

Dear Faculty Members,

I hope you have had a wonderful and productive summer interim.

With the start of the semester nearly here, we know many faculty are likely busy finalizing **Fall 2017** syllabi for distribution to students. Please click here to find a resource guide for faculty in constructing their syllabi. Faculty doing so for the first time should review the entirety of the document, while continuing faculty are recommended to note the Fall 2017 Highlights below, which call attention to new items relevant to all faculty.

Guidance vs. Sample Text:

Note that the first part of the policy statement in italics is for faculty consideration only, and then the second part in regular type is for inclusion in syllabi directly. Feel free to adjust the suggested text to fit your personal style, but the Undergraduate Division recommends all of the following information be considered and incorporated into your syllabi. This information can be located on the faculty dashboard: <http://www.saic.edu/faculty/>.

Fall 2017 Highlights:

- **New Attendance Reporting Required:** Please make note of new instructions regarding reporting student attendance during the first two weeks of class. ***After the Add/Drop deadline, all faculty will receive an emailed report they must complete to notify SAIC of any students enrolled in their course (on the roster) but who have not attended.*** Federal financial aid regulations require SAIC to verify student attendance in courses in order to distribute federal financial aid. See below for more info.
- **Your Extra Credit Policy:** We recommend faculty consider whether to offer extra credit option(s) as a part of their course and to include an affirmative or negative statement in their syllabus so students can proactively consider this policy. We have included sample statements that you may wish to adapt. If you choose to offer extra credit option(s) please be very clear about how the extra credit will be weighted in calculating the student's overall grade earned for the course.
- **Your Audit Policy:** We have developed a sample "audit policy" statement faculty may want to include in their syllabus if they frequently receive requests from students to audit a course.
- **Visiting Artist Program Info:** In an effort to increase community participation with SAIC's flagship Visiting Artist Program(VAP), all faculty are strongly encouraged to incorporate at least one VAP talk into their curriculum and share the semester's lecture schedule as a part of their syllabus. The Fall 2017 VAP schedule is included at the end of this document for your reference.

When your syllabus is completed, please submit a copy of your syllabus to the administrative director of the department that corresponds to the class you are teaching.

Should you have any questions, please contact my assistant Nia Easley at neasley@saic.edu.

Have a great start to the semester!

Warm regards,
Tiffany Holmes PhD
Dean of Undergraduate Studies

SECTION 1: CONTENT AREAS FOR FACULTY CONSIDERATION

1. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING

- *INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF GRADE: Clearly indicate your expectations of the student to successfully complete the course and achieve a grade of CREDIT. In writing, please explain each requirement and method of evaluation. Please indicate whether you will convey individual grades of credit or no credit for specific assignments. Students need to understand what is expected of them to receive a grade of CREDIT in your course.*
- *LEARNING GOALS: Include course objectives or learning goals as part of your term syllabus. Consider what you want the student to learn in the class and what evidence you plan to evaluate to determine whether the student achieved your course goals. The following may weigh into your criteria: class preparation and attendance, class participation, and/or successful completion of all assignments. If you think a student's progress is faltering due to attendance, performance, or other reasons please utilize the course progress reports detailed below.*

2. COURSE PROGRESS REPORTS (CPRs)

- *CPRs allow instructors to alert both a student and the Office of Student Affairs/Academic Advising that their progress in the course may be compromised due to attendance, performance, or other reasons. Instructors should submit CPRs online using SAIC Self-Service accessed through the [Faculty Dashboard](#) under QUICKLINKS.*
- *Click [here](#) for instructions on how to use CPRs or go to:*

<http://www.saic.edu/media/saic/pdfs/lifesaic/academicadvising/Submitting-a-CPR-Spring-2014.pdf>.

These instructions can also be found on the [saic.edu](http://www.saic.edu) site by going to the Faculty Dashboard, under Resources, click Academic Advising" and from there navigate to Resources for Faculty.

