Fall 2023 Important Dates:
- Classes begin: Aug 28
- Census Day: Sept 4
- Course Drop Deadline: Nov 3
- Final Exam Due: Dec 11
- Final grades Available on Goldmine: Dec 20

Fall 2023 Academic Calendar:
Items in each module are noted as “read,” “write,” “watch, “do,” 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. It is your responsibility to keep abreast of posted due dates. Late work is not accepted in this class.

I recognize that as an online student, you come to the virtual table with demanding outside responsibilities. One of the perks of being an online student is being able to do a majority of your education 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. The only staggered due date in UNIV 1301 is your TIBR discussion post that is due by Friday 11:59pm MT. Everything else, including commenting on your peers’ posts, is due by Sunday 11:59pm MT.

I caution you from putting everything off to the last minute. These modules are doing the same amount of work as if you were attending a 3-hour course face-to-face plus completing an appropriate amount of homework duties. It is unlikely that anyone can complete that much work in one to two days and actually produce quality work. Putting the module off until the last minute is setting yourself up for academic failure.

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 offers will not be tolerated.

Weekly Modules:
This is a tentative schedule. While the course endeavors to follow it, there will sometimes be revisions to assignments and/or substitutions. For this reason, always consult course modules on Blackboard as your primary source to access updates to the schedule, links, and other course materials.

*Note that all times are listed as Mountain Time (MT), be it Mountain Daylight or Mountain Standard time, depending on the time of the year.
**Week #1: Identity**  
**Read:** Syllabus  
**Quiz:** Syllabus Quiz, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
**Do:** Get to Know Me Activity, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
**Write:** Welcome Discussion Board, due Friday 11:59pm MT  
**Write:** Comment on 2 peers’ posts, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

**Looking ahead to next week:** UTEP Edge, Never Leaving the Border Behind

**Week #2: Identity**  
**Do:** UTEP Edge Module  
**Write:** Research Activity #1, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
**Read:** Andrade Franco article  
**Write:** Franco Discussion Board, due Friday 11:59pm MT  
**Write:** Comment on 2 peers’ posts, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

**Looking ahead to next week:** This I Believe: Identity

**Week #3: Identity**  
**Read:** This I Believe (TIB) essays  
**Write:** TIB Reading Journal #1, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

**Looking ahead to next week:** TIB (*continued*…); Autoethnography

**Week #4: Identity**  
**Write:** TIB Discussion Board #1, due Friday 11:59pm MT  
**Write:** Comment on 2 peers’ posts, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
**Do:** Set up your Autoethnography (AE)’s e-book layout, cover, Title page, Chapters page, and References page  
**Write:** AE general layout + Ch 1, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

**Looking ahead to next week:** Library orientation* [*_lengthy and time-consuming tasks_]*

**Week #5: Agency*  
*Note: Library Module and Scavenger Hunt are *lengthy and time-consuming – get started early!  
**Do:** Research Activity #2: Library Module (*lengthy*), due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
**Do:** Research Activity #3: Library Scavenger Hunt (*time-consuming*), due Sunday 11:59pm MT

**Looking ahead to next week:** Academic advising; Degree evaluation; GPA calculations

**Week #6: Agency**  
**Read:** Academic Advising & Degree Evaluation and Reference Guide  
**Do:** Advising Proof, due Sunday 11:59pm MT (*wiggle room if your college or program makes you wait*)  
**Do:** Degree Evaluation, due Sunday 11:59pm MT
Read: Calculating Your GPA  
Do: GPA Quiz, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week: This I Believe: Agency; Academic integrity

Week #7: Agency  
Read: This I Believe (TIB) essays  
Write: TIB Reading Journal #2, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
Do: Academic Integrity Module  
Do: Academic Integrity Journal, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week: TIB (continued…); Autoethnography

Week #8: Agency  
*Note: October 16-20 is National Transfer Student Week! Check to see what UTEP’s doing both in-person (if you’re in the El Paso area) and virtually for its transfer students.  
Write: TIB Discussion Board #2, due Friday 11:59pm MT  
Write: Comment on 2 peers’ posts, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
Write: AE Ch 2, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week: CliftonStrengths; Graduate school

Week #9: Aspiration  
Do: CliftonStrengths – your peer leader will email you your access code. If you don’t receive it by Monday 5:00pm MT, email your peer leader  
Write: CliftonStrengths, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
Do: Grad School Exploration  
Write: Grad School Exploration Journal, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week: Choices360*; career exploration; résumé writing [*lengthy task]

Week #10: Aspiration  
*Note: Choices360 Comprehensive Planner is a lengthy assignment – get started early!  
Read: Choices360 Instructions  
Do: Choices360 Comprehensive Planner (lengthy)  
Do: Research Activity #4: Choices360, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
Read: STAR Statements / Résumé Writing  
Write: Résumé, due in Week 11

Looking ahead to next week: Résumé writing (continued…); This I Believe: Aspiration; CRAAP

Week #11: Aspiration  
Do: Résumé that uses effective STAR Statements, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
Do: Research Activity #5: CRAAP Test Applied, due Sunday 11:59pm MT  
Read: This I Believe (TIB) essays
Write: TIB Reading Journal #3, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week:  TIB (continued...); Autoethnography

**Week #12: Aspiration**
Write: TIB Discussion Board #3, due Friday 11:59pm MT
Write: Comment on 2 peers’ posts, due Sunday 11:59pm MT
Write: AE Ch 3, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week: History of UTEP

**Week #13: Belonging** (Thanksgiving Week-university closed Thurs/Fri)
Do: UTEP History Module, due Wednesday* 11:59pm MT
Watch: TBA
Write: GR Journal, due Wednesday* 11:59pm MT
*Note: you can take until Sunday to submit these assignments

Looking ahead to next week: This I Believe: Belonging; Planning for Finals Week

**Week #14: Belonging**
Read: This I Believe (TIB) essays
Write: TIB Reading Journal #4, due Sunday 11:59pm MT
Do: UTEP/ESE Event due no later than this week, due Sunday 11:59pm MT
Do: Finals Week Planning, due Sunday 11:59pm MT
Do: Permission to Use Student Work Release Form, due Sunday 11:59pm MT

Looking ahead to next week: TIB (continued...); Autoethnography

**Week #15: Belonging** (classes end on Thursday)
Write: TIB Discussion Board #4, due Thursday* 11:59pm MT
Write: Comment on 2 peers’ posts, due Thursday* 11:59pm MT
Write: AE Ch 4, due during Finals Week with completed autoethnography
*Note: you can take until Friday to submit the Discussion Board and Sunday to comment on your peers’ posts

Looking ahead to next week: Finals Week

**Week #16** (Finals Week)
Submit: Final draft of your Autoethnography with completed Chapters 1-5 and properly cited references, due Friday, December 15, 2024, by 11:59pm MT