

**University of North Texas**  
**Honors Mentored Research**  
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**COURSE OUTLINE & OBJECTIVES**

This mentored research course will include (1) volunteering with the Environmental Philosophy with Children (EPWC) program at a local elementary school, (2) weekly lesson planning team meetings, (3) biweekly meetings with instructor to discuss pedagogy and current philosophy for children research. Readings will be chosen by the instructor in conversation with the student and assigned no later than two weeks in advance. This research and field experience will culminate in the development of an accessible and detailed 10-week EPWC curriculum that can be made public and implemented in classrooms. This will include an introductory essay. The curriculum and essay will be developed with feedback from the instructor. A final grade will be awarded based on the student's effort and quality of work throughout the semester.

**ATTENDANCE**

Student is expected to attend weekly and biweekly meetings as outlined above. Significant absences (more than two consecutive weeks absent from all meetings) must be discussed with the instructor and may result in a lowered grade. Whenever possible canceled meetings should be rescheduled.

**DUE DATES & GRADES**

Curriculum draft with introductory essay due no later than Friday, May 1, 2026 by 11:59pm.

Final Grades will be based on the A-F scale:

A = 90-100%  
B = 80-89%  
C = 70-79%,  
D = 60-69%,  
F = 59% and below.

## **UNT POLICIES**

### **Academic Integrity Policy (Policy 16.003)**

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students, who may impose further penalty.

According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations;
- b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
- c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university;
- d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or
- e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage.

The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to:

- a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and
- b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

### **ADA policy (Policy 16.001)**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities. Students needing a reasonable academic accommodations must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the student will request their letter of accommodation. ODA will provide faculty with a reasonable accommodation letter via email to begin a private discussion regarding a student's specific needs in a course. Students may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable 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 reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with faculty regarding their accommodations during 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, refer to the Office of Disability Access [website](#).

**Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004)**

The University of North Texas 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.

**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.