

**KILGORE COLLEGE
ADJUNCT
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HANDBOOK
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This Faculty Handbook includes general rules of conduct, safety regulations, and disciplinary rules. Its purpose is to provide one source for most questions on issues faculty want addressed. Nothing contained in this manual or any verbal statement should be construed as creating any type of employment contract either expressed or implied. The policies and other information contained in this manual are subject to change at any time. While the College will normally attempt to provide employees with advance notice of any change, the College reserves the right to alter these policies at any time without advance notice. Copies of any revised policies will be issued to all faculty members.

Unless issued a written employment contract signed by both parties, all employment at Kilgore College is at-will. Nothing in this manual is intended to alter the at-will relationship or to provide or guarantee employment for any specific period of time. Any questions which you may have concerning the terms or conditions of your employment should be referred to your immediate supervisor. Any questions concerning your status as a contract or non-contract employee should be directed to the Office of Human Resources.

Kilgore College is a publicly supported, two-year, comprehensive community college offering post-secondary educational opportunities.

Kilgore College seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or veteran status.

MISSION STATEMENT

Kilgore College prepares students for success in life by providing educational opportunities that have high quality, great value, easy access, and community focus.

- Taking as its motto “Emphasis Excellence,” Kilgore College promotes **high quality** in all of its operations: teaching and learning which lead to certificates and associate degrees, administrative and educational support services, and public service.
- Kilgore College promotes **great value** primarily for its 20-member school district service area in Northeast Texas by providing educational opportunities at a competitive cost.
- Kilgore College promotes **easy access** through open-door admission, distance learning opportunities, dual credit courses, developmental education, and a comprehensive financial aid program.
- Kilgore College promotes **community focus** through workforce education programs and through public service endeavors including workforce and small business development, Adult Basic Education, continuing education, athletics, and the fine arts.

The mission statement of Kilgore College is consistent with the Texas Education Code § 130.0011, which states that the mission of public junior colleges shall be two-year institutions primarily serving their local taxing districts and service areas in Texas and offering vocational, technical, and academic courses for certification or associate degrees, as well as continuing education, remedial and compensatory education consistent with open-admission policies.

INSTRUCTIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Role of the Instructor

Instructors at Kilgore College shall meet or exceed the current standards of the College Delegate Assembly of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (for a detailed listing of faculty credential requirements, see page in appendix).

The jurisdiction, role and participation of faculty at Kilgore College is as follows:

The instructor has a primary role in the learning process of students. As a result, the instructor occupies a position of trust in relation to both students and community, and this freedom to teach must be exercised responsibly. The role of the instructor includes:

- The presentation of issues and information openly, with fairness and clarity;
- The discussion of arguments from various points of view, avoiding the imposing of personal opinions by the pressure of instructional authority in the classroom;
- Encouraging students to analyze issues impersonally, to think critically and to draw independent conclusions;
- The duty to present in the classroom issues related to the course of study and to the general education program of the college.

The faculty serves as instructors at the college and as a liaison between students and administration in relating policy and procedure that relate to students. They also serve as an integral part of the college, relating faculty concerns to the administration of the college. Faculty develop curriculum, instruct students, evaluate students, advise students, and give input to administration in all college matters that affect faculty. Faculty will be included in all college committees that deal with faculty concerns.

Academic Freedom and Responsibilities

Institutions of higher learning are conducted for the common good. The common good depends upon a free search for truth and its free expression. Therefore, it is essential that faculty members be free to pursue scholarly inquiry without undue restriction and to voice and publish their conclusions concerning the significance of evidence they consider relevant. Faculty members must be free from the corrosive fear that others, inside or outside the college community, may threaten their professional careers because the others' vision differs from that of the instructor.

Faculty members are entitled to full, albeit not unlimited, freedom in the classroom in discussing the subject being taught. Faculty members are also citizens of their nation, state, and community and, when they speak, write, or act as citizens, they must be free from institutional censorship or discipline.

The concept of academic freedom, as applied to faculty members, must be accompanied by an equally demanding concept of responsibility, shared by the Board, administrators, and faculty members. Because of this concept of shared responsibility, the faculty, administrators and Board have unique roles in the decision making process. The essential responsibilities of the Board and administrators are set forth in the Principle of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement adopted by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The fundamental responsibilities of a faculty member as an instructor and a scholar include a maintenance of competence in the instructor's field of specialization and the demonstration of such competence in lectures, discussions, publications, and/or exhibitions.

Exercise of professional integrity by a faculty member includes recognition that the public will judge the member's profession and the College by the faculty member's statements. Therefore, faculty members should strive to avoid creating the impression that they are speaking or acting for the College when speaking or acting as private citizens.

Faculty members should be judicious in the use of controversial material and/or comments in the classroom and should only introduce such material when it has a clear relationship to the subject matter of the course being taught. Further details may be found in the Kilgore College Procedures Manual.

Kilgore College acknowledges statements of the American Association of University Professors regarding freedom of expression and extends it to include publications, service learning, and other forms of student learning.

Faculty members and students engaged in the creation and presentation of works in the visual and performing arts are as much engaged in pursuing the mission of the College, as are those who write, teach and study in other academic disciplines. Works of the visual and performing arts are important both in their own right and because they can enhance our understanding of social institutions and the human condition. Artistic expression in the classroom, the studio and the Workshop therefore merits the same assurance of academic freedom that is accorded to other scholarly and teaching activities. Since faculty and student artistic presentations to the public are integral to their teaching, learning and scholarship, these presentations merit no less protection.

PROCEDURE TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION AND BOARD INFORMATION ONLY

The following procedure is used to notify the College Administration and Board when a faculty member plans to use controversial materials, and knows or reasonably should know that there will be significant negative feedback from students or the community to materials, which are to be used, presented or produced in their classroom or in the visual or performing arts.

