Dear Student,

The purpose of this **Campus Syllabus** is to provide you with important information that applies to all UTK courses. Please observe the following policies and familiarize yourself with the university resources listed below. At UT, we are committed to providing you with a high-quality learning experience. I want to wish you the best for a successful and productive semester.

–Dr. John Zomchick, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Each student is responsible for their personal integrity in academic life and for adhering to UT’s Honor Statement. The Honor Statement reads: “An essential feature of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the university, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity.”

**YOUR ROLE IN IMPROVING THE COURSE THROUGH ASSESSMENT**

At UT, it is our collective responsibility to improve the state of teaching and learning. During the semester you may be requested to assess aspects of this course, either during class or at the completion of the class, and through the TNVoice course evaluation. Please take the few moments needed to respond to these requests as they are used by instructors, department heads, deans and others to improve the quality of your UT learning experience.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES** – <http://sds.utk.edu>

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is committed to providing an inclusive learning environment for all students. If you anticipate or experience a barrier in this course due to a chronic health condition, a learning, hearing, neurological, mental health, vision, physical, or other kind of disability, or a temporary injury, you are encouraged to contact [Student Disability Services](http://sds.utk.edu/) (SDS) at 865-974-6087 or sds@utk.edu. An SDS Coordinator will meet with you to develop a plan to ensure you have equitable access to this course. If you are already registered with SDS, please contact your instructor to discuss implementing accommodations included in your course access letter.

**ACCESSIBILITY POLICY AND TRAINING** – <http://accessibility.utk.edu>

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, provides reasonable accommodations for individual students with disabilities through its office of [Student Disability Services](http://sds.utk.edu/). The university is also committed to making information and materials accessible, when possible. Resources and assistance to support these efforts can be found at <http://accessibility.utk.edu/>.

**WELLNESS** – <http://wellness.utk.edu/> and <http://counselingcenter.utk.edu/>

The [Center for Health Education and Wellness](http://wellness.utk.edu/) empowers all Volunteers to thrive by cultivating personal and community well-being.  The Center can answer questions about general wellness, substance use, sexual health, healthy relationships, and sexual assault prevention. The [Student Counseling Center](http://counselingcenter.utk.edu/) is the university’s primary facility for personal counseling, psychotherapy, and psychological outreach and consultation services.

Any student who has difficulty affording hygiene products, groceries, or accessing sufficient food to eat every day is urged to contact the [Big Orange Pantry](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdos.utk.edu%2Fbig-orange-pantry%2F&data=04%7C01%7Crhinde%40utk.edu%7Cc08b048824a945d9c08608d9dc4a0589%7C515813d9717d45dd9eca9aa19c09d6f9%7C0%7C0%7C637783032738103574%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=popHYayG%2Bd7H50O1pEKnK4Cxaumn677WZOSU%2BQ8zBbE%3D&reserved=0) for support. The Big Orange Pantry, located in Greve Hall, is a free resource for all students, faculty, and staff, no matter how great or small their need is. Students who need emergency financial assistance can also request funding from the [Student Emergency Fund](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdos.utk.edu%2Fstudent-emergency-fund%2F&data=04%7C01%7Crhinde%40utk.edu%7Cc08b048824a945d9c08608d9dc4a0589%7C515813d9717d45dd9eca9aa19c09d6f9%7C0%7C0%7C637783032738103574%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=Ioh3QMExJXlPQjiOgzmTFtfTMKGCEjN3CiR3sUBUCFo%3D&reserved=0).

Students who are experiencing non-academic difficulty or distress and need assistance should call 974-HELP or [submit an online referral](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdos.utk.edu%2F974-help%2F&data=04%7C01%7Crhinde%40utk.edu%7Cc08b048824a945d9c08608d9dc4a0589%7C515813d9717d45dd9eca9aa19c09d6f9%7C0%7C0%7C637783032738103574%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=IZ4u78AIu5kSwtJiq8iAKTTOJgv%2BEpDL5hnHA%2BRSMKA%3D&reserved=0). The 974-HELP team specializes in aligning resources and support to students experiencing mental health distress.

**EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM** – <http://safety.utk.edu/>

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is committed to providing a safe environment for learning and working. When you are alerted to an emergency, please take appropriate action. Learn more about what to do in an emergency and sign up for UT Alerts. Check the emergency posters near exits and elevators for building specific information. In the event of an emergency, course schedules and assignments may be subject to change. If changes to graded activities are required, reasonable adjustments will be made, and you will be responsible for meeting revised deadlines.

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES (updated August 8, 2022)**

[CDC guidance](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html) recognizes the changing dynamics of living in a world with COVID-19. It rates COVID-19 community levels as low, medium, and high, with recommendations at each level about the use of masks and other precautions. At all levels of community spread, staying up-to-date with vaccination is the best way to protect yourself from serious illness and to limit the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a mask is always an option for any individual who chooses to do so, and the CDC recommends that those with high risk of severe illness talk with their health care providers. If you are sick, please stay in, avoid being around others as much as possible, and contact your health care provider for any symptoms that are worsening, moderate to severe, or concerning to you. For more information about vaccination or to self-report an illness and receive support, visit <http://studenthealth.utk.edu/CommunityHealth>. For more information about COVID-19, visit <http://studenthealth.utk.edu/covid-19>.