UCO MISSION
The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) exists to help students learn by providing transformative education experiences to students so that they may become productive, creative, ethical and engaged citizens and leaders serving our global community. UCO contributes to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social advancement of the communities and individuals it serves.

UCO VISION
The University of Central Oklahoma, as Oklahoma’s metropolitan university committed to helping students learn, embraces its role as a collaborative partner and leader to meet the educational, business and community aspirations of the Greater Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area. Our dynamic metropolitan region shapes the university even as the university contributes to the cultural, social, economic, and intellectual life of the region to realize our shared future. Metropolitan engagement informs every dimension of the university’s activities in cultivating learning, discovery of new knowledge, and encouraging shared leadership to the extent that this synergy will inspire others to recognize UCO as one of the nation’s leading metropolitan universities.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT
Each student is expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY
Academic dishonesty includes plagiarizing, cheating, turning in counterfeit papers, stealing academic materials, knowingly falsifying academic documents, accessing confidential academic records without authorization, disclosing confidential academic information without authorization, and turning in the same work to more than one class without the expressed permission of the instructors involved.

Any student deemed to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action up to and/or including expulsion from the University. To help ensure academic integrity, faculty may employ a variety of tools, including, but not limited to, university-sanctioned Turnitin.com. More information concerning this policy can be found on page four of the UCO Student Code of Conduct located at: https://www.uco.edu/student-affairs/conduct/forms-and-publications/index.asp.

UCONNECT STATEMENT
The University of Central Oklahoma News and Networking Educational Communication Tool (UCONNECT) is a secure web site providing UCO student, faculty, and administrative staff with up-to-the minute campus communications, single log-on connections to check grades, check schedules, add or drop classes, and access online course information. In a nutshell, UCONNECT is UCO’s campus portal. As the official communication tool of the university, students are expected to access their UCONNECT accounts regularly to remain current of campus information and activities and to receive e-mail communication from faculty and administrative offices. In conjunction with UCONNECT, UCO provides Lear@UCO, a learning management system (LMS) for academic use. Lear@UCO can be accessed through UCONNECT and will be used for many course-related functions, including but not limited to, course communications, lecture material, turnitin.com assignments, group discussions, course assessments, and assignment submission. Lear@UCO use is at the discretion of each faculty member. Contact the Service Desk at support@uco.edu or (405)-974-2255 for additional information.

ADA STATEMENT REGARDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:
"The University of Central Oklahoma complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students with disabilities who need special accommodations must make their requests by contacting Disability Support Services, at (405) 974-2516 (V/TTY). The DSS Office is located in the Nigh University Center, Room 305. Students should also notify the instructor of special accommodation needs as soon as possible. Per Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”), pregnant and parenting students may request adjustments by contacting the Title IX Coordinator, at (405) 974-3377 or TitleIX@uco.edu. The Title IX Office is located in the Lillard Administration Building, Room 114D.

INCOMPLETE GRADE
The grade “I” may only be given for work not completed because of circumstances beyond the student’s control and in which further class attendance is not required. The student must have satisfactorily completed a substantial portion of the required course work for the semester. An “I” may only be changed to a letter grade by the instructor when work has been successfully completed outside the classroom and no longer than one year after the “I” was assigned as determined by the instructor. An “I” is not given simply because a student wants extra time to complete assignments or wants to earn a higher grade. A formal written agreement must be signed by the instructor and the student and filed in the department/office, clearly identifying what work is to be completed and the timeline within which the work is to be completed.

WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CLASSES
When withdrawing from the first day of the term forward, obtain a Withdrawal Form from the Center for Undergraduate Academic Advisement, obtain the required signature approvals from Financial Aid (even if you are not receiving financial aid) and the Bursar’s office. Then take the form to Enrollment Services (Registration). You are not withdrawn until you receive a new printout from Enrollment Services (Registration) that shows the withdrawal has been processed. Do not leave the withdrawal form in any other office. Withdrawal prior to the first day of the term can be done on the web or at the Enrollment Services office. International Students with an F-1 and/or J-1 student visa status must also check with the International Office before attempting to withdraw.

WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CLASSES –FEDERAL AID RECIPIENTS
All federal aid recipients who completely withdraw from school prior to completing at least sixty percent of the semester will have to repay some portion of the federal funds received. UCO will determine the unearned portion of the funds received. This refund policy may require the student and/or the university, on behalf of the student, to immediately pay funds disbursed for the purpose of paying educational cost. The student will be held responsible for any funds the university is required to return on the student’s behalf to the federal program. Payment arrangements will be made through the Bursar’s Office only.

EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL CLASS DROP OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL
A student unable to complete a drop or withdrawal by the published deadlines may submit a written petition (with supporting documentation) to Office of Undergraduate Admissions, room 124 in the Nigh University Center, for an exception. Permission may be granted if proper evidence exists to show that the drop or withdrawal could not be completed during the required time and the instructor confirms the absence. Poor academic performance will not be a consideration. Regardless of the circumstances, withdrawals after the deadline will be reflected on the student’s transcript as “W” if passing or “F” if failing. Drop and withdrawal deadlines are determined by the length of the individual class (generally, II/16th of the length of the class). Deadlines for irregular classes meeting less than the full semester are proportional.

IMPORTANT DATES
Information regarding dates and deadlines see: https://www.uco.edu/admissions-aid/enrollment-services/dates-and-deadlines
Expectation of Work

It is expected that a full-time college student will spend at a minimum an amount of time each week in class attendance and study out of class approaching a 40 hour week. A person employed on a full-time basis should not simultaneously expect to maintain a full-time academic schedule. (OSRHE 3.13.1)

Weather Related Information

Students, faculty, and staff may call the UCO Closing Line at (405) 974-2002 or check the UCO Home Page at www.uco.edu. You may also check with local media. Classes that are scheduled to begin when the campus is closed are canceled. Any activity (classes, meetings, events, etc.) that is going on at the time of University closure will terminate at that time. When daytime classes are canceled or a late starting time is announced, local media are called by 6:30 a.m. If evening classes are canceled, calls to the media are made beginning at 4:00 p.m., in time for the 5 o'clock news.

Emergencies During Finals Statement

If a university emergency occurs that prevents the administration of a final examination, the student’s final course grade will be calculated based on the work in the course completed to that point in time. Final exams will not be rescheduled, and a grade of “I” will not be given as a result of the canceled exam.

Final Exam Daily Limits

A student is not required to take more than two final examinations on the same day. When three or more final examinations are scheduled on the same day, as listed in the official examination schedule, rescheduling of the excess examinations will start with the lowest course (not CRN) number(s). Online courses are excluded.

To reschedule a final examination:
1. the student must petition the appropriate dean(s) using the Petition for Rescheduling Final Exams form which is available from any dean’s office or online at:
3. the petition must be made no later than five calendar days prior to the beginning of exam week for the semester or term in question;
4. the approval will be delivered to the faculty member by the student;
5. dean(s) will send a copy of approved form to AVP/Student Affairs, (Box 151);
6. the faculty member shall reschedule, with the student, a day and time agreeable to both;
7. the exam must be administered only during the official final examination week;
8. the new exam date must not interfere with the timely submission of grades for the entire class.

How To Contact A Faculty Member

If you have questions regarding your class, speak with your instructor. Faculty include their office hours and/or phone number in the class syllabus.

Class Attendance is Important

Talk with your instructor about any absences. SOME DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSORS HAVE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE POLICIES so your grade may be affected by your absence. Check your course syllabus or ask your instructor for this information.

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MAP OF EMERGENCY SHELTERS ON CAMPUS:

UCO COPYRIGHT POLICY:
Copyright law information is provided to you per the TEACH Act through the following websites:
- UCO Office of Information Technology web page on Copyright Law
  http://www.uco.edu/technology/student/copyright-law.asp.
- UCO directs students to Legal Downloads
  http://www.uco.edu/technology/catalog/downloads.asp.
- UCO Policy for use of Copyrighted Materials
  http://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/faculty-staff/policy-for-copyrighted-materials.asp

Have a successful semester!

The University of Central Oklahoma Student Information Sheet and Syllabus Attachment has been developed through a cooperative effort between the Faculty Handbook Editorial Board and the Office of Academic Affairs.