COLLEGE of BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ACCT 5303 – Accounting and Management Fall 2023

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

Course Dates: 28 August 23 – 20 October 23

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CENTRAL TEXAS

Mode of instruction and course access: This is a **hi-flex course**, which means you have the flexibility to attend classes in one of three ways: face-to-face, online synchronous, or online asynchronous.

• Face-to-Face Meetings:

- When: Every other Wednesday starting August 30, 2023
- Dates: August 30, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 20, 2023
- Time: 6:00 pm 8:15 pm
- Where: [Campus Location]

• Online Synchronous Meetings:

- When: Every Wednesday
- Time: 6:00 pm 8:15 pm
- Where: Via Zoom (link will be provided)
- Online Asynchronous:
 - Course materials and assignments will be made available for you to complete at your own pace each week.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor: Anthony L. Fulmore, MSA, MS-HRM, DBA, PhD

Office: Founder's Hall room 323

Phone: Office (254)501-5840

Cell (254)383-0226 (text only)

Email: afulmore@tamuct.edu (preferred email)

Office Hours: Office hours are before and after each class and by appointment.

Student-instructor interaction

I am accessible through Canvas Inbox, which I check several times a day during the week and usually once a day on weekends. I will attempt to respond within 24 hours during the week and within 36 hours during the weekend. You may use my TAMUCT email for course-related matters. In the subject line of your email, provide the course information <u>"ACCT 5303"</u>. If your concern needs immediate attention, text me. Remember, practice good communication skills (spelling and grammar).

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

SAFEZONE. SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.

Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.

You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the <u>SafeZone</u> website [www.safezoneapp.com].

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
 - o <u>iPhone/iPad</u>: [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]
 - <u>Android Phone / Tablet</u>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp]

- 2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g. {name}@tamuct.edu)
- 3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

For updates on COVID information, please monitor the University <u>website</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/]

COURSE INFORMATION Course Overview and description

In this course, students will delve into the advanced concepts and techniques of managerial accounting with a focus on decision-making, planning, and performance evaluation. Designed specifically for future business leaders, the course goes beyond the numbers to interpret and analyze financial data for strategic business decisions. Topics include but are not limited to cost behavior, budgeting, variance analysis, and performance metrics.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Understand Managerial Accounting Fundamentals: Recognize and explain the differences between managerial and financial accounting and their importance in an organization.

Analyze Cost Behavior and Cost Structures: Classify costs into fixed, variable, and mixed categories and analyze how they affect decision-making.

Perform Budgeting and Planning: Prepare operating budgets, cash budgets, and capital expenditure budgets for effective financial planning.

Master Variance Analysis: Compute and interpret variances for costs, sales, and profits, and identify the root causes of variances.

Evaluate Performance Metrics: Assess organizational performance using key performance indicators (KPIs) like ROI, residual income, and balanced scorecards.

Make Informed Decisions: Utilize managerial accounting tools to make data-driven decisions that align with strategic objectives.

Apply Ethical Considerations: Understand and apply ethical principles in the realm of managerial accounting.

Communicate Financial Information: Effectively communicate financial and non-financial data to stakeholders using appropriate charts, reports, and presentations.

Required Reading and Textbook(s)

Introduction to Managerial Accounting, with Connect ISBN10: 1266441018 | ISBN13: 9781266441011



American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.). https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Throughout the semester, students will engage in a mixture of graded and non-graded activities designed to assess comprehension, application, and synthesis of course material. These activities also aim to gauge students' understanding and alignment with the course's goals and overarching concepts.

Chapter Homework: Chapter homework will be administered through the Connect platform and is designed to reinforce key concepts from each chapter. Assignments will feature a diverse range of questions, including chapter-specific problems, Excel tasks, Chapter Concept Videos, and Exam Prep questions. The chapter problems test your understanding of core material, while Excel problems focus on developing your data analysis and spreadsheet skills. Chapter Concept Videos serve as supplementary resources for clarifying complex topics. Exam Prep questions are specifically tailored to prepare you for upcoming assessments. Completing all components of each homework assignment is essential for a comprehensive understanding of the course material and for acquiring a well-rounded skill set..

Final Exam: This course will have two major exams— a midterm and a final. The midterm exam will cover materials from Chapters 1-4, while the final exam will be comprehensive, encompassing Chapters 5-10. Both exams will assess your understanding of topics identified in the syllabus, case studies discussed in class, class discussions, and any additional materials provided. It's crucial to be well-versed in all these areas to succeed in the exams.

Discussion Ouestions: Weekly Discussion Questions: Each week, discussion questions related to the current chapter will be presented. These questions aim to reinforce the readings from the chapter and facilitate classroom discussions. Your engagement in these discussions is essential for a deeper understanding of the course material..

<u>Critical Thinking Assignment (CTA)</u>: Critical Thinking Assignment: Starting in week two, this course will feature a semester-long assignment titled "Applying Managerial Accounting Concepts to the Service Industry." The paper will consist of five key components and will require five revisions throughout the term. You will receive feedback from three distinct sources after each revision: Dr. Fulmore, the University Writing Center (UWC), and peer reviews from your classmates. It is mandatory to incorporate this feedback into each subsequent version of your paper. The iterative process aims to produce a continuously refined and improved final submission.

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Students earn their course grades by completing scheduled assignments; no extra credit assignments are given.

Course Element		Percent of Course Grade	
Chapter Homework			25%
Discussions			10%
Exams (Week 4 and Week 8)			50%
Critical Thinking Assignments			15%
		Total	100%
Grade Equivalents:		1	1
If Grade is Computed Numerically	If Grade is Computed by Letter		
90.0 - 100 % = A	A =	95%	
80.0 - 89.9% = B	B =	85%	

70.0-79.9%	= C	C =	75%
60.0 - 69.9%	= D	D =	65%
0-59.9%	= F	F =	0%

Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted on the Canvas Grade book (turn-around time for grades to be posted is 7 days). I rely on the definition of grading marks provided by Texas A & M University-Central Texas Catalog to provide a classification of grades. *"The grade of "A" is given for outstanding achievement to a relatively small number of excellent scholars. The grade of "B" represents good achievement. The grade of "C" is given for average achievement and the grade of "D" for poor but passing work. The grade of "F" denotes failure and is given for unsatisfactory work."*

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Week 1: Aug 28 - Sep 3

- Chapter: Introduction to Managerial Accounting (Chapter 1)
- Discussion Questions: Due Sep 3
- Homework: Chapter 1 (Connect platform) Due Sep 3

Week 2: Sep 4 - Sep 10

- Chapter: Cost Concepts (Chapter 2)
- Discussion Questions: Due Sep 10
- Homework: Chapter 2 (Connect platform) Due Sep 10
- CTA: Introduction & Initial Brainstorming Due Sep 10

Week 3: Sep 11 - Sep 17

- Chapter: Cost Behavior and Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis (Chapter 3)
- Discussion Questions: Due Sep 17
- Homework: Chapter 3 (Connect platform) Due Sep 17

Week 4: Sep 18 - Sep 24

- Chapter: Job-Order Costing (Chapter 4)
- Discussion Questions: Due Sep 24
- Homework: Chapter 4 (Connect platform) Due Sep 24
- Midterm Exam: Covering Chapters 1-4 Due Sep 24
- CTA: First Revision Due Sep 24

Week 5: Sep 25 - Oct 1

- Chapter: Activity-Based Costing (Chapter 5)
- Discussion Questions: Due Oct 1
- Homework: Chapter 5 (Connect platform) Due Oct 1
- CTA: Second Revision Due Oct 1

Week 6: Oct 2 - Oct 8

- Chapter: Budgeting (Chapter 6)
- Discussion Questions: Due Oct 8
- Homework: Chapter 6 (Connect platform) Due Oct 8
- CTA: Third Revision Due Oct 8

Week 7: Oct 9 - Oct 15

- Chapter: Master Budget and Responsibility Accounting (Chapter 8)
- Discussion Questions: Due Oct 15
- Homework: Chapter 8 (Connect platform) Due Oct 15
- CTA: Fourth Revision Due Oct 15

Week 8: Oct 16 - Oct 20

- Chapter: Capital Budgeting (Chapter 10)
- Discussion Questions: Due Oct 20
- Homework: Chapter 10 (Connect platform) Due Oct 20
- Final Exam: Covering Chapters 5, 6, 8, 10 Due Oct 20
- CTA: Final Revision & Submission Due Oct 20

Important University Dates

https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Hardware: PC/Mac with 4 GB RAM, 2.0 GHz processor, High-speed internet, Webcam & microphone

Software:Windows 10 or macOS Mojave+, Chrome, Firefox, or Safari, Office 365 or Google Workspace

Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari browsers. Canvas will run on Windows, Mac, Linus, iOS, android, or any other device with a modern web browser. **Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.** Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com/] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [https://tamuct.onecampus.com/] by clicking on the "TAMUCT Online Canvas" tile. You will then log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help tab, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can search the support articles or use the Email, Call, or Chat buttons at the bottom of the support pop-up to contact the Canvas Help Desk.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Online Proctored Testing

Texas A&M University-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio requires use of the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in installed.

Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Email: <u>helpdesk@tamu.edu</u> Phone: (254) 519-5466 <u>Web Chat</u>: [http://hdc.tamu.edu] *Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Warrior Center for Student Success

The Warrior Center for Student Success is a comprehensive academic support department at A&M-Central Texas, dedicated to fostering an environment of excellence and empowerment among its student body. The center offers a wide range of programs and services to ensure every student reaches their full potential, and is a haven for students seeking guidance, resources, and a strong support network to excel in their educational journey.

ADA Access and Accommodations: Texas A&M University-Central Texas ensures that students with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities by providing appropriate accommodations and support services. If you believe you have a physical, learning or socioemotional disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please visit <u>Access and</u> <u>Inclusion</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html] for more details or contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential. **Success Coaching and Peer Mentoring:** Our experienced Success Coaches work one-on-one with students to develop personalized action plans, set academic goals, and build effective study strategies, time management skills, and resilience. Our Peer Mentors provide a valuable support system, offering guidance, encouragement, and a relatable perspective to help students navigate their academic and personal challenges. For more details call 254-501-5836 or 254-501-5928 or visit <u>Academic Support</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/academic-support.html]. Click the link to schedule a session (virtual or in-person) with a success coach <u>bit.ly/3q7uB50</u> or visit WH, 111.

Testing Services: We offer a secure and comfortable environment for students and members of the community to take courses and distance learning exams, as well as placement tests and professional certification exams. Our Testing Service also offers resources and support referrals for testing related challenges (test anxiety, learning disabilities, etc.) and supports all approved ADA accommodations. Call (254) 519-5830 or visit the <u>Testing</u> <u>Center</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/testing-center/].

Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction Services: Our team of qualified Tutors and Supplemental Instructors assist students in various non-writing subjects, promoting academic comprehension and enhancing learning outcomes. Click the link to schedule a tutoring session with a TAMUCT tutor (virtual or in-person) or view tutor availability <u>bit.ly/43Q6wNz</u>. You may also chat live with a remote tutor 24/7 for a variety of subjects through our partnership with Tutor.com, an online tutoring platform that is free to all TAMUCT students. To learn more please visit <u>Tutoring Services</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/academicsupport.html#tutoring] or call (254) 501-5836 or visit the Tutoring Hub in Warrior Hall, 111.

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Student Conduct Office. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more information regarding the <u>student conduct process</u>, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may <u>submit a referral</u>, [https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas].

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the <u>Drop Request</u> Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpId=https://eisprod.ec.tamuct.edu:443/samIsso&SpSessionAuthnAdapterId=tamuctDF&TargetResource=https %3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f53b8369e-0502-4f36be43-f02a4202f612].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Records and Admissions Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Records and Admissions Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Records and Admissions Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Pregnant and/or Parenting Students Rights and Accommodations

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of <u>Title IX</u> and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs, (254) 501-5909, can assist students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting by provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodations. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible through the <u>Pregnancy & Parenting webpage</u>

[https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. For more information, please visit <u>Student Affairs</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. If you would like to read more about these <u>requirements and guidelines</u> online, please visit the website

[http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

<u>Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972</u> specifically prohibits discrimination against a student based on pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from any of these conditions

[https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.html].

Students experiencing any form of discrimination due to any of these conditions are encouraged to reach out to the Title IX Coordinator, 254.519.5716, <u>titleix@tamuct.edu</u>, Founders Hall 317B, or the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 254.501.5909, Warrior Hall 105.

