

**UTEP      SPRING 2021**  
**HIV/AIDS & SOCIETY**  
**SOCI 3341-23642 & ANTH 4370-23643**  
**19 January – 13 May**

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**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.

**REQUIRED TEXT**

**AIDS Update 2014**

Gerald J. Stine

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Publisher: McGraw-Hill

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In the year 2000, HIV became the world's leading infectious cause of adult death (Farmer et al. 2001:4004), and in the next ten years HIV will kill more people than all the wars of the twentieth century combined. More than two decades have passed since we gained enough understanding of HIV to end its transmission, yet the global caseload skyrockets. Almost ten years have passed since highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) has made it possible to greatly improve the lives of those infected with HIV; yet access to treatment remains segregated by wealth. As the global epidemic rages on, we continue to find that our greatest enemy in combating HIV/AIDS is not knowledge or resources, but the conceptual frameworks with which we understand health and human being. We know how to prevent more cases of HIV infection, and we know how to treat AIDS; the fact that so many people continue to become infected with HIV and die from AIDS-related diseases is not a technological failure, but a social one. (Tom Boellstorff)

This course will address the social impact and the changing face of HIV/AIDS in both the US and globally. Some topics covered are AIDS: defining the disease and finding its cause, epidemiology and transmission of HIV, preventing the transmission of HIV, prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the US and other countries, prevalence of HIV/AIDS in women and children, prevalence of HIV/AIDS in young adults, and testing for HIV.

## COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. The preferred method of communication should be through email to [recallaway@utep.edu](mailto:recallaway@utep.edu) from your @miners.utep.edu account. During the week before 8pm, you should expect a response from me within three hours. After 8pm, you should expect a response by 10am the following morning. Responses may take longer during the weekend.
- Most important course information has been provided to you in this document. When necessary I will also communicate important information to you through course announcements. All information related to due dates for assignments are in the course organizer found at the end of this document. **I will not email or post announcements as reminders of due dates for course work.**
- You will be expected to interact regularly with your peers through discussion board posts.
- Times for all deadlines are 11:59pm Mountain Time, or local time for El Paso, Texas.
- I will update and/or post grades for all assignments as soon as possible after they close.
- It is very important that you are organized and pay close attention to the due dates in the course organizer. It is also imperative that you not wait until work is “due” to “do” it, since multiple assignments may share the same due date. It is also important to remember that work must be submitted **before** 11:59pm. Any submissions after the 11:59.00pm deadline will be considered late and likely will not be graded.
- **ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.**

## ONLINE “NETIQUETTE”:

- Always consider your audience. Remember that your peers and instructor will read any posts.
- Respect and courtesy must be provided to peers and the instructor at all times. No harassment or inappropriate postings will be tolerated.
- When reacting to posts, address the ideas, not the person. Post only what anyone would comfortably state in a face-to-face classroom setting.
- Blackboard is not a public internet venue; all postings to it should be considered private and confidential. Whatever is posted in these online spaces is intended for classmates and professor only. Please do not copy documents and paste them to a publicly accessible website, blog, or other space. If you wish to do so, you have the ethical obligation to first request permission from the author(s).

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(<http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=54418>)

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**SPRING 2021 IMPORTANT DATES**

|             |                                 |           |                            |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 19 Jan 21   | Classes Begin                   | 03 Feb 21 | Census Date                |
| 15 – 19 Mar | Spring Break                    | 26 Mar 21 | Cesar Chavez Holiday       |
| 01 Apr 21   | Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline | 13 May 21 | Final Assignment/Class End |

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

Your final course grade will be assigned on a 1000-point scale as follows:

925+ points = A

825 – 924 points = B

725 – 824 points = C

625 – 724 points = D

<625 points = F

**YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL RESULT FROM POINTS YOU EARN ON:****A.) Orientation Quiz****10 pts****Total 10 pts**

The quiz is found at the “Start Here” tab. The quiz consists of 10 questions. The untimed quiz may be taken as often as necessary to earn maximum points.

**B.) Reading Quiz (10)****40 pts each****Total 400 pts**

Each quiz will consist of 20 multiple-choice, true/false, and short-answer questions. You will have two (2) attempts and thirty (30) minutes to complete each quiz. **If taken, the result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.**

**C.) Discussion Board (14)****15 pts each****Total 210 pts**

A **minimum** of three (3) posts are required within each discussion board forum. Initial posts are worth up to 10 points each. You must also reply to at least two others. Each reply post is worth up to 2.5 points. Posts must demonstrate an understanding of and objective application of terms and concepts in chapter readings. Posts must also address everything required by the prompt.

**D.) Reading Responses (RRs) (7)****40 pts each****Total 280 pts**

Specific instructions are provided within the course for these papers. You are expected to reflect on and respond to the readings, discussions and course content.

**E.) AIDS UPDATE 2021****100 pts****Total 100 pts**

Specific instructions will be available under the AIDS UPDATE 2020 tab after March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Total 1000 pts**

**\*\*Your final grade is based on points earned, not a percentage\*\***

**MAKE-UP and/or LATE WORK & EXTRA CREDIT**

Late work will not be graded and make up work is not allowed.

No additional opportunities for extra credit will be offered.

Exceptions to any course policy, although unlikely, will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**COURSE ORGANIZER**

| <b>CHAPTER READINGS</b> | <b>TOPICS</b>  | <b>ASSIGNMENT &amp; DUE DATE</b><br>All due by 11:59pm |   |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
|                         | Navigating Blackboard<br>Introductions                         | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Orientation Quiz</b>             | <b>Th 21 Jan</b><br><b>F 22 Jan</b>                     |
| 33 Years                | 33+ Years of HIV/AIDS  | <b>DB posts</b>  | <b>Th 04 Feb</b>  |
| Introduction            | Overview of HIV/AIDS   | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 1</b><br><b>RR1</b>         | <b>Th 11 Feb</b><br><b>F 12 Feb</b><br><b>Su 14 Feb</b> |
| Ch 1                    | Defining the Disease<br>Finding a Cause                        | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 2</b>                       | <b>Th 18 Feb</b><br><b>F 19 Feb</b>                     |
| Ch 2                    | Origin of the AIDS Virus<br>HIV Dissidents                     | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 3</b><br><b>RR2</b>         | <b>Th 25 Feb</b><br><b>F 26 Feb</b><br><b>Su 28 Feb</b> |
|                         | Why Language Matters   | <b>DB posts</b>  | <b>Th 04 Mar</b>  |
| Ch 8                    | Epidemiology of HIV<br>Transmission of HIV                     | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 4</b><br><b>RR3</b>         | <b>Th 11 Mar</b><br><b>F 12 Mar</b><br><b>Su 14 Mar</b> |
| *****<br>*****          | *****<br>***** <b>15 – 19 March</b> *****                      | *****<br>***** <b>SPRING BREAK</b> *****               |   |
| Ch 9                    | Preventing HIV Transmission                                    | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 5</b><br><b>RR4</b>         | <b>Th 25 Mar</b><br><b>F 26 Mar</b><br><b>Su 28 Mar</b> |
| Ch 10                   | Prevalence, Cases, and Deaths in<br>the US and other Countries | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 6</b><br><b>RR5</b>         | <b>Th 01 Apr</b><br><b>F 02 Apr</b><br><b>Su 04 Apr</b> |
| Ch 11                   | Women and Children   | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 7</b>                       | <b>Th 08 Apr</b><br><b>F 09 Apr</b>                     |
| Ch 12                   | HIV/AIDS among Young Adults                                    | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 8</b><br><b>RR6</b>         | <b>Th 15 Apr</b><br><b>F 16 Apr</b><br><b>Su 18 Apr</b> |
| Ch 13                   | Testing for HIV  | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 9</b>                       | <b>Th 22 Apr</b><br><b>F 23 Apr</b>                     |
| Ch 14                   | AIDS and Society: Knowledge,<br>Attitudes and Behavior         | <b>DB posts</b><br><b>Quiz 10</b><br><b>RR7</b>        | <b>Th 29 Apr</b><br><b>F 30 Apr</b><br><b>Su 02 May</b> |
|                         | AIDS UPDATE 2020   | <b>AIDS UPDATE 2020</b>                                | <b>Su 09 May</b>  |
|                         | Course Overview  | <b>DB posts</b>  | <b>Th 13 May</b>  |

**\*\*The “DUE” date is not necessarily the same as the “DO” date.\*\***

**\*\*Plan ahead to ensure all work is submitted on time.\*\***