

North Dakota State University

Policy Manual

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. Instructors will distribute/post syllabi to enrolled students the Friday prior to the start of the semester/session.

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, 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 instructor and student responsibilities related to attendance, including for university-sponsored activities.
 - Instructors 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
 - List books, lab manuals, technology, supplies, calculators, and any other materials required or recommended for the student to complete the course requirements.
- American with Disabilities Act statement
 - The following statement must appear on all syllabi:
Any students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor and contact the Center for Accessibility and Disability Resources as soon as possible.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)) statement
 - The following statement must appear on all syllabi:
Your personally identifiable information and educational records as they relate to this course are subject to [FERPA](#).
- Approved academic honesty statement.
 - 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 the Provost](#). 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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