- Faculty may submit a CPR at any time in a semester and as often as necessary. CPRs are an important tool for academic advisors, who review them weekly, to identify and provide outreach and advising to students who are demonstrating unsatisfactory academic progress or behavior which interferes with their ability to be successful in class.
- If you have any questions about issuing CPRs you can contact Student Affairs Coordinator Alexa Kus: akus@saic.edu.

3. CONCERN FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING

If there is any student about whom you are particularly worried, please contact Office of Student Affairs/Academic Advising directly at 312.629.6800 to consult with the student's advisor or another staff member (when you call you will be connected to the best person to assist you). In the case of an emergency regarding a student, please contact Campus Security at 312.899.5093 for immediate assistance.

4. COURSE ATTENDANCE POLICIES

- Your requirements for student attendance should be clearly stated on your syllabus and presented at the beginning of each semester. The Undergraduate Division strongly recommends that faculty members keep accurate attendance records and call for attendance at all classes.
- Ultimately, it is at the faculty member's discretion whether to adhere to or modify the institutional recommendations that follow below. However, in all cases, the attendance policy should be clearly stated on the syllabus for each course. Our Learning Management System, Canvas, has a great tool to track and record attendance at each class meeting.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE REPORTING

- It is essential that faculty notify SAIC of enrolled students who do not attend the first few weeks of class. This is due to federal financial aid attendance requirements which state that students who are recipients of federal aid must have begun attendance in classes for which they are to

receive aid, and SAIC is required to verify they have begun attendance.

- *Beginning Fall 2017, SAIC will send a report to faculty via email to make it as easy as possible for them to provide the needed attendance information. This report will be sent to all faculty for all courses they are teaching shortly after the Add/Drop period ends.*
- *Once you receive the email report request, consult an official class roster of students enrolled in your class, and compare these to your own attendance records. If a student enrolled in your class (on official class roster) has not class at all during the Add/Drop period, you should indicate this as instructed on the emailed report.*

Note: If a student has not been physically present for class during Add/Drop but has been in contact with you to state that they do plan on continuing in the class, you should mark them as “not attended” for these purposes. In addition to communicating back to the student, you may wish to also submit a CPR to reflect their multiple absences and their standing in the class as a result.

5. AUDIT POLICY

- *SAIC strongly discourages faculty from permitting students to enroll in their course on a non-credit (audit) basis as auditing students do not receive any credit for the time and effort they expend towards their degree. Students themselves are not permitted to enroll as auditors in a course, but faculty can authorize this by contacting the Registrar’s Office. Continuing Studies students are not permitted to take any degree-program courses as auditors under any circumstances.*
- *Many students request the option to audit a full course as they perceive this may be easier for a faculty to do than allowing an additional student to enroll for credit into the class. Given SAIC’s tendency towards small class-sizes, hands-on learning and one-on-one instructor contact, there is little or no difference between the impact of an auditing student or a for-credit student.*
- *If you have questions about whether or not it is appropriate to approve a student’s request to contact your course, please feel free to contact your Department Chair or the Academic Dean’s office for consultation.
Note: Official auditing is separate from “sitting in” on class, i.e. unofficial auditing i.e. participating in class/class activities without being enrolled/appearing on the class roster at all. Unofficial auditing is prohibited and faculty should not allow any individual not enrolled in the*

class in some way to participate in class activities.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- *On the first day of class, invite students who may have statements from the Disability and Learning Resource Center (DLRC) to submit them to you directly for evaluation and/or private discussion with the student. All faculty members are required to keep a written record of the letter as well as a written document indicating how accommodations were provided.*
- *Contact the DLRC directly (dlrc@saic.edu or 312.499.4278) for any questions related to individual accommodation letters and/or requests.*

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DLRC/ACCOMMODATIONS

Providing accommodations to students with disabilities is a shared responsibility with each member of the SAIC community playing a role. The following delineates some basic responsibilities for faculty and DLRC staff.