“Controversial” materials that trigger the notification and dialog process include, but are not limited to, materials, which are sexually explicit, or graphically or gratuitously violent, or extensively characterized by profanity, or involving nudity.

The process of notification begins when a faculty member decides to use the potentially controversial material or when the administration otherwise becomes aware of that decision. As soon as the decision is made to use the potentially controversial material, the faculty member will notify the Department Chair and Dean. The faculty member should include the reasons that the material may be controversial and why there is an expectation of significant negative feedback. The Dean will notify the Vice President of Instruction (VPI) who will then inform the President regarding the proposed use of this material.

In this way the President, as well as other administrators, will be prepared and have information on the material before it would actually be used. At his discretion, the President may also notify the Board of Trustees and consult with Legal Counsel.

If the Department Chair or Dean expresses concern about the appropriateness of the use of the controversial materials in question and fail to reach a mutual understanding or resolve the issue, then the Dean will convene a committee of Kilgore College employees. The purpose of the committee is to allow dialog among a larger, more diverse group of professionals on the planned use of the materials and to provide additional perspectives.

The committee will consist of eight persons including two members chosen by the faculty member, one member chosen by the Department Chair, and two members chosen by the Dean, as well as the faculty member, Department Chair and Dean. The Committee will prepare a written summary of the key points for the administration. The Committee may ask to meet with the President and Vice President of Instruction. The President may make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, who, as the overall governing body of the institution, is free to accept or reject the President's recommendation.

It is very important that the above procedure take place within a reasonable time so that the instructional process will not be interrupted. From the moment the faculty member notifies the Department Chair, the entire procedure, including written summary to the administration, should be completed within one week.

DOCUMENTING OUTCOMES

A credit program must consist of a curriculum that integrates necessary academic and workforce skills as identified in the professional literature, by program experts, by business and industry advisory committee, in recognized skill standards, and by other related professional organizations. Development of a competency-based curriculum requires identification of subject area-specific, general academic and workforce skills.

Outcomes are all about what the student will be able to do/achieve in a course. These should be stated in measurable terms (see Bloom's Taxonomy, page 7). Activities for the course should directly support those outcomes and assessment should determine the students' mastery of those outcomes.

At Kilgore College the course syllabus is intended to be the primary document whereby an instructor communicates to the student major rules and directions for the course. Each instructor must provide a current syllabus to every student in a class.

A common outcomes syllabus for each course taught at the College is on file in your division dean's office. Each course has a common syllabus, which include student outcomes and, where appropriate competencies and perspectives. A full explanation of the expectations for an individual instructor's syllabus is included below. However, if your course is a part of the Core Curriculum, you will also want to look at the exemplary objectives listed in the accompanying document on the Core.

COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

The course syllabus is intended to be the primary document whereby an instructor communicates to the student the purpose, direction and major rules for a course. Each instructor must provide a current syllabus to every student in the class. **A common outcomes syllabus will be filed in your division office** that will include, **at a minimum**, all of the items below except those relating to an individual instructor:

COURSE:

Name and catalog description of course
Credit value of course
Prerequisites, if any

INSTRUCTOR:

Name and title
Office number
Phone number (office, voice mail, etc.)
Email address and/or course website
Office hours

COURSE RATIONALE:

[Example]: One of the measures of good citizenship is a basic knowledge of and involvement in our political system. Your life is greatly affected, on a daily basis, by decisions made at the local, state and national governmental levels. This basis introduction to the U.S. and Texas political systems will provide the student with an understanding of and appreciation for citizen political participation.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Text – title, edition, author
Supplements, if any
Additional supplies (if needed)
Resources – names and locations (computer lab, other labs, library, etc.)

EVALUATION:

Examinations
Quizzes
Projects, assignments, papers, book reviews, field trips
Type of final
Calculation of grade

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

Attendance
Make-up examination procedure
Academic honesty policy
Drop date

DISCLAIMER:

[Example]: Your instructor reserves the right to make modifications in content and schedule as necessary to promote the best education possible within prevailing conditions affecting this course.

COMMON COURSE OUTCOMES:

- Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), including Exemplary Education Objectives if the course is part of the Core Curriculum.
- **Don't forget to include higher levels of learning; e.g., perspectives and Intellectual Competencies in the Core Curriculum.**

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND/OR LABS:

- This will consist of a daily or weekly schedule of classes, topics, reading assignments, and test dates.
- At this point you may want to list more detailed objectives and/or a course outline, personalizing your syllabus.

The Kilgore College Core Curriculum

A core curriculum is defined by the state of Texas as curriculum “in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduates of an institution of higher learning are required to complete before receiving a baccalaureate degree.” One of the beneficial aspects of this for students is that if they complete the KC core curriculum, any state college or university is required to accept it in total. Those students will not lose any hours in transfer. *

The purpose of the Core Curriculum at Kilgore College is the development of disciplined, informed, and creative minds. Those who complete the core curriculum will have an acceptable level of proficiency in basic intellectual competencies and an enhanced knowledge and appreciation of the world around them. It is part of the foundation of a liberal education, providing the foundation for success in further college studies and throughout life.

The core curriculum may be viewed as a program all its own. First, it answers the question of what should an educated person who completes an associate degree (or the core curriculum) be able to do and know. Most would agree that a core curriculum completer should, at a minimum, be able to read, write, speak, and listen effectively, think critically and be computer literate. Those are referred to in the core curriculum as **basic intellectual competencies**.

Students who have applied for graduation with an associate degree in each of three graduations per year (fall, spring, summer) are assessed on a selected number of basic intellectual competencies. Results are sent to the Curriculum Assessment Committee for evaluation and direction for development of improvement plans.

