



HC 400:01W Honors Colloquium Summer 2022

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COURSE INFORMATION

Texts and Other Necessities:

No books required

Course Description and Student Learning Outcomes:

The Honors colloquium provides honors students the opportunity to listen to speakers discuss timely local, regional, and world issues. The overall goals are to provide opportunities to be motivated by others' enthusiasm for their field, to be exposed to new ideas, and to share time with other intellectually curious individuals.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional Methods, Activities, and Assessments

A. Attendance

There is no attendance requirement in the traditional sense as we will not be meeting for class. Your task is to locate 8 speakers, attend those speaking events, and provide evidence of attendance at those events (e.g., photo of program, selfie at the event, etc.). You can attend some of the events virtually, but they must be lived – no recorded events (e.g., TedX Talks) as the hope is you'll have the opportunity to hear audience reactions and potentially interact with other attendees. I will put some links in the D2L portal for these events, but please don't view that as a complete list of opportunities. If in doubt about whether an event 'counts,' just reach out to me.

B. Reaction Papers:

To gain credit for HC 400, students are required to write reaction papers on three presentations. A proper reaction paper will contain an intellectual reflection on what took place during the talk that you attended. That reflection in writing should go beyond being merely a series of notes you take and write up.

The paper may cover some of the following points:

- What was said that you agreed with?
- Or disagreed with?
- Can you connect an aspect of what you learned from the colloquium session to another event you have read about or heard about or observed or even experienced in your own life?
- What interested you the most?
- Least?
- What would you have done or said differently?

Obviously, you do not have to answer all of the above questions. Nor do you have to respond to any one of them. What your paper should show is your mind at work—much like a book critic or movie critic does when she or he writes a review. Length? I'd say two typed, double-spaced pages (around 500 words).

Please submit your papers through the D2L portal.

C. Letter to Freshman Assignment

Each colloquium speaker will highlight their own individual expertise and often draw upon life lessons that may be applicable to your own experiences. As you near the end of your college career, you have grown and developed an acumen for success. Pen a letter to an incoming freshman in the class of 2022. What lessons have you learned during your time in the Honors College? at TAMU-C? in life? What advice would you give a brand new college freshman so they can maximize their college experience?

Please submit your paper through the D2L portal.

D. Grading Scale

Your grade in the course will be calculated as follows:

Attendance	30% (this will be a 30 or a zero if fewer than 8 talks)
Letter to freshman	30%
<u>Reaction Papers</u>	<u>40% (2x20%)</u>
	100%

Final grades are based on the total number of points earned during the term in accordance with the following levels of proficiency:

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 65-69
- F = below 65

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS, ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

LMS (Learning Management System)

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you cannot see me during office hours, please send an email so that I can make an appointment with you. I am happy to see students at any time as long as I do not have a prior commitment.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Classroom Decorum

This class is designed to be an open forum for student comments, questions, and discussions. The speakers and your classmates may help you broaden your knowledge and perceptions, so please give them the respect they deserve. All students enrolled in the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See the Student Handbook.)

COVID-19 Information

“Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.”

ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/CampusLife/CampusServices/StudentDisabilityServices/default.aspx>

Statement on Nondiscrimination:

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Statement on Student Conduct

“All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.” (See Student’s Guide

Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct). **Turn off all cell phones. Texting during class is forbidden.**

Further, students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Statement on Campus Concealed Carry

Texas Senate Bill – 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Statement on Attendance:

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage. <http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Statement on the Counseling Center:

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel