



## Syllabus Statements for Undergraduate Students from the Provost

Fall 2021

### Accommodations In A Global Pandemic

Throughout the pandemic, Baylor's commitment has been to the health and safety of our family. Since the spring of 2020, the University has chosen to take actions that align with the most up-to-date health recommendations. Guidelines for the Fall 2021 semester include:

- **Everyone is required to wear a mask in classrooms and labs.**
- **Everyone who is unvaccinated is required to be tested twice weekly throughout the semester.** For more information about Baylor's testing program, please visit Baylor's COVID site at [www.baylor.edu/coronavirus](http://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus). To confirm your exemption from this testing, upload your vaccination record to [www.baylor.edu/vaccine](http://www.baylor.edu/vaccine).
- **Vaccinations are available for students at the Baylor Health Center.** Please call 254-710-1010 to make an appointment or <https://www.baylor.edu/healthservices/>.
- The symptoms for the Delta variant look very similar to the original COVID symptoms but include headaches, sinus congestion, sore throats, and a runny nose. **If you feel sick, please contact the Baylor Health Center to be tested as soon as possible**, at 254-710-1010 or <https://www.baylor.edu/healthservices/>.
- **Please have a plan in place in case you get sick with COVID or are asked to isolate or quarantine.** Baylor will provide limited assistance, but it is in your best interest to have your own plan in place.

Vaccinations and face masks help the entire Baylor community to stay healthy.

### Academic Integrity

Plagiarism or any form of cheating involves a breach of student-teacher trust. This means that any work submitted under your name is expected to be your own, neither composed by anyone else as a whole or in part, nor handed over to another person for complete or partial revision. Be sure to document all ideas that are not your own. Instances of plagiarism or any other act of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Honor Council and may result in failure of the course. Not understanding plagiarism is not an excuse. I expect you, as a Baylor student, to be intimately familiar with the Honor Code at: <http://www.baylor.edu/honorcode/>

### Class Attendance

Excerpt from Class Attendance policy, pages 31-32 of the 21-22 Undergraduate Catalog: "Specific policies for attendance are established by the academic units within the university. Faculty members may establish more stringent requirements regarding attendance, punctuality, and participation. Any attendance requirements and penalties for excessive absences will be set forth in the syllabus for each course. The student bears the responsibility for the effect that absences may have upon class participation,

announced and unannounced examinations, written assignments, reports, papers, and other means of evaluating performance in a course.”

### **Office Hours**

If you have questions or are trying to navigate around, over, or through barriers to learning in my course, please communicate with me (Professor Cronin). I am here to help. Email me (Vince\_Cronin@baylor.edu), text, or call me on my mobile phone for an appointment. You can get my mobile phone number from the course resources (GEO 1405 01 - The Dynamic Earth) on Canvas.

### **Baylor University Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX**

#### *Civil Rights Policy and Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy*

Baylor University does not tolerate unlawful harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, disability, national origin, ancestry, age (over 40), citizenship, genetic information or the refusal to submit to a genetic test, past, current, or prospective service in the uniformed services, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, Texas, or local law (collectively referred to as Protected Characteristics).

If you or someone you know would like help related to an experience involving:

1. Sexual or gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, intimate partner violence, or retaliation for reporting one of these types of prohibited conduct, please visit [www.baylor.edu/titleix](http://www.baylor.edu/titleix), or contact us at (254) 710-8454, or [mailto: TitleIX\\_Coordinator@baylor.edu](mailto:TitleIX_Coordinator@baylor.edu).
2. Harassment (excluding those issues listed in #1) or adverse action based on Protected Characteristics, please visit [www.baylor.edu/civilrights](http://www.baylor.edu/civilrights), or contact us at (254) 710-7100 or [Civil\\_Rights@baylor.edu](mailto:Civil_Rights@baylor.edu).

The Office of Equity and Title IX understands the sensitive nature of these situations and can provide information about available on- and off-campus resources, such as counseling and psychological services, medical treatment, academic support, university housing, and other forms of assistance that may be available. Staff members at the office can also explain your rights and procedural options. You will not be required to share your experience. **If you or someone you know feels unsafe or may be in imminent danger, please call the Baylor Police Department (254-710-2222) or Waco Police Department (9-1-1) immediately.**

Except for Confidential Resources, all University Employees are designated Responsible Employees and thereby mandatory reporters of potential sexual and interpersonal misconduct violations. Confidential Resources who do not have to report include those working in the Counseling Center, Health Center and the University Chaplain, Dr. Burt Burleson.

## **RESOURCES FOR STUDENT WELLBEING AND SUCCESS**

### **Students Needing Accommodations**

Any student who needs academic accommodations related to a documented disability should inform me immediately at the beginning of the semester. You are required to obtain appropriate documentation and information regarding your accommodations from the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation (OALA). Stop by the first floor of Sid Richardson, East Wing in the Paul L. Foster Success Center or call (254) 710-3605 or email [OALA@baylor.edu](mailto:OALA@baylor.edu).