Next, a liberal arts education (core curriculum) has a liberating effect on the human spirit by causing those exposed to look at the world in a different way—being able to relate certain information to the world around them, thereby understanding it more fully. In the core curriculum, these values are encapsulated in what are called **perspectives**. These higher-level skills in the cognitive and affective domains help students:

1. Establish broad and multiple perspectives on the individual in relationship to the larger society and world in which he or she lives, and to understand the responsibilities of living in a culturally and ethnically diversified world;
2. Stimulate a capacity to discuss and reflect upon individual, political, economic, and social aspects of life in order to understand ways in which to be a responsible member of society;
3. Recognize the importance of maintaining health and wellness;
4. Develop a capacity to use knowledge of how technology and science affect their lives;
5. Develop personal values for ethical behavior;
6. Develop the ability to make aesthetic judgments;
7. Use logical reasoning in problem solving; and
8. Integrate knowledge and understand the interrelationships of the scholarly disciplines.

Perspectives are evaluated each semester utilizing oral examination of graduates in AA, AS, and AAT degrees. This process utilizes a rubric to ensure consistency of assessment. The results are reported and analyzed by the Curriculum Assessment Committee so that the appropriate faculty can develop improvement plans.

Finally, KC's core curriculum also addresses **exemplary educational objectives** for each component area (Communications, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences/History/Government, and the Institutional Options of Computer Science and Kinesiology). These are incorporated into each course syllabus and become part of the student learning outcomes of each course. Assessment of exemplary educational objectives is accomplished through embedded questions in final exams that are asked in courses of each component area. Each question measures a specific **exemplary educational objective**. The results of those questions are tabulated separately by component area and sent to the Curriculum Assessment Committee for review to determine whether student success in achieving those objectives has been realized. Then, based upon that assessment, faculty members of that component area develop plans to improve student learning in those areas.

The Curriculum Assessment Committee, a standing committee of at least one member from each component area of the core, oversees and coordinates the core curriculum evaluation process on an ongoing basis. A subcommittee of the Curriculum Assessment Committee guides and facilitates the process.

Faculty teaching similar courses in core component areas that are scheduled to assess the same **intellectual competencies, perspectives, or exemplary educational objectives** form a sub-committee for each course in which these criteria are taught. These faculty members select a method of assessment and bring the proposal to the Curriculum Assessment Committee for approval. After approval, faculty members administer the process, evaluate and report results, and develop improvement plans. Faculty file a report of findings with the Curriculum Assessment Committee the following fall semester after faculty complete formal assessment, report findings, and prepare an improvement plan. In many cases, this procedure is tied to the college's research and institutional effectiveness process by being included in a department's annual improvement plan.

Other methods of core curriculum assessment consist of the following:

Every two years, KC administers the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) as an indirect determinant of student attainment of perspectives. The Institutional Research Office receives results and shares them with the Curriculum Assessment Committee as well as the College faculty and administration. CCSSE data allow the College to compare data from current students to those of KC students from previous years as well as to nationally-normed data from colleges similar to KC

KC also obtains data from receiving colleges and universities comparing the GPA of KC students to those of transfer students from other community colleges. Deans receive the data and share results with their faculty. The Curriculum Assessment Committee also reviews the data and uses results as one measure of academic success of KC students in a four-year college or university compared to their peers.

Therefore, KC assures students have attained the basic **intellectual competencies, perspectives, and exemplary educational objectives** by: (1) administering the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) to a sample of students who have substantially completed the core curriculum; (2) administering the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) as an indirect determinant of student achievement of perspectives; (3) monitoring data from receiving colleges and universities that compare the GPA of KC students with transfer students from other community colleges; (4) administering an oral exam to those graduating with AA, AS, AAT, and AAS degrees; (5) embedding questions in final exams for individual component areas of the core for exemplary educational objectives.

In summary, KC employs multiple assessment tools to measure students' mastery of exemplary educational objectives, intellectual competencies, and attainment of perspectives within the core curriculum. In addition, the College provides evidence that graduates have attained those objectives, competencies and perspectives, and uses the results of assessment to improve student learning.

* The guarantee of transferability to a receiving institution does not mean that every course in the core curriculum will meet a *degree requirement* for every degree at that receiving institution.

Bloom's Classification of Cognitive Skills		
Category	Definition	Related Measurable Behaviors
Knowledge	Recalling or remembering something without necessarily understanding, using or changing it.	Define, describe, identify, label, list, match, memorize, point to, recall, select, state
Comprehension	Understanding something that has been communicated without necessarily relating it to anything else.	Alter, account for, annotate, calculate, change, convert, group, explain, generalize, give examples, infer, interpret, paraphrase, predict, review, summarize, translate
Application	Using a general concept to solve problems in a particular situation; using learned material in new and concrete situations.	Apply, adopt, collect, construct, demonstrate, discover, illustrate, interview, make use of, manipulate, related, shop, solve, use
Analysis	Breaking something down into its parts; may focus on identification of parts or analysis of relationships between parts; or recognition of organizational principles	Analyze, compare, contrast, diagram, differentiate, dissect, distinguish, identify, illustrate, infer, outline, point out, select, separate, sort, subdivide
Synthesis	Creating something new by putting parts of different ideas together to make a whole	Blend, build, change, combine, compile, compose, conceive, create, design, formulate, generate, hypothesize, plan, predict, produce, reorder, revise, tell, write
Evaluation	Judging the value of material and methods as they might be applied in a particular situation; judging with the use of define criteria.	Accept, appraise, assess, arbitrate, award, choose, conclude, criticize, defend, evaluate, grade, judge, prioritize, recommend, referee, reject, select, support
(from Ball State)		

KILGORE COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM*

A core curriculum is defined by the state of Texas as curriculum "in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, political, social, and cultural history, that all graduates of an institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving a baccalaureate degree." KC's core curriculum consists of 46 semester credit hours that will transfer as the core at any state college or university. After completing the core, a student may need only 16 additional semester credit hours to receive the associate of arts or the associate of science degree.

