### A. Description of Course Content

Initial research in the student's area of concentration, leading to thesis.

This is a Prerequisite for SOCW 6398. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and completion of SOCW5322 or equivalent, and SOCW6324

### B. Student Learning Outcomes

The thesis chair identifies from the MSW Program CSWE, Educational policy the advanced skills and behaviors below which will be addressed and demonstrated during the current enrollment period for the scholarly or research project.

These are identified as follow, in the student’s syllabus.

Educational Policy x.x.x (x).

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Educational Policy 2.1.1 - Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.

Social workers serve as representatives of the profession, its mission, and its core values. They know the profession's history. Social workers commit themselves to the profession's enhancement and to their own professional conduct and growth. Social workers

• advocate for client access to the services of social work;
• practice personal reflection and self-correction to assure continual professional development;
• attend to professional roles and boundaries;
• demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior, appearance, and communication;
• engage in career-long learning; and
• use supervision and consultation.

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<td>1. Advanced social workers in children and families practice active self-reflection and continue to address personal bias and stereotypes to build knowledge and dispel myths regarding diverse family structures, families with complex family dynamics and families with multiple challenges and issues.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse practice active self-reflection and continue to address personal bias and stereotypes to build knowledge and dispel myths regarding mental health/substance abuse and mental illness.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in aging practice active self-reflection and continue to address personal bias and stereotypes to build knowledge to dispel myths regarding aging and stereotypes of older persons.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice assess personal strengths and areas for professional growth.</td>
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Educational Policy 2.1.2 - Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice.

Social workers have an obligation to conduct themselves ethically and to engage in ethical decision-making. Social workers are knowledgeable about the value base of the profession, its ethical standards, and relevant law. Social workers

• recognize and manage personal values in a way that allows professional values to guide practice;
• make ethical decisions by applying standards of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and, as applicable, of the International Federation of Social Workers/International Association of Schools of Social Work Ethics in Social Work, Statement of Principles;
• tolerate ambiguity in resolving ethical conflicts; and
• apply strategies of ethical reasoning to arrive at principled decisions.
Educational Policy 2.1.3 - Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.

Social workers are knowledgeable about the principles of logic, scientific inquiry, and reasoned discernment. They use critical thinking augmented by creativity and curiosity. Critical thinking also requires the synthesis and communication of relevant information. Social workers

- distinguish, appraise, and integrate multiple sources of knowledge, including research-based knowledge, and practice wisdom;
- analyze models of assessment, prevention, intervention, and evaluation; and
- demonstrate effective oral and written communication in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and colleagues.

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<td>1. Advanced social workers in children families evaluate, select, and implement appropriate assessment intervention and evaluation tools for use with diverse groups of families and children.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse evaluate, select and implement appropriate assessment and treatment approaches to the unique characteristics and needs of diverse clients.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in aging evaluate select and implement appropriate assessment, intervention, and evaluation tools for use with the unique characteristics and needs of diverse older clients.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice integrate community and administrative practice models and multiple sources of knowledge to inform intervention choice and design.</td>
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Educational Policy 2.1.4 - Engage diversity and difference in practice.

Social workers understand how diversity characterizes and shapes the human experience and is critical to the formation of identity. The dimensions of diversity are understood as the intersectionality of multiple factors including age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, political ideology, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. Social workers appreciate that, as a consequence of difference, a person’s life experiences may include oppression, poverty, marginalization, and alienation as well as privilege, power, and acclaim. Social workers

- recognize the extent to which a culture’s structures and values may oppress, marginalize, alienate, or create or enhance privilege and power;
- gain sufficient self-awareness to eliminate the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse groups;
- recognize and communicate their understanding of the importance of difference in shaping life experiences; and
- view themselves as learners and engage those with whom they work as informants.

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<td>1. Advanced social workers in health can understand the distribution of health and disease in populations by race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability status, and other diversity issues.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in children and families understand and can apply the relevant cultural, class, gender, race, age, disability, and other diversity issues to enhance the well-being of children and families from a strengths perspective.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse understand and can apply the relevant cultural, class, gender, race, age, disability, and other diversity issues that influence the prognosis and treatment of persons with severe and persistent mental illness and substance use disorders, persons with other mental health/substance abuse issues, and persons with psychiatric disabilities, and their families and communities.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in aging understand and can apply the relevant cultural, class, gender, race, age, disability, and other diversity issues to enhance the well-being of older adult clients from a strengths perspective.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice demonstrate awareness of cultural competence in program design, evaluation, personnel management, board functioning, and/or community relationships.</td>
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Educational Policy 2.1.5 - Advance human rights and social and economic justice.

