



FDSC 1329.01W Principles of Food Science

Course Syllabus: Fall 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Preferred Form of Communication: **email**.

FDSC 1329 is an online course; therefore, expect most communication to be online as well. All emails must include “FDSC 1329” in the subject line and include your full name and campus-wide ID number. I will only correspond with students via official university email (your myLeo email) and will issue all course announcements in D2L. If you wish to make an office appointment, email me to schedule.

COURSE INFORMATION

Meets: 08/20/2026- 12/11/2026

Location: Online

Textbook(s) Required: **NONE**

There is no textbook for this course. However, there are many online resources in print format (mostly PDF) that students are expected to retrieve and read prior to the related online discussions or assignments. Saving and/or printing these documents are advised.

Software Required: Microsoft Office Suite (Word and PowerPoint) and Zoom access.

Supplemental Materials:

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Links and files for supplemental materials will be provided in D2L throughout the semester.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will become familiar with food science, safety, processing nutrition, labeling, etc. through online discussions, assignments, multimedia links, labs, and experiential activities.
2. Students will be able to clearly communicate their understanding of relevant food science concepts with others.
3. Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, and problem solve circumstances involving food science through assignments and activities.
4. Students will take a role in their own education regarding food science by following the online design/activities of this course.

This course is divided into 15 modules of instruction outlined for completion of one module per week in D2L, the university's online course management system. Each module will have an overview and hyperlinks to print and media resources for review and two to three discussion questions oriented to these resources. Additionally, there are written assignments designed for the student to demonstrate understanding and ability to synthesize the information presented as well as apply course concepts to various projects. Details and directions for these assignments will be presented in D2L.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Technical Skills Needed: Students will need reliable computer and Internet access. Students must be able to effectively use myLeo email, D2L, and Microsoft Office Suite (Word and PowerPoint). Students will also need to effectively utilize Zoom (or a similar video platform) for recording and posting of some assignments.

Instructional Methods: This is an online course. Students are required to view all information and materials in D2L. All assignments will be listed and provided in D2L. Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course: To be successful in this course, all content and course modules should be read and reviewed. All assignments

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should be completed. Students must actively participate in the course.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

The following activities and assignments will be used in grade determination. **The professor reserves the right to modify course content, assignments, or grading policy at any time during the semester.**

Weekly online discussions (15 @ 20)	300
Assignments (7 @ 100)	700
Total Possible Points	1000

Final Grade = Points Earned = _____ A= .90 or higher B=.80-.89 C=.70-.79 D=.60-.69 F=.59 or lower.

The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus during the semester, if needed. The instructor also reserves the right to extend credit for alternative assignments, projects, or presentations.

Syllabus Addendum for Dr. Bob Williams, for the Fall Semester

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

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

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool:

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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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@etamu.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>

INTERACTION WITH INSTRUCTOR STATEMENT

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

SYLLABUS CHANGE POLICY

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress,

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may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU ATTENDANCE

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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 Student Academic Dishonesty Form

<13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

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Students with Disabilities-- 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 Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

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

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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 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus <https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

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.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

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.etamu.edu/counsel

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. you for guidance and support whenever you need it.

<https://www.etamu.edu/telus/>

AI use policy [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor

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of the course. Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed. In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content