COMPONENT AREA	REQUIRED COURSES	SEMESTER HOURS
Communication	6 hours to be selected from ENGL 1301 and 1302 or 2311 3 hours to be selected from SPCH 1315, 1318, 1321	9
Mathematics	3 hours to be selected from MATH 1314, 1316, 1324, 1325, *1333, 1342, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2320 *Math 1333 will not fulfill Math requirement for AS degree	3
Natural Sciences	8 hours to be selected from BIOL 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 2401, 2402, 2406, CHEM 1405, 1406, 1411, 1412, 2423, 2425 GEOL 1403, 1404, 1405, 2407 PHYS 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 2425, 2426	8
Visual and Performing Arts	3 hours to be selected from ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, DANCE 2303 DRAM 1310, 2361, 2362, 2366 MUSI 1306, 1308, 1309, 1310	3
Humanities	3 hours to be selected from ENGL 2322, 2323, 2326, 2332, 2333* HIST 2311, 2312, 2321, 2322 PHIL 1301, 1304 SPAN 2311, 2312, 2315 *ENGL Literature course required for AA degree	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences/History/Government	6 hours to be selected from HIST 1301, 1302, 2301 6 hours to be selected from GOVT 2305 and 2306 3 hours to be selected from* ANTH 2301, 2351, COMM 1307, CRIJ 1301, ECON 1301, 2301, 2302, GEOG 1303, PSYC 2301, 2314, SOCI 1301, 1306, TECA 1354 (Child Growth and Development) *Business majors select ECON 2301 or ECON 2302	15
Institutional Option	3 hours to be selected from BCIS 1305, COSC 1336, 1337 2 hours to be selected from KINE 1218, 1230, 1238, 1245, 1247, 1248, 1250, 2247, 2248 Or (2) 1-hour activity courses	5
Total Minimum Requirements		46 including both institutional options

Prerequisites for all courses apply

Exemplary Objectives for Core Curriculum Required Courses

Communication

Purpose Statement

The purpose of a communication component of the core curriculum is to enable the student to communicate clearly and effectively in a style appropriate to the subject, the occasion, the audience and the methods of communication, whether written or oral.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

1. to locate, to understand, and to interpret written information;
2. to receive, to interpret, and to respond appropriately to written and verbal messages and other communications clues;
3. to organize material logically, to develop material adequately, and to present material;
4. to demonstrate writing and speaking processes through invention organization, drafting, revision, editing, and presentation;
5. to recognize the importance of specifying audience and purpose and to select appropriate communication choices;
6. to appropriately apply modes of expression, i.e., descriptive, expository, narrative, scientific, and self expressive, in written, visual and oral communication;
7. to participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, responding and consensus building;
8. to apply basic principles of critical thinking, problem solving and technical proficiency in the development of exposition and argument;
9. to develop the ability to research and write documented papers and/or to give an oral presentation.

Mathematics

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the mathematics component of the core curriculum of Kilgore College is to provide students with critical thinking, quantitative and problem-solving skills to enable them to become productive members of the workforce and society.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

1. to apply arithmetic, algebraic, geometric higher-order thinking and statistical methods to modeling and solving real-world problems;
2. to represent and evaluate basic mathematical information verbally, numerically, graphically, and symbolically;
3. to expand mathematical reasoning skills and formal logic to develop convincing mathematical arguments;
4. to use appropriate technology to enhance mathematical thinking and understanding and to solve mathematical problems and judge the reasonableness of the results;
5. to interpret mathematical models such as formulas, graphs, tables and schematics, and draw inferences from them;
6. to recognize the limitations of mathematical and statistical models;
7. to develop the view that mathematics is an evolving discipline, interrelated with human culture and to understand its connections to other disciplines.

Natural Sciences

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the natural sciences component of a core curriculum is to equip students with an understanding of how the natural world functions. Through study, students will recognize the relationships among the various disciplines within the natural sciences. The ultimate goal of such a curriculum is to provide students with a solid foundation of scientific knowledge on which to build as they move to transferring institutions.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

1. to demonstrate awareness of critical issues facing the scientific community which raise questions about human values and ethnics and affect the development of public policies.
2. to demonstrate a knowledge of various scientific hypotheses and theories and the principles upon which they are developed and tested.
3. to demonstrate a knowledge of the importance of the role of science and technology in the development of modern culture.

4. to use and demonstrate competency in both qualitative and quantitative scientific investigation, using current technology and stressing oral and written communication of results and interpretation of data.

Humanities/Arts

Purpose Statement

Courses in humanities and visual and performing arts are included in the core curriculum to expose students to a broad range of human ideas, values and behaviors as expressed in creative works of human imagination in various times and places. Through study in the arts and humanities, the student can learn to recognize that which is universal in human experience and that which is unique to a particular culture. Academic analysis of these works engages the student in critical thinking, aesthetic judgments, and an awareness of the diversity of human expression. Students should have experiences in both the arts and humanities.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

1. to demonstrate awareness of the range and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
2. to demonstrate a knowledge of those works as expressions and human values within an historical and social context.
3. to identify the social roles served by practitioners in the arts and humanities.
4. to identify and describe the aesthetic and structural principles which guide and govern the humanities and arts.
5. to recognize and describe the connections between the arts, literature, and philosophy as products of common time and place.
6. to master and use methods for responsible, informed criticism in the arts and humanities.
7. to identify significant time periods and locations of civilization and the related social, political, economic, and religious philosophies.
8. to recognize and use appropriate terminology in discussing works in the arts and humanities.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Purpose Statement

The objectives of the Social and Behavioral sciences component of the core curriculum is to increase students' knowledge of how social and behavioral scientists discover, describe, explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events, and ideas. This knowledge will better equip students to understand themselves and the roles they play in addressing the issues facing humanity.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

History: The student must be able to:

1. identify and evaluate significant individuals, events, and eras in the history of the United States of America or Texas;
2. recognize and analyze political, social. And economic changes in the United States or Texas history;
3. identify and evaluate causes and effects of domestic and international issues and events in United States or Texas history; and
4. apply relative chronology through the sequencing of significant individuals, events and tie periods in United States or Texas history.

