

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

PROPOSAL 26-08

“SYLLABUS REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COURSES AT MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY”

Voting Units: Academic

RATIONALE: Students should be provided with the information necessary to prepare and perform well in courses.

POLICY PROPOSAL: The instructor of each section of any course at Michigan Technological University shall provide each student enrolled in their section of the course a printed copy of a course syllabus or shall provide students with a URL containing the web-based version of such a document.

The syllabus **should** be provided to students on the first day of class but **must** be provided to students within the first week of class. *Students who add the class after this time are responsible for obtaining the syllabus. Elements of the course syllabus are subject to modification by the instructor during the semester as the need arises. Instructors must, however, give students sufficient notice of any modifications to the syllabus that might affect their performance in the course. Notification of modifications should be made in writing via handout or email.

The course syllabus **must** contain the following information and may contain any additional information that the instructor deems appropriate or necessary.

Required Content

Instructor Identification-

Instructor’s Name, Title, and Contact Information (including email address, university phone number, office location, and other contact information deemed appropriate by the instructor)

Instructor’s Office Hours

Course Identification-

Course Number and Section (e.g., PSY 4110-R01)

Course Title

Course Description, Overview, and Learning Outcomes/Objectives

Prerequisites/Corequisites

Course Requirements

(e.g., required textbooks, course packs, fees, materials, supplies, etc.)

Grading Scheme

(e.g., weighting of assignments/exams, class participation, attendance, penalties for late/missing work, etc.)

Projected Schedule of Exams and Projected Due Dates for Projects, Papers, and Other Assignments

Course Policies

(e.g., behavioral standards, attendance, group work/collaboration, safety regulations, etc.)

Citation of, or web reference to university policies on Academic Integrity, Americans with Disability Act, and Equal Opportunity

Specific course rules or policies regarding collaboration on graded academic exercises.

Any changes to the above elements should be provided to students in writing.

The chair of the department may approve deviations from the above format if deemed appropriate (e.g., independent study, research assistant, etc.).

*Note: Syllabus templates and suggested elements will be available by Fall 2008 via the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Faculty Development website.

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