



Baylor Syllabus Statements for Undergraduate Students 2020-21 (updated for Summer 2020 Online)

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. As a Baylor student, you are expected to be intimately familiar with the Honor Code at:

<https://www.baylor.edu/honorcode/index.php?id=952547>

Academic Success

Baylor believes that every student who has been admitted to Baylor can be successful, and wants to partner with you to help you thrive academically. Be sure to take advantage of the many resources available for academic success, including the utilization of my virtual office hours. Students who regularly utilize the great resources in the Paul L. Foster Success Center at: <https://www.baylor.edu/successcenter/> are among my most successful students. If your academic performance in this class is substandard, an Academic Progress Report might be submitted to the Success Center so that the team of coordinated care professionals can ensure that you get the help you need.

Virtual Office Hours

One of the best ways to take full advantage of learning in my course is by participating in optional virtual office hours if you have questions or concerns. Office hours will be scheduled for most, if not all, weekdays during the term, and will be in the form of voluntary drop-in sessions held via WebEX. Information about how to participate will be in the syllabus. Office-hour sessions might be recorded.

Students Needing Accommodations

Any student who needs academic accommodations related to a documented disability should inform your teacher immediately at the beginning of the semester. You are required to obtain appropriate documentation and information regarding accommodations from the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation (OALA). See www.baylor.edu/oala or email OALA@baylor.edu today if you have not done so already.

Please contact Sinda_Vanderpool@baylor.edu for more information.

Title IX Office – Title IX Coordinator

Baylor University does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities, and it does not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex or gender. If you or someone you know would like help related to an experience involving 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 contact the Title IX Office at (254)710-8454, or report online at www.baylor.edu/titleix.

The Title IX office 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 in 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.** For more information on the Title IX Office, the *Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Interpersonal Violence Policy*, reporting, and resources available, please visit the website provided above.

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 at Baylor is a support office on campus for first-generation college students to utilize if they have any questions or concerns. Please contact First in Line at firstinline@baylor.edu, call 254-710-6854, or visit <https://www.baylor.edu/firstinline/> to learn more about the services available.

Military Student Advisory

Veterans and active duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to communicate, in advance if possible, any special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployment, drill requirements, disability accommodations). You are also encouraged to visit the VETS Program Office website <https://www.baylor.edu/vets/> or call with any questions at (254) 710-7264.

University Writing Center (UWC)

The University Writing Center 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. Real-time online consultations as well as eTutoring (feedback within 48 hours) are available during Baylor's 2020 summer sessions (June 2 – August 7). For your consultation appointment, please have the assignment prompt, your paper/text, and other materials you might need with you and provide the name of your professor. Learn more and make an appointment at: www.baylor.edu/uwc, or email UWC@baylor.edu