Government: The student must be able to:

1. describe and analyze the environment and background of the political systems of Texas and the United States;
2. demonstrate a general knowledge of the structure and history of the constitutions of Texas and the United States;
3. distinguish the powers and responsibilities of the various branches of government within Texas and the United States; and
4. outline and discuss the political process with emphasis on the principles of good citizenship and the impact on daily lives.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: The student must be able to:

1. employ the appropriate methods, technologies, and data that social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition;
2. examine institutions and processes across a range of structures and cultures within the area of study;
3. analyze the effects of social, economic, psychological and cultural forces on the area of study; and
4. develop explanations or creative solutions for contemporary social, economic, psychological and cultural problems for the area of study.

Computer Science

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The objective of the computer science component of a core curriculum is to enable the student to understand the impact and influence of the computer on all aspects of modern day life and to be able to use the computer and various application software to become more productive and creative in the areas of education, employment, leisure and family life.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

1. to recognize the fundamental concepts of computer hardware. This includes processors, input devices, output devices, storage devices, and data communication equipment.
2. to demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer system software. This covers operating systems, operating environment and platform essentials.
3. to demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer application software. This comprises classifying, identifying, and describing the different categories of application software.
4. to demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer files. This encompasses the creation, modification, renaming, moving and deleting of files. Also included is the concept of directories and folders.
5. to use a computer to create, edit and format documents. This involves both textual and graphical output.
6. to demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer data communications. This includes hardware, software, bulletin boards, the Internet, on-line business and commerce and information retrieval.

Kinesiology

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the kinesiology component of the core curriculum is to encourage students to take control of their own personal health and lifestyle habits so that they can make a constant and deliberate effort to stay healthy and achieve the highest potential for well being.

Exemplary Educational Objectives:

1. to identify the components of physical fitness.
2. to demonstrate the benefits and significance of participating in a lifetime fitness program.
3. to develop skills and knowledge to make an intentional choice of a lifestyle characterized by personal responsibility, balance, and health,
4. to identify activities that will improve the level of physical fitness and to encourage participation in one or more of these on a regular basis.
5. to identify risk factors, motivation, counseling, and behavior modification techniques to emphasize current and valid health information and promote lifestyle changes

**COMPETENCIES, PERSPECTIVES,
AND EXEMPLARY OBJECTIVES EVALUATIONS BY YEAR**

2008 – 09	2009 – 10	2010 – 11
Reading Critical Thinking Writing Listening Speaking Computer Literacy	Reading Critical Thinking Writing Listening Speaking Computer Literacy	Reading Critical Thinking Writing Listening Speaking Computer Literacy
Logical reasoning in problem solving Broad & multiple perspectives Understanding interrelationships of the scholarly disciplines Develop personal values for ethical behavior	Use knowledge of Technology and Science Responsible member of society Ability to make aesthetic judgments Importance of maintaining health and wellness	Logical reasoning in problem solving Broad & multiple perspectives Understanding interrelationships of the scholarly disciplines Develop personal values for ethical behavior
Exemplary Objectives for all Component Areas	Exemplary Objectives for all Component Areas	Exemplary Objectives for all Component Areas

Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee

The Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee is appointed by the Vice President of Instruction, and is comprised of a broad representative group consisting of faculty from both the academic and technical areas of the college, the division deans, registrar, business office representative, and the Vice President of Instruction who chairs the Committee.

Formerly called the Curriculum Committee, its role was expanded in 2007 to include reviewing, drafting, and revising academic policies and procedures. Heretofore, there was no systematic process for adopting or revising academic policies and procedures that typically appear in the College catalog. All academic policies and procedures will be formally reviewed by the Committee every three years.

The Board of Trustees of Kilgore College recognizes that the curriculum is appropriately of central concern to the faculty, and therefore encourages all faculty members to propose the addition of courses and programs as well as the revision and deletion of existing courses and programs. Although most of the initiatives for curriculum change come from faculty, the process of moving those ideas through the necessary channels to incorporate them into the curriculum requires the joint effort of faculty, instructional leaders, administrators and staff. The approval process for such additions and revisions will include review by the affected departments or programs and the College Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee.

The College Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee has a key role in this process. It is responsible for representing all faculty members, department chairs, program directors and division deans by bringing their ideas to the committee and discussing the ideas of others with the committee members to gain consensus. **When a proposed curriculum change is known to affect disciplines or programs other than the one(s) proposing the change, it is the responsibility of the AP and Curriculum Committee to provide representation from those areas to ensure that all sides of an issue are presented.**

Overload

Overload is paid according to the part-time/overload schedule approved each year. Presently it is:

- Bachelor degree \$1400
- Masters degree \$1500
- Masters plus 30 hours \$1600
- Masters plus 60 hours \$1650
- Doctorate degree \$1700

Adjunct Faculty Evaluation

Evaluation by Department Chair/Program Director or Designee

Adjunct faculty members are normally evaluated each year. After several semesters of excellent reviews, however, they may be completed biennially. Formal evaluation consists primarily of a classroom visit and conference afterwards. Student evaluations are considered as one of the components of the evaluation process.

