

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**



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https://ufl.zoom.us/j/3523521109 (https://ufl.zoom.us/j/3523521109)
Please note, you may be initially placed in a waiting room if there is another student ahead of you (first come first served). You may hold for the meeting to free up or send an email.

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Additional times available by request, please schedule an appointment via email.

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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Apply the Core Principles of Professional Selling to the sales workplace and marketplace.
- Understand how personal selling is a major function within a firm's marketing and promotional mix
- Improve your communication ability.
- Familiarize yourself with the principles of selling.
- Prepare and present a sales presentation; visually, verbally, and non-verbally communicate your information using the selling skills discussed throughout the course.



### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This strategic selling course will introduce professional selling techniques for all products with special emphasis on food and agricultural products, technical systems, and services.



## **COURSE INFORMATION**

Course: AEB3341

Semester/year: Spring 2025

Credit Hours: 3.0

Location: Fully Online – All class work will be completed asynchronously through Canvas.



## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

Futrell, C. M., Agnihotri, R., & Krush, M. T. (2019). *ABC's of Relationship Selling Through Service*. McGraw-Hill Education. (ISBN-13: 978-1260169829)

This textbook can be purchased at:

<u>University of Florida Bookstore (https://www.bkstr.com/floridastore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials)</u> (textbook direct link (https://www.bkstr.com/floridastore/product/abc-s-of-relationship-selling-through-service--rrmcg--429654-1))

Alternatively, you may also purchase the textbook at other retailers.

Coursework will require ongoing use of a computer and a broadband connection to the Internet. The University of Florida provides various software resources such as Microsoft Office Suite. You can access these resources through the UF Apps site at: <a href="https://info.apps.ufl.edu/">https://info.apps.ufl.edu/</a>. <a href="https://info.apps.ufl.edu/">https://info.apps.ufl.edu/</a>).

#### **PREREQUISITES**

There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

The University of Florida expects students entering an online program to acquire computer hardware and software appropriate to their degree program. Most computers are capable of meeting the following general requirements. A student's computer configuration should include:

- Webcam
- Microphone
- Broadband connection to the internet and related equipment (cable/DSL modem)
- Microsoft Office Suite installed (provided by the university)

Individual colleges may have additional requirements or recommendations, which students should review before starting their program.

#### MINIMUM TECHNICAL SKILLS

To complete your tasks in this course, you will need a basic understanding of operating a computer and using word processing software.

#### PROFESSIONALISM STANDARD

Students are expected to conduct themselves professionally and demonstrate respect and deference to their peers and the instructional team. Offensive language or other inappropriate behavior that causes a deterioration in the quality of the learning environment, as determined by the course instructor, shall result in the offending student(s) receiving a final grade penalty of 2%. Professionalism involves each of the following:

## Respect for Others

A professional strives to understand the differences among classmates and colleagues, provides fair constructive feedback when asked to evaluate others, contributes equitably in group work, and is punctual and avoids disrupting the learning and work environment. Professionals respect others' expectations of confidentiality and privacy.

## Commitment to Quality

A professional aims for the highest possible standard of performance and endeavors to produce work in which he or she can take true pride.

## Responsibility

A professional takes responsibility for his or her own progress by being prepared for classes, labs, meeting, and other activities. A professional also takes responsibility for his or her actions with care for consequences that might evolve and for how their actions will affect others.

## Personal Integrity

Professionalism is reflected by the extent to which others can rely upon you. A professional can be counted on to follow through on commitments, avoid conflicts of interest and bias, and adhere to the rules of organizations with which they are involved, such as the University of Florida.

#### COMMUNICATION

As you complete this course, please feel free to reach out whenever you need help. Dr. Lai is available via email at <a href="mailto:johnlai@ufl.edu">johnlai@ufl.edu</a> (preferred contact method). You are also welcome to reach out Meri Hambaryan (<a href="mailto:m.hambaryan@ufl.edu">m.hambaryan@ufl.edu</a> (mailto:m.hambaryan@ufl.edu)), who is the teaching assistant for this course. Students can expect a response in approximately 2 business days. If after 2 business days you have not received a response, please politely follow up in case any one of us misses your email. Please use GatorMail to send emails instead of Canvas mail to avoid possible delays.