### **Academic Success**

I believe every student who has been admitted to Baylor can be successful, and I want to partner with you to help you thrive academically. Be sure to take advantage of the many resources available for academic success, including coming to see me during my office hours. Students who regularly utilize the great resources in the [Paul L. Foster Success Center](#) such as [tutoring](#), [Learning Lab](#), and [Academic Mentoring](#) are among my most successful students. If your academic performance in this class is substandard, I will submit an Academic Progress Report to the Success Center so that the team of coordinated care professionals can ensure that you get the help you need.

### **University Writing Center**

I encourage you to visit the [University Writing Center \(UWC\)](#) this semester and get feedback on your writing for this course. Located in Moody Library 2nd floor West, the UWC offers free assistance to you at any stage of the writing process (brainstorming, researching, outlining, drafting, revising, editing). In their feedback, the consultants focus on higher order concerns, such as content, thesis, evidence, and organization, before grammar or style. The UWC tutors will not proofread, edit, or write your paper for you, but they will equip you with a toolbox of strategies to improve your writing, research, and editing skills. Please take the assignment prompt, your paper/text, and other materials you might need with you to your appointment. Please include my name as the professor, and a report will automatically be sent to me after your session. Go to the website ([www.baylor.edu/uwc](http://www.baylor.edu/uwc)) to schedule an appointment, call the UWC at (254)710-4849, or stop by in person.

### **First Generation College Students**

Baylor University defines a first-generation college student as a student whose parents did not complete a four-year college degree. The First in Line program is a support office for first-generation college students to utilize if they have any questions or concerns. Please check out [First in Line](#), visit us in the Basement of Sid Richardson West Wing or email [firstinline@baylor.edu](mailto:firstinline@baylor.edu). *[If you are a first gen college student, you may wish to add:] I was also the first in my family to graduate with a four-year bachelor's degree and can answer questions about experiences as a first-generation college student.*

### **Military Connected Students**

Veterans, active duty military personnel, and dependents are encouraged to connect with the [VETS](#) program, a space dedicated to supporting our military-connected students. Please communicate, in advance if possible, any special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployment, drill requirements, disability accommodations).

## **Health Resources for Students**

Baylor University is strongly committed to addressing the mental health and wellness needs of students by providing access to on-campus healthcare resources.

### **Crises and Emergencies:**

**BUCC Crisis Line:** (254) 710-2467 (Business Hours/Non-Business Hours/Weekends)

**Baylor Police Department:** (254)710-222

**MHMR Crisis Center:** (254)867-6550

**MHMR 24-Hour Emergency/Crisis Number:** (254)752-3451

When home during academic breaks, when the counseling center is closed, please call your local resources. Some national numbers for support during a crisis:

**National Hope Network Hotline:** 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

### **General Guidance for struggling students: Baylor University CARE Team Services**

Located on the second floor of the Student Life Center, suite 207.

[The Department of CARE Team Services](#) is a team of case managers who work with students who are struggling with mental health issues, financial struggles, and anything else affecting a student's ability to be successful in the classroom.

Contact Information: (254) 710-2100 ; [CareTeam@baylor.edu](mailto:CareTeam@baylor.edu).

### **Students' Basic Needs (food & housing)**

Food insecurity is defined as "a lack of consistent access to enough food for you to live an active, healthy life." At Baylor, we want all students to have access to food resources that will support their holistic well-being and success. If you or someone you know experiences food insecurity at any time, you can find information on campus and community food resources by visiting [The Store](#). You can also contact Store staff at 254-710-4931. For additional basic needs assistance, please reach out to [CASE](#) or the [Care Team](#).

### **Physical Health and Wellness, Psychiatric Evaluations, Pharmacy: Baylor Health Services Department**

[Baylor Health Services](#) includes Primary Care, Psychiatry, Physical Therapy and Pharmacy and is staffed with fully certified and licensed physicians and nurse practitioners, as well as nurses and administrative staff. Appointments may be made by calling our main number or by logging into the health portal located on our website.

Contact Information: (254) 710-1010; [Health\\_Services@baylor.edu](mailto:Health_Services@baylor.edu).

### **Baylor University Counseling Center**

[The Counseling Center](#) seeks to foster wholeness for every student through caring relationships, cultural humility and integrated mental health services.

Located on the second floor of the Student Life Center.

For an appointment, go to our [website](#) to schedule an Initial Assessment or call (254) 710-2467.

**Substance and Behavioral Addiction: Beauchamp Addiction & Recovery Center (BARC)**

[The Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center](#) aims to support students in recovery from substance and behavioral addictions through an all-encompassing level of support approach that includes one-on-one mentorship, support groups, and social events open to all Baylor students.

Located in the East Village Residential Community (bottom floor of Teal Residential College).

Contact Information: (254)-710-7092; [BARC@baylor.edu](mailto:BARC@baylor.edu)

**Spiritual Life: Baylor University Office of Spiritual Life**

[The Office of Spiritual Life](#) offers programs, persons, and resources to nurture theological depth, spiritual wholeness, and missional living among students in the Texas Baptist or theologically adjacent religious traditions.

Located on the corner of 5th and Speight Street in the BoBo Spiritual Life Center.

Contact Information: (254) 710-3517; [Spiritual\\_Life@baylor.edu](mailto:Spiritual_Life@baylor.edu)