The primary goal of evaluation is to help instructors improve.

- A classroom visitation by the department chair/program director or designee and a follow-up conference;
- Student evaluation of instruction for each class taught by an instructor in the fall semester

A copy of the Classroom Visitation Appraisal form and the Student Evaluation of Instruction form are located in the Appendix.

Student Evaluation of Instruction

A part of the evaluation process is the Student Evaluation of Instruction instrument that is to be administered for each class taught in the fall semester and other selected semesters if directed by the dean, department chair/director. The instructor must not administer the evaluation form but a responsible student should be selected to distribute it, collect the forms, and deliver them to the designated office. Students must feel the freedom to respond honestly without fear of retribution. Therefore, the instructor should not be in the classroom at the time of the evaluation. It is crucial that the anonymity of the responses should be preserved. The form is included in the appendix of this handbook.

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Faculty Standards of Ethical Conduct

The College expects all faculty to conduct themselves as mature, responsible, and dignified in all aspects of their job related behavior, including interactions with students, faculty, administration, other employees of the College, and the public. All faculty should carry out their duties in a professional, ethical, and collegial manner.

The following standards of conduct shall apply to all faculty of the College:

1. Faculty shall neither engage in romantic or intimate relationships with current students nor other employees who are their subordinate in the chain of command.
2. Faculty shall not use College property (including copy machines, FAX machines, telephones, postage, computers, or College supplies) to conduct personal, business, club, church or other activities that are not related to employment at the College. Long distance personal calls must be made using personal credit cards.
3. Faculty shall maintain confidentiality of business information and student records. In no instance should student records be made available (including viewing on a computer screen to unauthorized individuals).

Violations

Faculty shall comply with the standards of conduct set out in this policy and with any other policies, regulations, and guidelines that impose duties, requirements, or standards attendant to their status as College employees. Violation of any policies, regulations, and guidelines may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

Conflict of Interest

An employee shall not accept or solicit any gift, favor, service or other benefit that could reasonably be construed to influence the employee's discharge of assigned duties and responsibilities.

An employee shall not have a personal financial interest, a business interest, or any other obligation that in any way creates a substantial conflict with the proper discharge of assigned duties and responsibilities or that creates a conflict with the best interests of the College.

An employee who believes he or she has or may have a conflict of interest shall disclose the interest to the College President or designee, who shall take whatever action is necessary, if any, to ensure that the College's best interest are protected.

Professional Appearance

Professional employees, faculty, and office personnel are expected to dress in a professional manner. All employees' dress should be reasonable, neat, clean, and should show a certain amount of discretion and taste.

Supervision Issues of Faculty from Other Divisions Teaching at KC-Longview

Physical distance from the home base is always a cause of problems in supervision. So it is with faculty from other divisions teaching at Kilgore College-Longview.

The on-site administrator at the KC-Longview campus or his/her designee has authority over the day-to-day operations at that campus. This person has the authority to do what is needed to ensure the smooth operation of the college at that location. That includes but is not limited to taking care of institutional paperwork such as absence from duty reports, responding to faculty absences or tardies by placing a substitute instructor in the room, giving the class a "walk" or asking the students to remain in the room a while longer until the instructor arrives.

The on-site administrator will deal with immediate problems that appear in the day-to-day operations of the college. This includes student discipline issues or other types of conflict on the campus as she would with his/her own faculty. The faculty member is to recognize the on-site administrator as the person to go to for immediate problems that need to be dealt with which may be beyond the individual faculty member's time or authority to solve on his/her own.

Other issues dealing with teaching at a remote location such as printing and copying needs, dealing with media distribution issues, etc. all come under the purview of the on-site administrator at the Longview campus.

It is important to note, however, that these individual faculty members remain a part of their department and the on-site administrator does not take the place of the reporting relationship through the department chair to the dean.

Faculty Payroll Procedure

Summer, Mini-Semester and Flex-Term Pay:

Classes beginning on or before the 15th day of the month:

- 2/3 of the pay will be distributed on the last working day of the first month of instruction.
- The remaining 1/3 will be distributed on the last working day of the month in which the class ends.

Classes beginning after the 15th day of the month:

- 1/3 of the pay will be distributed on the last working day of the first month of instruction.
- The remaining 2/3 will be distributed on the last working day of the month in which the class ends.

Classes beginning and ending in the same calendar month:

- 100% of the pay will be distributed on the last working day of the month.

Overload Pay:

- Fall Semester – 25% of the overload pay will be distributed on the last working day of September, October, November and December.
- Spring Semester – 25% of the overload pay will be distributed on the last working day of February, March, April and May.

ELearning

To obtain a Faculty Handbook for E-ducators, please see Charleen Worsham

eLearning Course Development and Instruction Payments

Payment for Development of Web-Based Courses

Payment for web-based course development is contingent upon and delineated in a completed “Distance Education Course Materials Agreement” for the course in question. Generally, for an online or hybrid course developed from scratch, payment is the equivalent of the basic credit-hour overload pay for the course developer’s education level. If a comprehensive e-pack or publisher course pack is used, then payment is generally ½ of the standard amount.

If a course that was first developed from scratch is then modified to be delivered in a different term length (i.e. originally developed as a hybrid or mini-mester format such as Quest then subsequently expanded to a semester-length format or vice-versa) then an additional payment of ½ of the original amount paid to develop the course is paid to the developer for making the modifications.

Payment for Development of Interactive Television or Telecourses

Instructors are not paid for development of telecourses or interactive television courses.

Payment for Teaching Web Courses

Web courses may be calculated as part of load or as overload. The actual decision of load vs. overload pay should be determined by what constitutes the best remuneration for the instructor. An individual instructor's load should not consist of more than 50% web courses.

All calculations are based on the census date enrollment.