If you are experiencing any technical difficulties such as problems with logging in or other issues related to Canvas, you should contact the Gator Help Desk for support (<a href="http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/getting-help-for-gatorlink-log-in-issues/">http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/getting-help-for-gatorlink-log-in-issues/</a>)

#### MATERIALS/SUPPLY FEES

There is no supply fee for this course.

#### CANVAS INFORMATION

Canvas is where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

- ufl.instructure.com
- For Canvas, Passwords, or any other computer-related technical support contact the <a href="IT">IT</a>
  <a href="Service Desk">Service Desk</a> (<a href="http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/">http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/</a>).
  - Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
  - o (352) 392-HELP (4357)
  - http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/ (http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/)
  - o helpdesk@ufl.edu (mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu) (mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu)

Our class sessions may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera

engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared.

#### ONLINE PROCTORING

Prior to each exam, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that their computer software is properly updated and that the Honorlock Chrome Extension is installed. You can run a free system check by visiting the HonorLock website and clicking on RUN SYSTEM CHECK at: https://honorlock.com/support/ (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com -3Furl-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Furldefense.proofpoint.com-252Fv2-252Furl-253Fu-253Dhttps-2D3A-5F-5Fnam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com-5F-2D3Furl-2D3Dhttps-2D253A-2D252F-2D252Furldefense.proofpoint.com-2D252Fv2-2D252Furl-2D253Fu-2D253Dhttps-2D2D3A-2D5F-2D5Fnam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com-2D5F-2D2D3Furl-2D2D3Dhttps-2D2D253A-2D2D252F-2D2D252Fhonorlock.com-2D2D252Fsupport-2D2D252F-2D2D26data-2D2D3D02-2D2D257C01-2D2D257Csandberg1-2D2D2540usf.edu-2D2D257Cbb17779f43ab418d4ab508d82e65b9fc-2D2D257C741bf7dee2e546df8d6782607df9deaa-2D2D257C0-2D2D257C0-2D2D257C637310361734896250-2D2D26sdata-2D2D3DD8bzgPDjzKfT-2D2D252F0LpJKxsM-2D2D252B-2D2D252FdIZfVFAZtqdsIc934dPA-2D2D253D-2D2D26reserved-2D2D3D0-2D2526d-2D253DDwMGaQ-2D2526c-2D253DsJ6xIWYx-2D2DzLMB3EPkvcnVg-2D2526r-2D253DZ-2D5FEWBWiUflwREkU0Xtm93g-2D2526m-2D253D6EGiaxXIDmI77RRUZpbVqpXMW9OMX-2D2DAoINfUAJk-2D2DBsM-2D2526s-2D253DDkqVGj4Td8J4dQDZt6meqGQkKaNbFXpv38HzbL-2D2Dhy4o-2D2526e-2D253D-2D26data-2D3D02-2D257C01-2D257Csandberg1-2D2540usf.edu-2D257Cccd002112af2474cc83508d8380fe1e9-2D257C741bf7dee2e546df8d6782607df9deaa-2D257C0-2D257C0-2D257C637320988157242833-2D26sdata-2D3DIDIkMDqv18nfQNqeA2juD5fQOI9kRbPvnTAyzHsFHr4-2D253D-2D26reserved-2D3D0-2526d-253DDwMGaQ-2526c-253DsJ6xIWYx-2DzLMB3EPkvcnVg-2526r-253DZ-5FEWBWiUflwREkU0Xtm93g-2526m-253DVpWc0ERIsM6aGA6AsyvYllxyQXldVoRhW4rcdAXrCmE-2526s-253DdQpU4xFe2THgZspw45LTBg5XrQF22g4EESPjSa1Z5jg-2526e-253D-26data-3D02-257C01-257Csandberg1-2540usf.edu-257Cc3a3e18343ac4501022508d83960d5af-257C741bf7dee2e546df8d6782607df9deaa-257C0-257C0-257C637322435359067425-26sdata-3DW6vzjP7ONoO3fjWzb9-252FA4P1zX0BMNVcbHh4MQT996Ug-253D-26reserved-3D0&d=DwMGaQ&c=sJ6xIWYxzLMB3EPkvcnVg&r=Z\_EWBWiUflwREkU0Xtm93g&m=E5HFtlBR2U3Klpa60OHoAlGDJ4G4p2Gi9SEgLUxR{

q1zxRfG8k 2zo&e=). If you experience any technical difficulties, you should seek assistance from GatorHelp Desk. For issues related to HonorLock, live support is available 24/7 via phone, chat, or email. If you encounter issues during an exam, HonorLock Support is built into the exam platform and available in real time. As you navigate through your exam, a link to live chat and support services will be available at all times by clicking on the help button in the exam.