Faculty Role

In order to best support students with disabilities, we encourage faculty to:

- *Document the date of receipt for all accommodation letters as soon as they are received.*
- *Notify all students that accommodations may be available to them and offer students DLRC contact information and be sure to include the DLRC's recommended Syllabus Statement in all course syllabi.*

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

SAIC is committed to full compliance with all laws regarding equal opportunities for students with disabilities. Students with known or suspected disabilities, such as a Reading/Writing Disorder, ADD/ADHD, and/or a mental health condition who think they would benefit from assistance or accommodations should first contact the Disability and Learning Resource Center (DLRC) to schedule an appointment. DLRC staff will review your disability documentation and work with you to determine reasonable accommodations. They will then provide you with a letter outlining the approved accommodations for you to deliver to your instructors. This letter must be presented before any accommodations will be implemented. You should contact the DLRC as early in the semester as possible. The DLRC is located within the Wellness Center on the 13th floor of 116 S Michigan Ave. and can be reached via phone at 312.499.4278 or email at dlrc@saic.edu.

Provide and/or allow approved accommodations outlined in the letter from DLRC; if accommodations conflict with essential course requirements, or if there are questions or concerns about approved accommodations, faculty should notify the

DLRC immediately to discuss reasonable alternatives. Further, if the student fails to give their instructors a copy of their accommodation letter, instructors are not obligated to provide accommodations and should refer the student to the DLRC. Be sure to remember to:

- *Document the date of receipt for all accommodation letters as soon as they are received.*
- *When allowing flexibility with deadlines and/or attendance, document in writing specific alternative deadlines and/or attendance allowances.*
- *Accommodations are never retroactive.*
- *Remember that it is always the student's choice whether to disclose his or her specific disability or diagnosis to instructors.*
- *Refer to DLRC any student who reports a disability or requests an accommodation or modification—include this information on your syllabus.*

**Visit the DLRC [Resources for Faculty](#) page for more information.*

DLRC Role

The DLRC is committed to:

- *Providing disability accommodations, guidance, and academic support to individual students with disabilities in keeping with all course requirements and program standards.*
- *Determining eligibility for reasonable accommodations by conducting a thorough review of the information provided by students and the documentation received from treatment providers.*
- *Providing students/faculty with a letter that lists and describes the approved accommodations.*
- *Collaborating with faculty and staff on disability concerns, especially as they relate to academic performance and fulfilling requirements.*
- *Offering relevant programming to the entire SAIC community on topics relating to learning, disability, and art.*
- *Offering guidance and recommendations on the most current and effective adaptive technology resources.*

SECTION 2: SAMPLE TEXT RESOURCES FOR INCORPORATION

Student Attendance Info for Syllabi:

Attendance:

SAIC policy states that students are expected to attend all classes regularly and on time.

Students should miss class only with reasonable cause. If a student needs to

miss class with reasonable cause, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor to receive instruction for how to make up for the missed class. It is the instructor's responsibility to give this information to the student as his/her/their schedule permits. Missing class for other than a reasonable cause may jeopardize the student's academic standing in the class.

SAIC's recommended institutional policy is as follows: If a student misses MORE than three classes, whether or not for a reasonable cause, the student will fail the class, **if** the student does not withdraw from the class prior to the deadline for withdrawal with a grade of "W." Deadline for withdrawal: **Fall 2017 semester: Tuesday, October 31, 2017.**

Reasonable cause to miss a class might include:

- Illness or hospitalization (the student should also contact Health Services or their academic advisor, who will relay information to the faculty in whose class the student is enrolled)
- Family illness or death (the student should also contact their academic advisor, who can relay information to all faculty)
- Observation of a religious holiday (students are expected to notify their instructors in advance to discuss reasonable accommodations for holidays they might observe).

Academic Misconduct Info for Syllabi:

Academic Misconduct:

From the SAIC Student Handbook:

"Academic misconduct includes both plagiarism and cheating, and may consist of: the submission of the work of another as one's own; unauthorized assistance on a test or assignment; submission of the same work for more than one class without the knowledge and consent of all instructors; or the failure to properly cite texts or ideas from other sources. Academic misconduct extends to all spaces on campus, including satellite locations and online education.

Academic integrity is expected in all coursework, including online learning. It is assumed that the person receiving the credit for the course is the person completing the work. SAIC has processes in place that protect student privacy and uses LDAP authentication to verify student identity."

