



**Textbook:**

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**Technology Requirements:**

You will need reliable, high-speed Internet and access to a computer. We will regularly be using two online components for this course.

1. The first is our Blackboard course website (<https://blackboard.utdl.edu>). Course materials will be posted on Blackboard. Course announcements and student grades will be posted to this site as well.
2. The second online component is Top Hat ([www.tophat.com](http://www.tophat.com)). We will be using the Top Hat classroom response system in class for attendance and participation. **We will begin using Top Hat on our second class. (01/27/2020).** You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text message. You can visit the Top Hat Overview (<https://success.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide>) within the Top Hat Success Center which outlines how you will register for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system.

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visiting our course website: <https://app.tophat.com/e/051845>

Note: our Course Join Code is 051845. Please **use your UT email address** when registering for Top Hat.

Top Hat will require a paid subscription, and a full breakdown of all subscription options available can be found here: [www.tophat.com/pricing](http://www.tophat.com/pricing).

Should you require assistance with Top Hat at any time, due to the fact that they require specific user information to troubleshoot these issues, please contact their Support Team directly by way of email ([support@tophat.com](mailto:support@tophat.com)), the in app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491.

**Communication with the Instructor**

1. **Technology use in class.** Cell phones, laptops, and other electronics should only be used for participating in Top Hat attendance/questions, and note taking. Cell phones should be on vibrate or silent during class time. If you receive an emergency call, please leave the room quietly to take the phone call. Inappropriate electronics activity includes (but is not limited to): texting, Facebook, shopping, emailing, listening to music, watching videos, etc. Students who engage in excessive inappropriate electronic activities will be asked to leave class and will not receive attendance points for WKDW GD\¶V OHFWXUH
2. **Eating in class.** Eating in class is fine with me as long as it does not create a major distraction. If your food is distracting me or other students, I will ask you to please put it away. Note: if you bring a drink to class, be careful not to place it somewhere where it may be knocked over on to the floor or other students.
3. **Sleeping in class.** Sleeping in class is not tolerated. Students who are sleeping in class will be asked to leave and ZLOO QRW UHFHLYH DWWHQG DQFH SRLQWV IRU WKDW
4. **Talking during lectures.** During lectures, side conversations between students will not be tolerated. These conversations are highly distracting for both the instructor and other students. Students talking during lectures will be asked to refrain from talking until class is over. If this behavior continues, those VWXGHQWV ZLOO EH DVNHG OHDYH FODVV DQG ZLOO QRW U
5. **Miscellaneous.** The following are various policies will also be enforced throughout this course.
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Be respectful of other students in the class.  
 Do not take pictures of me/the slides unless I give you explicit permission.  
 Do not record (audio or video) my lectures.  
 If you need to leave class, please do so quietly and discretely.

### Course Requirements

Students will be graded on the following assignments:

- Attendance & Participation
- Exams

### **Attendance & Participation (35 points)**

Attendance and participation are a required part of this class, and will count toward your final grade. Attendance and participation will be graded through Top Hat. You must have Top Hat in order to receive these points. Each day you come to class I will take attendance via a code you enter on Top Hat using your phone, tablet, or computer. You will earn one point for each class you attend. I will also pose questions throughout the lecture to help gauge your understanding and/or thoughts. Some of these questions will be worth an additional 1 point and will contribute to your attendance and participation points. Your attendance and participation grade will be calculated by adding the total number of points earned on in class questions, and one point for each attended class. These points will be added onto your final grade.

*Mental Health Days:* 6RPHWLPHV WKLQJV FRPH XS RU \RX QHHG WR V  
 arranged the course so I will provide opportunities to earn more than the maximum 35 points worth of attendance and participation. So, that means if you need to take a day or two to miss class and take care of yourself you should do that without having to worry too much about your attendance grade. **You can feel free to take a mental health day at your own discretion, no need to email me beforehand to let me know ssing class or tell me a reason.**

*Class cancellations:* Although it is unlikely that a lecture will be cancelled it is always a possibility. If something does happen where I need to cancel class, I will send an email to your UT Rockets email address.



<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Activity</b>	<b>Readings</b>
		<b>Unit One</b>	

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