#### Honorlock Minimum System Requirements

You will need a laptop or desktop computer with a webcam, a microphone, and a photo ID. The webcam and microphone can be either integrated or external USB devices.

Honorlock requires that you use the <u>Google Chrome</u> (https://www.google.com/chrome/) browser and that you must add the Honorlock extension to Chrome.

Operating System: Windows 10, MacOSX 10.13 and higher, ChromeOS

Browser: Google Chrome (minimum version 79)

Internet Speed: 1.5Mbps download, 750 Kbps upload

Honorlock Support Options

Email: <u>support@honorlock.com (mailto:support@honorlock.com)</u>

Live Chat: https://honorlock.com/support/ (https://honorlock.com/support/)

For further information, FAQs, and technical support, please visit <a href="http://Honorlock.com/students">Honorlock</a> (<a href="http://Honorlock.com/students">http://Honorlock.com/students</a>).

#### IN-PERSON SECTION "INTL" STUDENTS ONLY

Students registered in 80-99% online section of AEB3341 (Section INTL only) will be required to complete the an in-person component and will apply to Exam 1. (Note: The vast majority of students are registered in the 100% online section. You will have received prior communication if you are registered for the in-person section.) Students will be required to bring their own laptop computers to complete the same exam as all other sections. The same time-limit restrictions apply for all exams. The only difference between in-person exams and online exams is that in-person exams will take place on UF Main Campus (Gainesville, FL) in a classroom-style environment with an in-person proctor. In-person exam date and time is Monday, September 23 at 1pm until 3pm EST. Only students registered in the in-person section may complete this exam in-person.

| Exam<br># | Content         | Date and Time  |
|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Exam 1    | Chapter 1-<br>4 | Monday, February 10 at 11 AM EST MCCB Room 1086 (this <u>only</u> applies to students who are registered in the in-person INTL section of this course) |

#### ZOOM

Zoom is an easy-to-use video conferencing service available to all UF students, faculty, and staff that allows for meetings of up to 100 participants.

You can find resources and help using Zoom at the <u>University of Florida's Zoom</u> (https://ufl.zoom.us/) website.



Requirements for make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found on <a href="UF">UF's Attendance Policies</a> 

(<a href="http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/">UF's Attendance-policies/</a>) website.

As this is an online class, you are responsible for observing all posted due dates and are encouraged to be self-directed and take responsibility for your learning.

#### DRESS CODE

Whether in-person or online, you should always dress appropriately for the occasion. As it applies to this course, it is expected that you will be properly dress as if you were attending classes in on campus in a classroom - usually casual dress attire unless informed otherwise. This also applies during virtual meetings (such as on Zoom, Skype, or Teams).

Improper or revealing attire will result in disciplinary action, including course grade penalties. Repeated or multiple violations of any nature is subject to dismissal from the course and assigning a final grade of zero for the course.



## **GRADING POLICY**

#### **COURSE GRADING POLICY**

The list below shows the categories of grade items and their assigned points which make up your final grade in the course. The first column shows the categories which make up your final grade. The second column shows you the point values for each item within a category and the total number of points that can be earned within the category. The third column lists the relative percentage of the grade category on an overall basis. As an brief example for this course, the best 11 out of 12 assignments within the "Assignments" category with each assignment will be worth 100 points for a total of 1100 points which accounts for about 43.65% of the overall final grade. Note that these counts take into consideration dropping 1 assignment, 1 discussion, and 1 exam (including the final exam). For more information about the grade item drops, please see the Grade Item Drops section.

The Assignments category includes 12 exercises which will allow you to practice what you learned related to the topic of module for the week. You should watch the lecture videos and complete the assigned readings prior to beginning the assignment. A rubric is provided for each assignment to help serve as a minimum guide in the completion of your assignment.

The Discussions category includes 12 activities that allow you to engage within small groups with others in the course. The groups will remain the same throughout the semester and each student is expected to submit an original post along with a reply to others in the discussion. It is important to avoid waiting until the last day to submit your first post (which delays other members in your group from posting replies)!