Each person, regardless of position in society, has basic human rights, such as freedom, safety, privacy, an adequate standard of living, health care, and education. Social workers recognize the global interconnections of oppression and are knowledgeable about theories of justice and strategies to promote human and civil rights. Social work incorporates social justice practices in organizations, institutions, and society to ensure that these basic human rights are distributed equitably and without prejudice. Social workers

- understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination;
- advocate for human rights and social and economic justice; and
- engage in practices that advance social and economic justice.

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1. Advanced social workers in health can identify ways in which power, privilege, gender, race, ethnicity, social class, age and other forms of social stratification and disenfranchisement influence the evaluation processes and outcomes.

1. Advanced social workers in children and families recognize the stigma and shame associated with "family dysfunction."

1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse understand the range of physical and mental health/substance abuse disease course and recovery issues associated with social stigma and marginalization of persons with mental health/substance abuse diagnoses and psychiatric disabilities, and incorporate them in their assessment and intervention.

1. Advanced social workers in aging understand social stigma and injustice with respect to older adults and advocate for clients’ right to dignity and self-determination in their assessment and intervention strategies.

1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice utilize community practice models and knowledge of administrative practice to advance human rights and social and economic justice.

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2. Advanced social workers in health describe the distribution and determinants of health and disease and identify health disparities.

2. Advanced social workers in children and families recognize disparities in the distribution of resources across families.

2. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse describe the distribution and determinants of mental health/substance abuse and illness and identify health disparities.

2. Advanced social workers in aging address any negative impacts of policies on practice with historically disadvantaged older populations.

2. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice select and/or design intervention models to promote human rights and social and economic justice.

### Educational Policy 2.1.6 - Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.

Social workers use practice experience to inform research, employ evidence-based interventions, evaluate their own practice, and use research findings to improve practice, policy, and social service delivery. Social workers comprehend quantitative and qualitative research and understand scientific and ethical approaches to building knowledge. Social workers

- use practice experience to inform scientific inquiry and
- use research evidence to inform practice.

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2. Advanced social workers in health have the ability to critically assess and participate in research design and methodology related to health practice.

1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse use advanced strategies to search, appraise, and select for application the most up to date evidence and evolving practice guidelines in the assessment and intervention with influence persons with severe and persistent mental illness and substance use disorders, persons with other mental health/substance abuse issues, and persons with psychiatric disabilities, and their families and communities.

2. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse have the ability to critically assess and participate in research design and methodology related to practice with mental health/substance abuse service users.

1. Advanced social workers in aging synthesize and apply advanced strategies to search, appraise, and select for application the most up to date evidence and evolving practice guidelines in the assessment and interventions with older adults.

2. Advanced social workers in aging develop effective models, programs, policies and interventions and assess their effectiveness using valid and reliable measures specific to older adults.

2. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice apply research to inform best practice in relation to community assessment, program design, program evaluation, and/or community relation efforts.

**Educational Policy 2.1.7 - Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment.**

Social workers are knowledgeable about human behavior across the life course; the range of social systems in which people live; and the ways social systems promote or deter people in maintaining or achieving health and well-being. Social workers apply theories and knowledge from the liberal arts to understand biological, social, cultural, psychological, and spiritual development. Social workers

- utilize conceptual frameworks to guide the processes of assessment, intervention, and evaluation;
- critique and apply knowledge to understand person and environment.

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<td>Social work practitioners understand that policy affects service delivery, and they actively engage in policy practice. Social workers know the history and current structures of social policies and services; the role of policy in service delivery; and the role of practice in policy development. Social workers • analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance social well-being; and • collaborate with colleagues and clients for effective policy action.</td>
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<td>1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice utilize community organization models to advance social and economic well-being.</td>
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2. Advanced social workers in health advocate for policies that advance the social and economic well-being of those with health concerns and illness.

2. Advanced social workers in children and families advocate for policies that advance the social and economic well-being of children and families.

2. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse advocate for policies that advance the social and economic well-being of those with mental health/substance abuse concerns and mental illness.

2. Advanced social workers in aging advocate for policies that advance the social and economic well-being of older adults.

2. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice utilize knowledge of administrative practice to advance social and economic well-being.

**Educational Policy 2.1.9 - Respond to contexts that shape practice.**

Social workers are informed, resourceful, and proactive in responding to evolving organizational, community, and societal contexts at all levels of practice. Social workers recognize that the context of practice is dynamic, and use knowledge and skill to respond proactively. Social workers

- continuously discover, appraise, and attend to changing locales, populations, scientific and technological developments, and emerging societal trends to provide relevant services; and

- provide leadership in promoting sustainable changes in service delivery and practice to improve the quality of social services.

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<td>2. Advanced social workers in health develop health intervention plans to accomplish systemic change that is sustainable.</td>
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Educational Policy 2.1.10(a-d) - Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Professional practice involves the dynamic and interactive processes of engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation at multiple levels. Social workers have the knowledge and skills to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Practice knowledge includes identifying, analyzing, and implementing evidence-based interventions designed to achieve client goals; using research and technological advances; evaluating program outcomes and practice effectiveness; developing, analyzing, advocating, and providing leadership for policies and services; and promoting social and economic justice.