Web classes reduce class time only—not office hours—for the 30-hour rule.

Enrollment limits are 30 students per section. The division dean will determine when a web course is to be split into multiple sections.

Overload pay for web courses will be paid according to the following schedule:

Web Course Base Pay for First 5 students. Faculty with:	Pay for each additional student above 5 3 contact hours/wk	Pay for each additional student above 5 4 contact hours/wk	Pay for each additional student above 5 5 contact hours/wk	Pay for each additional student above 5 6 contact hours/wk	3 contact hour course with 20 students:
Bach \$750	\$55	\$73	\$92	\$110	\$1,575
Masters \$775	\$55	\$73	\$92	\$110	\$1,600
Mast+30 \$800	\$55	\$73	\$92	\$110	\$1,625
Mast+60 \$825	\$55	\$73	\$92	\$110	\$1,650
Doc \$850	\$55	\$73	\$92	\$110	\$1,675

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Overload Payment for Teaching Telecourses

All calculations are based on the census date enrollment. Course sections have a 40 student limit, with a 10 student minimum. Base pay is \$750, plus \$25 for each student over 10. Course sections with more than 40 students may be split into 2 sections at the discretion of the Division Dean. Sections with fewer than 10 students may be allowed to “make” at the discretion of the Division Dean, but the base pay will be adjusted. Telecourses are taught as overload only and apply ½ towards the instructor’s overload limit. They are not considered in the 30-hour rule.

Additional Payment for Teaching Interactive Television Courses

Enrollment limits are determined by the total number of students of all sites and are generally the same as a regular class. Instructors are paid 1.5 the regular amount for teaching via ITV. Instructors are not paid extra for additional students over the enrollment limit. Pay may be adjusted for courses with low enrollment at the discretion of the Division Dean. Classes should have no more than 2 remote sites. Instructors must visit each remote site at least twice during a semester. Interactive television courses count the same as a traditional course towards load and the 30-hour rule.

Funding Source for Development and Teaching Distance Learning Courses

- Payments to instructors for development of web-based courses are generated by the Distance Learning department and are funded by the Distance Learning budget.
- Payments to instructors for teaching distance learning courses are generated and funded by the appropriate department/division.

Academic Web Course Development Procedure

- Be sure that the planned distance education course is also offered on the Kilgore College campus.
- Determine if a market exists for a distance education version of the course. Potential sources: Advisory Board, IR Data, Employment Forecasts, Internal Market Data Collection (web requests, etc.)
- Kilgore College uses WebCT as its course delivery platform. Many publishers have content to accompany their texts in WebCT format. This will give you a jump-start on the development process. Search for these materials on www.webct.com or contact your book rep.
- Complete the "Kilgore College Distance Education Course Proposal" form. Answering the questions on the form will help you get started in developing your instructional strategy and will inform others on campus of your intent to develop a course. Present the completed proposal form to your Department Chair and Dean and get their approval.
- Once your proposal has been accepted, request a meeting with the Director of Distance Learning to determine if a KC licensing agreement is necessary and if so, to determine the licensing agreement details for your course by completing a “Kilgore College Distance Education Course Materials License Agreement” and to develop a plan to acquire any additional resources needed for your proposed course. This is necessary in order to establish “ownership” of the materials you develop for your course and arrange for any compensation for course development.
- Get training. Professional development opportunities are available through the distance education department and one on one assistance may be arranged.
- Begin course development or acquisition of resources from external sources.
- Courses subject to KC licensing agreement: Once the course is completed, contact the Director of Distance Learning to schedule a time to preview the course or provide a login to the reviewers. Once the course is accepted, it will be cleared for any payments outlined in the “License Agreement”.
- Contact Distance Learning to list your approved course in the course schedule. Courses must be taught at least one semester to KC students only before listing in the Virtual College of Texas, or any other agency’s catalog. Provide a course overview to Distance Learning for marketing purposes.
- If your course uses a WebCT e-pack that is password protected, be sure to include the WebCT access code on your book list.
- Contact the Library if you anticipate any special services.
- Contact the Testing Center if your students will be required to test on site.
- Prepare online orientation materials and submit to Distance Learning so that they may be posted to the web.

Academic Web Course Instructor's Responsibilities

Prior to course offering the instructor:

- Reviews all student and instructor materials to become familiar with their content, structure, relationships, etc.
- Ensures availability of course web site or other instructional resources.
- Ensures that up-to-date, complete and coherent lesson content that addresses course objectives is available for student use.
- Ensures that textbooks, study guides, access codes and other course materials are ordered and verifies that the correct materials are in the college bookstore inventory prior to the beginning of the semester.
- Determines due dates and manner in which assignments and projects can be submitted; i.e. mail, fax, email, WebCT.
- Determines dates, location, content, and requirements and restrictions for examinations.
- Communicates testing schedule and information to testing center. Includes this information in course syllabus.
- Prepares a syllabus with specific information such as testing dates and times, make-up test policies, methods of communication with students, and instructor information.
- Provides electronic version of online orientation materials including syllabus to distance education department. The distance education department ensures that course orientation information is published on the web.
- Provides overview of course layout including website and instructions for access and use of any software or other technical tools used in the course.

During the course the instructor:

- Monitors student participation in an online orientation session at the beginning of the semester.
- Ensures that all technical and instructional requirements are clearly communicated to students in the course syllabus. Conducts individual orientations as needed.
- Communicates course expectations clearly and regularly to students.
- Provides timely feedback to students by logging on regularly to the course.
- Constructs each exam, perhaps using materials provided by the publisher, with test items tied to specific course objectives, duplicates them, and confirms that instructions for test taking are clear.
- Grades examinations and assignments, providing feedback in a timely manner.
- Maintains grades and other records for each student.

At the end of the course the instructor:

- Submits student grades and class records as required by college policy.