The Projects category includes 6 required project activities. Each project activities specifies which projects are to be completed on an individual basis or group basis. For group based projects, you

will work together with the same students as in the discussions. Projects allow you to practice your sales skills on both an individual and team environments which are common in the sales industry. Team sales require coordination and a higher degree of planning.

The Exams category will assess your sales knowledge gained over the semester. Questions in the exam will be drawn from any course content which can include material found in lecture videos and assigned chapter readings. The final exam is cumulative and is scheduled during finals week. More information about exams can be found on the Detailed Exam Information and Dates page. A couple of options for you to prepare for exams include complete chapter quizzes and exam review practices.

#### **Grading Point Values**

| Grade Category (Qty)            |  | Point Values Each (Total) | <b>\$</b> | % of Grade \$ |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Assignments (Best 11 out of 12) |  | 100 (Total: 1100)         |           | 43.65         |
| Discussions (Best 11 out of 12) |  | 20 (Total: 220)           |           | 8.73          |
| Projects (6)                    |  | 100 (Total: 600)          |           | 23.81         |
| Exams (Best 3 out of 4)         |  | 200 (Total: 600)          |           | 23.81         |

### MODULES AND TOPICS

The table below lists the weekly topics covered within each weekly module.

#### Weekly Modules and Topics

| Module 0 | Orientation   |
|----------|---|
| Module 1 | The Life, Times, and Career of the Professional Salesperson |
| Module 2 | Ethics First Then Customer Relationships                    |
| Module 3 | The Psychology of Selling: Why People Buy                   |
| Module 4 | Communication for Relationship Building: It's Not All Talk  |
| Module 5 | Sales Knowledge: Customers, Products, Technologies          |
| Module 6 | Prospecting the Lifeblood of Sales                          |
| Module 7 | Planning the Sales Call is a MUST!                          |
|          |   |

| Module 8  | Carefully Select Which Sales Presentation Method to Use |
|-----------|---|
| Module 9  | Begin Your Presentation Strategically                   |
| Module 10 | Elements of a Great Sales Presentation                  |
| Module 11 | Welcome Your Prospect's Objections                      |
| Module 12 | Closing Begins the Relationship                         |
| Module 13 | Service and Follow-Up for Customer Retention            |
| Module 14 | Time, Territory, and Self-Management: Keys to Success   |
| Module 15 | Farewell  |

## GRADING SCALE

The following grading scheme will be used in this class:

## **Grading Scale**

| Letter Grade | Grade % Range |
|--------------|---------------|
| А            | 100 to 94%    |
| A-           | < 94% to 90%  |
| B+           | < 90% to 87%  |
| В            | < 87% to 84%  |
| B-           | < 84% to 80%  |
| C+           | < 80% to 77%  |
| С            | < 77% to 74%  |
| C-           | < 74% to 70%  |
|              |               |

| Letter Grade | Grade % Range |
|--------------|---------------|
| D+           | < 70% to 67%  |
| D            | < 67% to 64%  |
| D-           | < 64% to 61%  |
| Е            | < 61% to 0%   |

Grades will be calculated based on the total possible points of all grade items combined. For additional information regarding grades and grading policies set by the University of Florida, refer to the Undergraduate Catalog under the section for Academic Regulations.

See the <u>current UF grading policies</u>  $\Rightarrow$  (<a href="https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx">https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx</a>) for more information.

#### **GRADING SCALE**

## Grading Errors

Grading errors must be brought to the attention of the teaching team (instructor and teaching assistant(s)) within ten business days of the grade item being posted on Canvas. It is quick and easy to submit a regrading request. All you need to do is to <u>submit a request via email to your teaching team specifying which grade item needs attention and a brief justification for grading review.</u> All requests to have grading reviews will open the entire assignment for a full review. Any other grading errors shall be corrected which may increase or decrease the final assignment grade. After ten business days, the opportunity for grade corrections is forfeited and the assigned grade will remain permanent. Therefore, please do not wait until the end of the semester to request a regrading request as such requests will be denied.

