

Components of a well designed syllabus or course outline

Although formats may vary among disciplines, there are several components to a course syllabus or course outline that can make it more informative, useful, and engaging.

This checklist follows the criteria and recommendations listed on the <u>Components of a well</u> <u>designed syllabus or course outline</u> webpage. Please also refer to your Faculty/department for templates or other applicable statements to include. To support the student learning experience, these components reflect <u>Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</u>.

Overall structure and organization



positive & inviting tone



active voice



well organized and easy to navigate



accessible and readible



visually appealing



clearly communicates how to succeed



General information

- Course name, department, course number, section
- Key dates and times
- Class location(s)
- · Office hours & location
- Your contact information
- · Territorial acknowledgement
- Course prerequisites
- Your biography and teaching statement
- Learning technologies used (i.e. Brightspace, Zoom etc.)
- Required readings/ additional resources
- Feedback opportunities (i.e. early, midterm, CES)



Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

- Clearly articulated 2
- Includes action verbs
- Shows clear expectations of course



Assessment

- Clearly articulated
- Aligned with ILOs
- Effectively spaced and sequenced
- Well-described (summative and formative)
- Have sufficient practice opportunities
- · Grading information and scale
- Rubrics for assignments
- Study guides and other learning aids



Policies & statements

- See <u>website</u> for updated list of University policies and statements



Instructional strategies

- · Course schedule with learning outcomes
- · Major topics, questions and dates
- Aligned with assessment and ILOs
- Derived from <u>evidence-based practices</u> @
- Learning activities provide formative feedback

= additional resources available online







