**Suggested Syllabus Sections**

Office of the Provost

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Syllabi provide important information to students about their courses, our expectations for members of the campus community, and the resources and support services that are available. We ask that faculty provide syllabi to students that are inclusive and accessible.

Below you will find recommended language for two sections of syllabi, accommodations and academic integrity, which are provided to faculty each year by Provost’s and Deans’ offices. Based on the recommendation of faculty on last year’s Academic Continuity Task Force and staff in Student Affairs, you will find an additional recommended section focused on health-promoting resources and online resources that were expanded during remote operation and that continue to be relevant as we are still coming through the COVID-19 pandemic.

A central focus for our campus is becoming a leading anti-racist and health promoting institution that especially welcomes immigrant-origin students. In this spirit, the recommended template language below includes collaboration with the Restorative Justice Commission and the Immigrant Student Success Initiative. In addition, the Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies offices have made it easier for faculty and students to use academic integrity case management. These have been integrated into the suggested syllabus language for faculty.

***This document is being provided in Word document format to facilitate copy-pasting the information below into syllabi.***

Accommodations

UMass Boston is committed to creating learning environments that are inclusive and accessible. If you have a personal circumstance that will impact your learning and performance in this class, please let me know as soon as possible, so we can discuss the best ways to meet your needs and the requirements of the course. If you have a documented disability, or would like guidance about navigating support services, contact the Ross Center for Disability Services by email (ross.center@umb.edu), phone (617-287-7430), or in person (Campus Center, UL Room 211). To receive accommodations, students must be registered with the Ross Center and must request accommodations each semester that they are in attendance at UMass Boston. For more information visit: [www.rosscenter.umb.edu](https://www.rosscenter.umb.edu/). Please note that the Ross Center will provide a letter for your instructor with information about your accommodation only and not about your specific disability.

Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct

Education at UMass Boston is sustained by academic integrity. Academic integrity requires that all members of the campus community are honest, trustworthy, responsible, respectful, and fair in academic work at the university. As part of being educated here, students learn, exercise, increase, and uphold academic integrity. Academic integrity is essential within all classrooms, in the many spaces where academic work is carried out by all members of the UMass Boston community, and in our local and global communities where the value of this education fulfills its role as a public good. Students are expected to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, including policies about academic integrity, delineated in the University of Massachusetts Boston Graduate Studies Bulletin, Undergraduate Catalog, and relevant program student handbook(s), linked at [www.umb.edu/academics/academic\_integrity](https://www.umb.edu/academics/academic_integrity).

Health, Wellbeing, and Success

We are still coming through the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the emerging COVID-19 variants, all members of the UMass Boston community — students, faculty, and staff — as well as contractors and visitors are required to wear face coverings in public indoor spaces on the UMass Boston campus. The requirement applies to vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals. Wearing a face covering is important for the health and safety of our community, and each of us has a responsibility to do our part. While on campus, if you notice someone without a face covering indoors, you should feel free to distance yourself to the extent possible or, if you are comfortable doing so, politely remind them of the university policy requiring face coverings for all individuals indoors. As an instructor, for classes on campus, I will remind all students about the indoor masking policy. I will ask students to leave class if they do not comply and I may also refer students to the Dean of Students. If a student refuses to wear a face covering and does not heed requests to comply with the policy, the UMass Boston Police Department may be called to assist. To safeguard your own health and safety as well as that of all students, staff, and faculty, you are reminded that vaccinations are required for all faculty, staff, and students, with limited exceptions (see [www.umb.edu/healthservices/corona\_virus\_information/coronavirus\_vaccination\_requirements](https://www.umb.edu/healthservices/corona_virus_information/coronavirus_vaccination_requirements)). Following current public health guidance from the CDC and given the protection flowing from a highly vaccinated population, enhanced HVAC and air filtration systems, and the indoor face covering mandate, we have lifted the social distancing requirement. However, if you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should not come to campus. Flexibility and support will be provided for students in such situations and are addressed in this syllabus.

UMass Boston is a vibrant, multi-cultural, and inclusive institution committed to ensuring that all members of our diverse campus community are able to thrive and succeed. The university provides a wide variety of resources to support students’ overall success. As we continue to deal with the evolving impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, these resources are more important than ever.

* Are you in emotional distress? Call 617.287.5690 to speak with a licensed clinician 24/7 who can offer support, crisis recommendations, and assistance with finding resources.
* Have a campus question or issue? Use Here4U in the UMass Boston app or via [www.umb.edu/here4U](http://www.umb.edu/here4U).
* Want advice in navigating a university or life situation? Contact the Dean of Students Office at [www.umb.edu/deanofstudents](https://www.umb.edu/deanofstudents).
* Want to connect with housing and food insecurity support, student life groups and events, or recreation activities? Visit [www.umb.edu/life](https://www.umb.edu/life).
* Want to access resources specifically for immigrant-origin, DACA, TPS, and undocumented students? Visit [www.umb.edu/immigrant](https://www.umb.edu/immigrant).
* Looking for additional identity-based community support? Find more resources at [www.umb.edu/identity-support](https://www.umb.edu/identity-support)
* Want to make the most of your academic experience? Visit [www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic\_support](https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support).
* Unable to attend class on a specific date or participate in an exam or class requirement due to a religious observance? Fill out the excused absence form (requires 2-weeks’ notice) to request religious accommodation at [www.umb.edu/religiousabsence](https://www.umb.edu/religiousabsence).