Fall 2018 Important Dates:

- Classes start: Aug 27
- Census Day: Aug 31
- Course Drop Deadline: Oct 5
- Final Exam Due Date: Oct 12

Fall 2018 Academic Calendar

Items in each module are noted as “read,” “write,” “quiz,” “submit,” “test,” etc. to help you understand what each module will entail. You should get into the habit of logging in on Monday morning, reviewing that week’s module requirements, and creating a time table of when you will get the work done.

Note about due dates:

The due dates for most assignments are listed as Sunday 10:00pm MDT with the exception of Week 7. All items in Week 7’s module are due by Friday 10:00pm MDT. To compensate for the short turn around, you will have access to Week 7’s module a few days early.

I recognize that as an online student, you come to the virtual table with demanding outside responsibilities: work, family, volunteer, religion, etc. As a result, I have decided to not stagger due dates throughout the week (e.g., all blogs due on Tuesday, quizzes on Friday, etc.) because those staggered due dates force you to do the work on MY terms. One of the perks of being an online student is being able to do a majority of your education on YOUR terms. If you happen to have a free evening while the kids are at practice, or Wednesdays and Thursdays are your days off from work, or even that you are a night owl and like to do your homework in the middle of the night – whatever the case may be, by all means, do the work at a convenient time for you on YOUR terms. I respect your outside responsibilities and trust that you will work at a steady and progressive pace to complete each module in a timely manner.

I caution you from putting everything off to the last minute. These modules are doing the same amount of work in half the time compared to a full 16-week semester. In essence, you are doing two weeks of work in just seven days. Putting the module off until the last minute is setting yourself up for academic failure. Remember that this course will likely require 18-24 hours of your time per week, and it is unlikely that anyone can complete 18-24 hours of work in one to two days and actually produce quality work. My recommendation is that you log in early, create a plan of action that spreads out your workload throughout the week, and complete the work in a timely manner.
If the class shows clear signs of putting the work off until the last minute and/or submitting work that is of poor quality because it was sloppily thrown together at the last minute, then I will be forced to change the due dates of the remaining modules and stagger them throughout the week. Abusing the flexibility that your online UNIV 1301 course is offering you will not be tolerated.

Weekly Modules:

**Week 1**
Read: Syllabus
Quiz: Syllabus Quiz, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Popular Culture
Write: Popular Culture Journal (PCJ) #1, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Write: Blog #1, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 2, p. 33-40 only
Quiz: Borders Ch 2, p. 33-40 only, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Do: Getting to Know UTEP Exploration
Write: Blog #2, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 1
Watch: UTEP Edge (1:16)
Quiz: Borders Ch 1, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT

**Looking ahead to what’s coming next week:** Online learning; learning styles; introduction to the rhetorical appeals

**Week 2**
Write: PCJ #2, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 4, p. 84-99 only
Quiz: Borders Ch 4, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 4, p. 75-83 only
Do: What’s your Learning Style Quiz
Write: Blog #3, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 7, p. 165-171 only
Quiz: Borders Ch 7, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Rhetorical Triangle
Watch: An Introduction to Ethos, Logos, and Pathos (4:20)
Test: Rhetorical Triangle, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT

**Looking ahead to what’s coming next week:** introduction to social issues in the community; group selections; library orientation
Week #3
Write: PCJ #3, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Social Issues
Do: ProCon Exploration
Write: Blog #4, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Selecting a Social Issue
Do: Select a group / social issue
Read: Borders Ch 6, p. 154-164 only
Quiz: Borders Ch 6, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Do: Library Module, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT

Looking ahead to what’s coming next week: Group topic proposal; academic integrity

Week #4
Write: PCJ #4, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Write: Blog #5 (group topic proposal), due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 7, p. 172-176 only
Do: Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Exploration
Watch: “Academic Integrity” (5:51)
Write: Blog #6, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT

Looking ahead to what’s coming next week: Research paper; popular culture artifacts; financial literacy

Week #5  (no blog this week)
Write: PCJ #5, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Research Paper Guidelines
Read: Resources
Watch: UTEP Connect Library Resources (6:32)
Watch: University Writing Center – Online Services (2:33)
Write: Research Paper (due end of Week 6)
Write: Blog #7, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Watch: “How I learned to read – and trade stocks – in prison” (11:03)
Do: Money Matters Exploration
Read: Borders Ch 10, p. 235-249 only
Write: Blog #8, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT

Looking ahead to what’s coming next week: Academic advising; degree evaluation; GPA calculation; Research Paper due
Week 6
Write: PCJ #6, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Do: Write Research Paper
SUBMIT: Research paper (one person in the group), due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 2, p. 41-52 only
Quiz: Borders Ch 2, p. 41-52 only, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Academic Advising
Do: Degree Evaluation
SUBMIT: Degree Evaluation, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT
Do: GPA
SUBMIT: GPA, due Sunday 10:00pm MDT

Looking ahead to what’s coming next week: Career planning; reflection. Please note that all items in Week 7 are due by Friday (not Sunday!)

Week 7 (all items due by Friday October 12th)
Write: PCJ #7, due Friday 10:00pm MDT
Read: Borders Ch 9, p. 217-231 only
Quiz: Borders Ch 9, due Friday 10:00pm MDT
Do: Choices360 Assessment
Do: Choices360 Assignment
SUBMIT: Choices360 Assignment, due Friday 10:00pm MDT
Write: Blog #9, due Friday 10:00pm MDT
Do: University Career Center Exploration
Do: Job Mine Exploration
Do: Job Posting
Watch: “Why the best hire might not have the perfect résumé” (10:31)
Do: Job Posting Assignment
Submit: Job Posting Assignment, due Friday 10:00pm MDT
Write: Blog #10, due Friday 10:00pm MDT
Do: Permission to Use Student Work, due Friday 10:00pm MDT

Looking ahead to what’s coming next week: n/a