Specific procedures for faculty to follow in the case of academic misconduct are detailed in the Student Handbook.

Additional resources for students:

- Read "Plagiarism: How to Recognize It and Avoid It: a short guide prepared by the Faculty Senate Student Life Subcommittee in 2004.
- Read the Flaxman Library's quick guide titled "AVOID PLAGIARISM."

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Writing Center Information for Syllabi:

Writing Center

Lakeview Building, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 10th Floor

writingcenter@saic.edu

312.499.4138

<http://www.saic.edu/academics/academicresources/writingcenter/>

Appointments

Schedule in advance: <https://www.supersaas.com/schedule/saic/WritingCenter>

Short-notice: Call 312.499.4138 to see if there are any openings

Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Walk-in hours: Monday – Thursday: 4:15–7:15 PM

Auditing (Non-Credit Enrollment) Policy Sample Statement for Syllabi:

All students participating in this course must be enrolled as credit-seeking students. Given the nature of the course, requests to enroll in the course as a non-credit (audit) student will not be approved.

Participation in class activities by non-enrolled students is prohibited without advance, specific consent from the instructor.

Extra Credit Policy Sample Statements for Syllabi:

(AFFIRMATIVE) EXTRA CREDIT POLICY

The following extra credit opportunities are available to all students enrolled in this course. Extra credit work should be completed and submitted by the deadline indicated. It is the responsibility of the student to submit their work to the faculty when completed. No extra credit assignments will be accepted after the deadline.

Extra Credit Assignment Title

Assignment Description/Details/Submission Procedures/Assignment Value (as related to overall grade in the course)

Due Date

(NEGATIVE) EXTRA CREDIT POLICY

There are no extra credit opportunities associated with this course. All assignments for course credit are required as stated in this syllabus, and students should fully utilize all these assignments in order to successfully complete the course. Students requesting individual extra credit opportunities will be referred back to their copy of the syllabus and this course policy.

Digital Device Policy Sample for Syllabi:

DIGITAL DEVICES in class (LAPTOPS, PHONES, TABLETS, etc.):

The student use of various digital devices in class such as laptops, phones, tablets, etc. should be limited only to appropriate use given the lecture and discussion format of the class. Use of digital devices in class to do non-class related work will not be allowed or tolerated. Similarly, use of digital devices in class during screenings will not be allowed or tolerated.

If a student has a software or hardware related problem please visit the CRIT Helpdesk on the 9th floor of the 112 S. Michigan (Maclean) Building for assistance addressing these issues.

Fall 2017 Visiting Artist Program Schedule for Reference / Syllabi:

SAIC Visiting Artists Program: FALL 2017 Schedule

About VAP:

An invaluable resource for SAIC students and the public alike, the Visiting Artists Program fosters a greater understanding and appreciation of contemporary art

and culture through discourse. VAP arranges studio critiques and roundtable discussions for SAIC students, providing them with direct access to world-renowned speakers working across disciplines. All events are FREE, non-ticketed, and open to the general public unless otherwise noted.

Free and open to the public. For more details visit saic.edu/vap

Laura Owens: Bill & Stephanie Sick Distinguished Visiting Professor

Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.
Established in 2006 by a generous gift from Bill and Stephanie Sick, this distinguished professorship enables internationally renowned artists and designers to visit and teach at SAIC.

Apichatpong Weerasethakul: Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series

Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.
Presented in partnership with SAIC's Office of Alumni Relations

Do Ho Suh

Monday, October 9, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.

Mark Dion

Monday, October 16, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.
Presented in partnership with SAIC's Conversations on Art & Science Series

Sarah Schulman

Tuesday, October 24, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.

Gareth Pugh

in Conversation with Gillion Carrara & Caroline Bellios

Wednesday, November 1, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.
Presented in partnership with SAIC's Department of Fashion Design and the Fashion Resource Center

Stefan Sagmeister

Monday, November 13, 6:00 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 230 S. Columbus Dr.
Presented in partnership with SAIC's Department of Visual Communication Design