Title IX Rights and Reporting Responsibilities

Texas A&M University-Central Texas is committed to creating a safe and open learning environment for all students. If you or another student has experienced any form of gender discrimination or sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault,

dating/domestic violence, and/or sex-based stalking, help and support are available. Our university strongly encourages all members of our campus community to report incidents and seek support for gender discrimination and sexual misconduct through the Title IX Office. You may contact the Title IX Office at 254.519.5716, <u>titleix@tamuct.edu</u>, Founders Hall 317B, or learn more by visiting the <u>Title IX webpage</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Please be aware that that under <u>Title IX</u>, <u>Texas Senate Bill 212</u>, and <u>System Regulation 08.01.01</u>, [https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf] all university employees are mandated reporters and are required to disclose information about suspected or alleged violations as listed above and defined in System Regulation 08.01.01. If the Title IX Office receives information about an incident, they will reach out to offer information about resources, rights, and procedural options as a member of the campus community. Although I have an obligation to report, you will, in most cases, control how your case will be handled. When working with the Title IX Office you will have access to resources and accommodations but also have the opportunity to express if you wish to move forward with an investigation. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of the options available to you as a student. Community members are not required to respond to this outreach.

If you or another student wishes to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact the <u>Student Wellness & Counseling Center</u>, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-counseling.html], 254.501.5955, or <u>swacc@tamuct.edu</u>, located in Warrior Hall Room 207L or the Student Support Advocate, 254.501.5978 or <u>ssa@tamuct.edu</u>, located in founder Hall Room 317D.

University Library & Archives

The University Library & Archives provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 350 electronic databases containing approximately 1,203,947 eBooks and 134,750 journals, in addition to the 96,879 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams or in-person at the library. <u>Schedule an appointment here</u>

[https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments]. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group workspaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and

laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our <u>Library website</u>

[https://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

University Writing Center

Located in Warrior Hall 416 and online, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (A&M–Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M–Central Texas students. The face-to-face hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday in Warrior Hall 416. Online tutoring is available Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via <u>WCOnline</u> [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at <u>bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu</u> if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Wellness and Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the <u>Title IX webpage</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the <u>referral</u> online

[https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the <u>Behavioral Intervention Team</u> website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/bit]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES

Professional level writing and communication are critical skills in the business world. This standard should be displayed in all assignments for this class. All communications, both to the Professor and student colleagues should be kept professional, including Discussion Board postings and email correspondence. For written assignments, all work should be proofread, free of grammatical errors, include proper citations, and be by American Psychological Association (APA) standards.

NOTE #1: There are NO EXTRA CREDIT assignments available for this course.

NOTE #2: Requests for Incomplete Grades: Incompletes will only be given in emergency or other extreme circumstances. The professor must approve any request for an incomplete grade in this course before the last week of classes. Where possible, requests should be submitted in written form and must include an address and telephone number where you may be contacted throughout the following semester. For a request for an incomplete grade to be considered, at least two-thirds of the coursework has to be completed. Finally, approval of an incomplete is up to the department chair.

NOTE #3: Questions concerning one's grade on a particular task (e.g., test, case) This should be resolved within one week after receiving the graded material. There will not be reviewing of previously graded material at the end of the semester.

NOTE #4: Late Submissions/Resubmissions You have a period of 7 days each week to complete and submit the weekly assignments. Make sure to plan your time wisely and avoid last minute submissions since no late assignments will be accepted. All assignments must be turned in by the due date unless an extension has been granted. EXTENSIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF THEY ARE REQUESTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE DUE DATE OF THE ASSIGNMENT UNDER QUESTION. After the fact, extensions will not be granted, so if you are sick and you know you will not be able to take a test or submit an assignment on the set due date, make sure to contact me at least 48 hours in advance. **NOTE #5:** Changes to Syllabus A syllabus serves as an instructional and study planning document for both faculty and students. Although every effort will be taken to complete the semester according to the syllabus, it may become necessary to make specific changes to facilitate the academic environment better. In such an event, changes will be notified via an announcement in the course. Changes may be made within the last two weeks of the semester only in exceptional circumstances.

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