Educational Policy 2.1.10(a) - Engagement

Social workers
- substantively and affectively prepare for action with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;
- use empathy and other interpersonal skills; and
- develop a mutually agreed-on focus of work and desired outcomes.

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Educational Policy 2.1.10(b) - Assessment

Social workers
- collect, organize, and interpret client data;
- assess client strengths and challenges;
- develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives; and
- select appropriate intervention strategies.

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1. Advanced social workers in health demonstrate understanding of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual model of human development and conduct multiple domain assessments within health settings and the community.


1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse will be able to describe the structure of the DSM-V and conduct an assessment using the DSM-V criteria and structure.

1. Advanced social workers in aging conduct bio-psycho-social-spiritual assessments using standardized measures appropriate for use with older adults.

1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice use existing or develop community assessments in choosing or developing appropriate intervention strategies.

### Educational Policy 2.1.10(c) - Intervention

Social workers

- initiate actions to achieve organizational goals;
- implement prevention interventions that enhance client capacities;
- help clients resolve problems;
- negotiate, mediate, and advocate for clients; and
- facilitate transitions and endings.

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<td>1. Advanced social workers in health will be able to describe empirically validated and theoretical causes, advanced assessment methods, and the most effective interventions treatments for a variety of problems that affect health.</td>
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<td>1. Advanced social workers in aging describe empirically validated and theoretical causes, advanced assessment methods, and the most effective interventions for a variety of problems which effect older adults.</td>
<td>1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice implement community and administrative practice intervention strategies to achieve organizational goals, enhance client capacities, resolve problems, and advocate/or for clients.</td>
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### Educational Policy 2.1.10(d) - Evaluation

Social workers

- critically analyze;
- monitor; and
- evaluate interventions.

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1. Advanced social workers in health contribute to the theoretical knowledge base in the area of health and illness through practice-based research, and use evaluation of the process and/or outcomes to develop best practices.

1. Advanced social workers in children and families contribute to the theoretical knowledge base in the area of children and families through practice-based research, and use evaluation of the process and/or outcomes to develop best practices with children and families.

1. Advanced social workers in mental health/substance abuse contribute to the theoretical knowledge base in the area of mental health/substance abuse and mental illness through practice-based research, and use evaluation of the process and/or outcomes to develop best practices.

1. Advanced social workers in aging contribute to the theoretical knowledge base in the area of aging through practice-based research, and use evaluation of the process and/or outcomes to develop best practices.

1. Advanced social workers in community and administrative practice evaluate community and administrative practice programs and use professional judgment to improve and enhance program outcomes.

C. Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials

Students may approach faculty with expertise in their research area to secure a thesis chair. To facilitate this process, the graduate advisor or program advisor may recommend faculty whose interests are compatible with the student’s research agenda. A faculty person must have agreed, in writing, to serve as chairperson before a student may enroll for Thesis.

The enrolled student will identify a Technology and Social Work practice research problem, (agreed to chair and committee, when formed) to formulate a research project, develop research questions and testable hypotheses, if warranted, and complete a comprehensive literature review of the substantive or problem area, relevant theories for causation, intervention or assessment (minimum of 3) and a review of the empirical methods used in prior research to investigate or study the issue. The student will develop assessment methods for data collection and analysis to complete the project and present this for approval to committee prior to taking SOCW6398 Thesis. The student may be dropped from enrollment in the Thesis course, if enrolled, if these milestones are not achieved.

D. Additional Recommended Textbooks and Other Course Materials

Dates and tasks as directed by committee.

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E. Descriptions of Major Assignments and Examinations

The student selects a chairperson and two other members of the Graduate Faculty (with the assent of the faculty so selected) to make up the thesis committee. At the completion of the thesis, the student defends orally before this thesis committee. After securing the approval of the thesis by all members of the thesis committee, a final approved copy of the thesis must be submitted to the Graduate Studies (Davis Hall) within time limits established by the Graduate Studies. Thesis courses are graded on a pass-fail basis. A final grade may be given in a thesis course only if the work is completed during the semester in which the student is registered in the course.

If a student undertakes a thesis course and does not complete the course in the semester when registered in the course, a grade of R (research in progress) will be given instead of an X. The grade of R is a permanent grade, but is not included in any academic evaluation and does not carry any credit value. A student receiving a grade of R must re-register for the course and complete the thesis in order to obtain academic credit.

Thesis Manuscript Preparation
Students pursuing the thesis option must have the format of the thesis manuscript approved by the Graduate School before the degree can be conferred. The Graduate School specifically checks the document for conformity to UT Arlington formatting requirements.

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- use practice experience to inform scientific inquiry and
- use research evidence to inform practice.

