Services**

- **Academic Resource Center** (https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources)
- **Academic Success Center** (https://success.unt.edu/asc)
- **UNT Libraries** (https://library.unt.edu/)
- **Writing Lab** (http://writingcenter.unt.edu/)
## Tentative Class Outline and Schedule

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<td><strong>Project 1: Journal Article Abstract and Quiz Due</strong>&lt;br&gt;Discuss Project 2&lt;br&gt;CHAPTER 2: Basic Concepts in Exercise Psychology&lt;br&gt;Textbook: Buckworth, Dishman, O’Connor, &amp; Tomporowski</td>
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