## Late Work

All submissions must be submitted on time according to the Canvas system clock in Eastern Time (consistent with UF main campus). Each assignment has a "Due" date, "Available from" date, and "Until" date. Some assignments may have a short available time period for a nopenalty "grace period" applicable to late submissions beyond the "Due" date. Any submission after the posted due date deadline is considered late. Late work is not accepted after the posted deadline has passed the assignment availability "Until" date. However, in the event an assignment deadline has passed and students are unable to submit their work, the grade item drop policy still applies! The grade item drop policy is explained in the following section. Submitting work early is highly encouraged! Students are responsible for any technical

difficulties or technological issues preventing successful on-time submission of classwork (including scheduled Canvas system maintenance). Be sure to submit assignments before the deadline. Contact information for the E-Learning Technical Support is provided under the Campus Resources section. If you are experiencing technical difficulties, you are expected to refer to the Gator Help Desk immediately in order to receive a timestamped email with your support ticket.

## Grade Item Drops

Special, unpreventable, or extenuating circumstances understandably arise over the course of the semester. Students are permitted to drop, for any reason, one grade item from the assignment, discussion, and exam grade categories for a total of 4 items dropped. For example, if there are 12 assignments, then only the 11 highest scores will apply to the final grade and the lowest assignment grade will be omitted. All items in the project category are required and no drops are provided.

The following are some examples of allowable use scenarios for grade item drops: bereavement, travel, technical difficulties, submissions beyond closing date, medical emergencies, family emergencies, sickness, internet outages, broken/lost electronic devices.

Students do not need to inform the teaching team in order to exercise this option. In order to take advantage of grade item drops, students simply do not submit the grade item of their choice. Once the submission window has closed, the student will receive zero points for the grade item which will later be left out of the final course grade calculation. Final grades will be calculated at the conclusion of the semester.

## Extra Credit

Extra credit may be awarded to students at the instructor's discretion. Any opportunities for extra course credit is <u>optional</u> and <u>does not negatively impact the grade of any student</u>. The student is allowed to waive the opportunity to complete any extra credit assignment, if they choose to do so, without any penalty. Assignments may extend beyond the scope of this course and rely on the student's own information gathering (such as outside research or searching for information using an internet search engine) in order to complete assignments. Extra credit assignments may require a specified level of class participation in order to be awarded. Late submission of any extra credit course activity will not be accepted and no deadline extensions will be given, unless otherwise noted in course announcement. Extra credit will not be factored into any grade calculations during the course until the conclusion of the semester. Bug Bounty: Any individual student can earn 1/2 point for being the first to document and submit a typo or error on any Canvas course page by providing: (1) a screenshot with the typo or error highlighted, (2) a link to the Canvas page, and (3) a proposed correction to clarify the typo or error found. Bug Bounty related extra credit is awarded up to a maximum of 50 points (not to

exceed maximum points possible) and is a component of the assignments grade category. Submissions should be sent via email to the teaching assistant with the instructor in the CC line.



## **UF POLICIES**

## UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the <u>Disability</u> Resource Center (https://disability.ufl.edu/) (352-392-8565) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

#### UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC CONDUCT

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge, which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code." On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The <u>Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code</u> (https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <a href="http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code">http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code</a> (<a href="http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code">http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code</a>

#### **PLAGIARISM**

"A Student must not represent as the Student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- Stealing, misquoting, insufficiently paraphrasing, or patch-writing.
- Self-plagiarism, which is the reuse of the Student's own submitted work, or the simultaneous submission of the Student's own work, without the full and clear acknowledgment and permission of the Faculty to whom it is submitted.
- Submitting materials from any source without proper attribution.
- Submitting a document, assignment, or material that, in whole or in part, is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment the Student did not author."



## NETIQUETTE AND COMMUNICATION COURTESY

It is important to recognize that the online classroom is in fact a classroom, and certain behaviors are expected when you communicate with both your peers and your instructors. These guidelines for online behavior and interaction are known as netiquette.

Security

General Guidelines

Email

Discussion Boards

Zoom

Remember that your password is the only thing protecting you from pranks or more serious harm.

- Don't share your password with anyone.
- Change your password if you think someone else might know it.
- Always log out when you are finished using the system.

#### When communicating online:

- Treat the instructor with respect, even via email or in any other online communication.
- Always use your professors' proper title: Dr. or Prof., or if you are unsure use Mr. or Ms.
- Unless specifically invited, don't refer to a professor by their first name.
- Use clear and concise language.
- Remember that all college-level communication should have correct spelling and grammar.
- Avoid slang terms such as "wassup?" and texting abbreviations such as "u" instead of "you."
- Use standard fonts such as Times New Roman and use a size 12 or 14 point font.
- Avoid using the caps lock feature AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS YELLING.
- Limit and possibly avoid the use of emoticons like:).
- Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post and your message might be taken seriously or be construed as being offensive.
- Be careful with personal information (both yours and others).
- Do not send confidential information via email.

When you send an email to your instructor, teaching assistant, or classmates:

- Use a descriptive subject line.
- Be brief.
- Avoid attachments unless you are sure your recipients can open them.
- Avoid HTML in favor of plain text.
- Sign your message with your name and return email address.
- Think before you send the email to more than one person. Does everyone really need to see your message?
- Be sure you REALLY want everyone to receive your response when you click, "Reply All."
- Be sure that the message author intended for the information to be passed along before you click the "Forward" button.

#### When posting on the discussion board in your online class:

- Check to see if anyone already asked your question and received a reply before posting to the discussion board.
- Remember your manners and say please and thank you when asking something of your classmates or instructor.
- Be open-minded.
- If you ask a question and many people respond, summarize all posts for the benefit of the class.
- · When posting:
  - Make posts that are on-topic and within the scope of the course material.
  - Be sure to read all messages in a thread before replying.
  - Be as brief as possible while still making a thorough comment.
  - Don't repeat someone else's post without adding something of your own to it.
  - Take your posts seriously. Review and edit your posts before sending.
  - Avoid short, generic replies such as, "I agree." You should include why you agree or add to the previous point.
  - If you refer to something that was said in an earlier post, quote a few key lines so readers do not have to go back and figure out which post you are referring to.
  - Always give proper credit when referencing or quoting another source.
  - If you reply to a classmate's question make sure your answer is correct, don't guess.
  - Always be respectful of others' opinions even when they differ from your own.
  - When you disagree with someone, you should express your differing opinion in a respectful, non-critical way.
  - Do not make personal or insulting remarks.
  - Do not write anything sarcastic or angry, it always backfires.
  - Do not type in ALL CAPS, if you do IT WILL LOOK LIKE YOU ARE YELLING.

#### When attending a Zoom class or meeting:

- Do not share your Zoom classroom link or password with others.
- Even though you may be alone at home, your professor and classmates can see you! While attending class in your pajamas is tempting, remember that wearing clothing is not optional. Dress appropriately.
- Your professor and classmates can also see what is behind you, so be aware of your surroundings.
- Make sure the background is not distracting or something you would not want your classmates to see.
  - When in doubt use a virtual background. If you choose to use one, you should test the background out first to make sure your device can support it.

- Your background can express your personality, but be sure to avoid using backgrounds that may contain offensive images and language.
- Mute is your friend, especially when you are in a location that can be noisy. Don't leave your microphone open if you don't have to.
- If you want to speak, you can raise your hand (click the "raise hand" button at the center bottom of your screen) and wait to be called upon.



## **GETTING HELP**

#### TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

For help with technical issues or difficulties with Canvas, please contact the UF Computing Help Desk at:

- <a href="http://helpdesk.ufl.edu">http://helpdesk.ufl.edu</a>)
- 352-392-HELP (4357)
- Walk-in: HUB 132

Any requests for make-ups (assignments, exams, etc.) due to technical issues should be accompanied by the ticket number received from the UF Computing Help Desk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You should email your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

#### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

- **U Matter, We Care**: If you or someone you know is in distress, please email umatter@ufl.edu, call 352-392-1575, or visit **U Matter We Care** ⇒ (http://umatter.ufl.edu/) to refer or report a concern, and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit the <u>UF Counseling & Wellness Center</u> ⇒ (<a href="http://counseling.ufl.edu/">http://counseling.ufl.edu/</a>) website or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services and non-crisis services.
- Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit the <u>UF Student Health Care Center</u> ⇒ (http://shcc.ufl.edu) website.
- University Police Department: Visit the <u>UF Police Department</u> ⇒ (http://police.ufl.edu/) website or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- **UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care in Gainesville, call 352-733-0111, or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; Visit the **UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center** → (http://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center) website.



## ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT

- Career Connections Center: For career assistance and counseling services, visit the <u>UF</u>
   <u>Career Connections Center</u> ⇒ (<a href="http://career.ufl.edu/">http://career.ufl.edu/</a>) website or call 352-392-1601.
- **Teaching Center**: For general study skills and tutoring, visit the <u>UF Teaching Center</u> (<a href="http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/">http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/</a>) website or call 352-392-2010.
- Writing Studio: For help with brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers, visit the
   <u>University Writing Program Writing Studio</u> ⇒ (<a href="http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/">http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/</a>) website or call 352-846-1138.



## **COURSE EVALUATIONS**

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available on the GatorEvals <a href="Providing">Providing</a>
<a href="Constructive Feedback">Constructive Feedback</a>
<a href="Providing">(https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/)</a>
<a href="Feedback">FAQ</a>
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## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Taking a course online can be a lot of fun! Here are some tips that will help you get the most of this course while taking full advantage of the online format:

- Schedule "class times" for yourself. It is important to do the coursework on time each week. You will receive a reduction in points for work that is turned in late!
- Read ALL of the material contained on this site. There is a lot of helpful information that can save you time and help you meet the objectives of the course.
- Print out the Course Summary located in the Course Syllabus and check things off as you go.
- Take full advantage of the online discussion boards. Ask for help or clarification of the material if you need it.
- Do not wait to ask questions! Waiting to ask a question might cause you to miss a due date.
- Do your work well before the due dates. Sometimes things happen. If your computer goes down when you are trying to submit an assignment, you'll need time to troubleshoot the

problem.

 To be extra safe, back up your work to an external hard drive, thumb drive, or through a cloud service.



## HONORLOCK ONLINE PROCTORING

In order to maintain a high standard of academic integrity and assure that the value of your University of Florida degree is not compromised, course exams will be proctored. Some students will take their exams online and will be proctored by Honorlock. You will take your exam electronically using the course website. You **do not** need to register for your exam. However, you will need to have installed and enabled the Google Chrome Honorlock extension prior to taking your exams. You will need a webcam, speakers, microphone, laptop or desktop computer, and a reliable internet connection to take your exams. Wireless internet is not recommended. You may also need a mirror or other reflective surface. Google Chrome is the only supported browser for taking exams in Canvas.

## **₱** BEFORE YOUR EXAM

Prior to each exam and in the same environment you plan to take the exam, review the <u>Honorlock Guidelines (https://static.honorlock.com/assets/2017/students/HonorlockGuidelines.pdf)</u> (PDF), and go to <u>Honorlock Support (https://honorlock.com/support/)</u> to run a system check. This process takes just a few minutes and is completely free. If your course offers an Honorlock Practice Quiz, it is strongly recommended that you take it to practice using Honorlock before your exams.

**Important:** If you are unable to take an exam because of a technical glitch on your end, that is your responsibility. However, if you do experience technical difficulties during the exam, Honorlock's support menu will be visible on-screen for you to contact a support agent.

## GETTING HELP

Honorlock offers 24/7/365 technical support to assist students before, during, and after exams. If you experience any trouble with Honorlock, begin a live chat on the <a href="https://honorlock.com/support/">Honorlock.com/support/</a>) page, call 844-243-2500, or email <a href="mailto:Support@Honorlock.com/support@Honorlock.com/">Support@Honorlock.com/</a>).



## PRIVACY AND ACCESSIBILITY POLICIES

For information about the privacy policies of the tools used in this course, see the links below:

- Adobe
  - Adobe Privacy Policy → (https://www.adobe.com/privacy/policy.html)
  - Adobe Accessibility → (https://www.adobe.com/accessibility.html)
- Honorlock
  - Honorlock Privacy Policy → (https://honorlock.com/student-privacy-statement/)
  - Honorlock Accessibility ⇒ (https://honorlock.com/accessibility-statement/)
- Instructure (Canvas)
  - Instructure Privacy Policy (https://www.instructure.com/policies/privacy)
  - Instructure Accessibility (https://www.instructure.com/canvas/accessibility)
- Microsoft
  - Microsoft Privacy Policy ⇒ (https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/privacystatement)
  - Microsoft Accessibility ⇒ (https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/office? activetab=pivot\_1%3aprimaryr2)
- YouTube (Google)
  - YouTube (Google) Privacy Policy → (https://policies.google.com/privacy)
  - YouTube (Google) Accessibility ⇒ (https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/189278? hl=en)
- Zoom
  - Zoom Privacy Policy ⇒ (https://zoom.us/privacy)
  - Zoom Accessibility → (https://zoom.us/accessibility)