Policy Change Cover Sheet

This form must be attached to each policy presented. All areas in red, including the header, must be completed; if not, it will be sent back to you for completion.

If the changes you are requesting include housekeeping, please submit those changes to ndsu.scc@ndsu.edu first so that a clean policy can be presented to the committees.

**SECTION: 331.1 – COURSE SYLLABUS**

1. Effect of policy addition or change (explain the important changes in the policy or effect of this policy). Briefly describe the changes that are being made to the policy and the reasoning behind the requested change(s).
   - Is this a federal or state mandate? [ ] Yes [x] No
   - Describe change: Information on Instructional Continuity Plan shall be included on all syllabi.

2. This policy change was originated by (individual, office or committee/organization):
   - Office/Department/Name and the date submitted: University Curriculum Committee in collaboration with Faculty Senate Executive Committee
   - Email address of the person who should be contacted with revisions: Susan Ray-Degges, susan.raydegges@ndsu.edu

   This portion will be completed by Heather Higgins-Dochtermann.
   Note: Items routed as information by SCC will have date that policy was routed listed below.

3. This policy has been reviewed/passed by the following (include dates of official action):
   - Senate Coordinating Committee:
   - Faculty Senate:
   - Staff Senate:
   - Student Government:
   - President’s Cabinet:

The formatting of this policy will be updated on the website once the content has final approval. Please do not make formatting changes on this copy. If you have suggestions on formatting, please route them to ndsu.scc@ndsu.edu. All suggestions will be considered, however due to policy format guidelines, they may not be possible. Thank you for your understanding!
SECTION 331.1
COURSE SYLLABUS

SOURCE: NDSU Faculty Senate

Each course taught at NDSU shall have a syllabus to provide specific class information for students and to fulfill federal and other legal requirements. The following categories of information shall be included on all syllabi:

- Course prefix, catalog number, credits, and title
- Instructor and contact information
  - Include campus address, phone number, email address, office hours
- Bulletin description
  - Description on syllabus must be consistent with the description listed in the current course catalog. Additional information may be included after the bulletin description in a syllabus.
- Course objectives
  - List objectives, goals, aims and/or outcomes for the course.
  - All General Education course syllabi and course web sites must identify the course as having been approved for General Education and include the General Education category and outcomes. See General Education Course Syllabi Requirement.
  - For courses offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit, course objectives should be written to clearly define the increased expectations for graduate students in these courses.
- Evaluation procedures and criteria
  - Indicate how students are evaluated, including tests, quizzes, papers, assignments, weight of the assignments, etc.
  - Clearly identify how course grades are determined.
  - If a course is offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit, the additional requirements for graduate students must be clearly described on the syllabus. These courses require a significant, identifiable higher level of expectations for the performance of the graduate students.
- Attendance
  - If class attendance is a component of the course grade, the course instructor must clearly communicate this in the syllabus. See NDSU Policy, Section 333 for faculty and student responsibilities related to attendance, including for university-sponsored activities.
  - Faculty are encouraged to provide the following statement on syllabi: “Veterans and student servicemembers with special circumstances or who are activated are encouraged to notify the instructor as soon as possible and are encouraged to provide Activation Orders.”
- Course schedule/outline/calendar of events
  - Provide students with a tentative projected outline of significant events that occur throughout the semester, including assignments, projects, examinations, field trips, guest speakers, etc.
  - Note the NDSU Dead Week policy, which limits the amount and type of exams/quizzes that may be given during the last two weeks of the semester and identifies exceptions. See NDSU Policy Section 336: Examination and Grading.
• Student resources
  o List books, lab manuals, technology, supplies, calculators, and any other materials required or recommended for the student to complete the course requirements.

• Instructional Continuity Plan
  o Consistent with Policy 331.3 Instructional Continuity Plan, instructors will have ready a contingency plan (also known as an instructional continuity plan) in the event that regular class meetings will be disrupted for a period of time. The plan will designate the channel of communication, adjustments to assignments, possible alternative activities, and modifications if any to evaluation of assignments and activities. The contingency should take into account the type of course (classroom, online, lab, etc.) and typical activities (lecture, individual projects, small group projects, etc.). A clear statement of communication expectations during the disruption is of greatest importance when preparing the plan. Instructors will share the plan as part of the syllabus during the first week of class meeting.

• American with Disabilities Act statement
  o The following statement must appear on all syllabi: Any students with disabilities or other special needs, who need special accommodations in this course are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor and contact the Disability Services Office as soon as possible.

• Approved academic honesty statement.
  o The following statement must appear on all syllabi: The academic community is operated on the basis of honesty, integrity, and fair play. NDSU Policy 335: Code of Academic Responsibility and Conduct applies to cases in which cheating, plagiarism, or other academic misconduct have occurred in an instructional context. Students found guilty of academic misconduct are subject to penalties, up to and possibly including suspension and/or expulsion. Student academic misconduct records are maintained by the Office of Registration and Records. Informational resources about academic honesty for students and instructional staff members can be found at www.ndsu.edu/academichonesty.

In addition to the above, a statement of a college honor code, if applicable, should be included.

HISTORY:

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