Competencies relative to the students advanced specialty.

**F. Grading**

Graded as Pass or Fail by Committee.

Students are expected to keep track of their performance throughout the semester and seek guidance from available sources (including the instructor) if their performance drops below satisfactory levels; see “Student Support Services,” below.
G. Make-Up Exams

You will be allowed to take the course exam, oral defense if scheduled, on a different date only if you have a valid and verifiable excuse (excuses will be confirmed) for missing the exam and will have made previous arrangements with the professor. The date must conform to the grade submission dates for the semester, and rescheduled sufficiently early. Pre-scheduled events (weddings, volunteer projects, vacation, employer based events, etc.) will likely not qualify as justification.

No excuse will be accepted for submitting a course project (s) or assignment late given that the dates designated for submitting those projects would have been publicized since the beginning of the course. If you anticipate an absence, you may send your project or assignment with a classmate or mail it on or prior to the due date.

H. Attendance

At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients “begin attendance in a course.” UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients. As the instructor of this section,

Student will arrange and keep regular appointments, weekly or bi weekly throughout the course.

I. Course Schedule

- This list is for student use only and is not to be submitted to the Graduate School or Library at any time.
- Check the Graduate School calendar for important deadlines for the semester in which you plan to graduate.
- Meet with your advisor to ensure that you will have met all departmental and university requirements for graduation this semester.
- Enroll in a graduate level course at UTA in the semester in which you plan to graduate. Master’s thesis students must be enrolled in 6 hours in the semester they defend. Doctoral students should consult their advisor concerning enrollment requirements in the semester they defend.
- Submit an Application for Graduation to the Graduate School by deadline specified in the Graduate School calendar.
- Defend your thesis or dissertation. You must receive an “unconditional pass” from your committee in order to graduate.
- Submit a copy of the Final Master's Exam Report or Dissertation Defense Report to the Office of Records and Registration.
- Submit a copy of your thesis or dissertation to the Library for a mechanical check by the deadline specified in the graduate calendar. You must submit electronically via the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) website at www.etdadmin.com/uta. Remember, you CAN submit your document for a mechanical check BEFORE you defend.
- --When no further corrections are needed to your document, you will receive an “accepted” email noting that no additional changes are required. You must submit the
- Intellectual Property Statement and Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD students only) to the Library.
- Complete all coursework and exam requirements.
- Earn a 3.0 or better as your overall graduate GPA and 3.0 GPA in your major.

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As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course.

J. Expectations for Out-of-Class Study

Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional three hours (for each hour of class or lecture per week) of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for assignments and exams, and reviewing online content, etc.

K. Grade Grievances


L. Student Support Services

UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php.

The IDEAS Center (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers free tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email IDEAS@uta.edu or call (817) 272-6593.

The UT Arlington School of Social Work community is committed to and cares about all of our students. If you or someone you know feels overwhelmed, hopeless, depressed, and/or is thinking about dying by suicide or harming oneself or someone else, supportive services are available. For immediate, 24-hour help call MAVS Talk at 817-272-TALK (817-272-8255). For campus resources, contact Counseling and Psychological Services (817-272-3671 or visit http://www.uta.edu/caps/index.php) or UT Arlington Psychiatric Services (817-272-2771 or visit https://www.uta.edu/caps/services/psychiatric.php) for more information or to schedule an appointment. You can be seen by a counselor on a walk-in basis every day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Ransom Hall, Suite 303. Getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do - for yourself and for those who care about you.

M. Librarian to Contact

The Social Sciences/Social Work Resource Librarian is John Dillard. His office is in the campus Central Library. He may also be contacted via E-mail: dillard@uta.edu or by Cell phone: (817) 675-8962, below are some commonly used resources needed by students in online or technology supported courses: http://www.uta.edu/library/services/distance.php

The following is a list, with links, of commonly used library resources:

Library Home Page.................... http://www.uta.edu/library
Subject Guides......................... http://libguides.uta.edu
Subject Librarians..................... http://www.uta.edu/library/help/subject-librarians.php
Course Reserves....................... http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do
Connecting from Off- Campus...... http://libguides.uta.edu/offcampus
Ask a Librarian....................... http://ask.uta.edu

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N. Emergency Exit Procedures

Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exits, which are the stairwells located at either end of the adjacent hallway. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

O. Drop Policy

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (http://wweb.uta.edu/aaao/fao/).

P. Disability Accommodations

UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps/ or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

Q. Non-Discrimination Policy

The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.

R. Title IX Policy

The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. For information regarding Title IX, visit www.uta.edu/titleIX or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or jmhood@uta.edu.
S. Academic Integrity

Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents' Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at https://www.uta.edu/conduct/.

T. Electronic Communication

UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

U. Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/.

V. Student Feedback Survey

At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.

W. Final Review Week

For semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give
any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.