Student Attendance Policy

Kilgore College expects punctuality and regular class attendance. An absence is defined as a student not being in class. An instructor may drop a student when either his/her lack of attendance prohibits him/her from meeting the course objectives or when a student accumulates excessive absences. "Excessive absences" is defined as the equivalent of two weeks instruction in a 16-week semester or no more than 12.5% of the total hours of instruction in any term. Some workforce education programs may have more stringent attendance requirements; therefore, students in occupational programs should check with their instructor regarding the specific number of absences allowed.

Religious Day Absence

In accordance with Texas Education Code 51.911, a student may request and be granted an absence from classes on a religious holy day provided the student follows college procedures for seeking such authorization. Within a reasonable time after the absence, the student may make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to make satisfactory arrangements with instructors prior to the absence or immediately following the absence. The procedure governing an absence on a religious holy day is outlined in the *Kilgore College Student Handbook*.

Policy for Making Up Work

A student is responsible for any work missed regardless of the cause of the absence. A student absent on official college business will not be penalized and is entitled to make up missed work. The student must report the school-related absence to his or her instructors preferably at least one week prior to the absence. For the student whose absence is not school-related, the instructor will judge if the student is eligible to make up work.

In all cases, the instructor will determine the time for making up work and the nature of the make-up work. Immediately upon returning to school, the student should discuss such work with his or her instructors. Communication between student and instructor is most important. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such communication. If the student does not appear at the prearranged time for make-up work, the student forfeits the right for further make-up of that work.

Student-Initiated Drops and Withdrawals

Dropping a class is an official action whereby a student informs the Registrar's Office that the student will cease attending a class in which he or she is enrolled while remaining in at least one other course.

Drop Procedures:

1. Visit the Registrar's Office or the KC-Longview office to request that the course be dropped.
2. The Registrar's Office will notify the instructor that the student has dropped the course. The instructor may withdraw a student who ceases to attend class if the student does not formally withdraw in the Registrar's Office.
3. **Withdrawing from the college** is an official action whereby a student informs the Counseling Center and the Registrar's Office that the student will cease attending all classes in which he or she enrolled.

Withdrawal Procedures:

1. Complete an official withdrawal form in the Counseling Center and take the form to the Registrar's Office or the KC-Longview office.
2. Meet all obligations to the college before the Registrar's Office can complete the withdrawal process and/or issue a transcript.
3. It is the student's responsibility to drop or withdraw by the stated deadlines to ensure a grade of 'W'.

"W" Grade Assigned for Dropping a Course or Withdrawing from Enrollment.

- All course drops and/or withdrawals from enrollment, whether instructor or student initiated, shall result in a "W" if processed during designated drop periods. **After that time, a performance grade will be given in each course in which the student is enrolled (A, B, C, D, F, or IP for certain courses.)**
- All deadlines for dropping and/or withdrawing with a "W" are calculated at 75% of any semester, term or mini-term and current dates may be found in the college calendar, class schedules and on the college website.
- Documentation of all drops and withdrawals must be on file in the Registrar's Office by the end of business on each deadline date for a "W" to be assigned.
- It is the student's responsibility to drop classes and/or withdraw from enrollment by the deadline to receive a "W".

Administrative Withdrawal of a Student

The college reserves the right to withdraw a student from one or more classes if, in the judgment of college officials, such action is deemed to be in the interest of the student and/or the college. Examples of some reasons for administrative withdrawal are failure to pay tuition and fees, failure to provide accurate information or admission credentials, failure to remove "holds" in a timely manner, excessive absences or unacceptable student behavior.

Student Evaluation/Testing

Testing should be a well-planned teaching tool. Tests should be given at regular intervals and should be varied in both type and length. Major exams should be announced in advance of the day to be given and students should know what information is to be tested over.

A comprehensive final examination, not to exceed two hours in length, will be given at the end of each semester or other term in each course at the time specified in the final examination schedule. Any deviation from the final exam schedule must have written authorization of the Division Dean.

Field Trips

When appropriate, field trips are encouraged as an adjunct to classroom activity. Field trip requests must be submitted to your Division Dean for approval a minimum of one week prior to the proposed date of the field trip. Once approval has been given for the field trip, you must obtain waivers of liability from the students who will participate. Supplies of these forms may be obtained from your Division Dean's office or department chair/ program coordinator.

Guest Speakers

The written approval of your Division Dean must be obtained prior to inviting a guest speaker to the campus. It is the responsibility of your Division Dean to assure an opportunity for rebuttal if the guest lecturer is to speak on a controversial issue.

Guests in the Classroom

Visitors should not be allowed in class **on a continuing basis** unless they are on the class roll as a registered student or registered as an audit student. Certain exceptions are listed below:

1. Persons who are assigned to a student by the Counselor of Special Populations for the purpose of providing education services for that student in the classroom
2. A duly registered student who withdraws from the course but is granted permission by the instructor to continue attending per the student's request
3. Persons who have received written permission from the appropriate dean for extenuating circumstances

Instructors are responsible for providing a quality instructional environment that facilitates the best possible education for students. Faculty members should generally not allow a student's guests or family members to visit classes. Instructors may, at their discretion, allow a child of a student to attend class for one meeting if, in the instructor's opinion, circumstances warrant such a decision. However, a child should not be allowed to attend on a continuing basis. If children are present for scheduled learning activities, the parent or guardian remains responsible for the well being of the child. Children should not be left unattended or unsupervised on campus.

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Substitute Instructors

The department chair/director should be notified prior to an absence from class. A substitute instructor will be provided with pay for all absences covered by the College leave policy. Also, substitute pay shall be authorized for jury duty and similar unavoidable absences approved by the Division Dean.

Instructors will attempt to give as much advance notice as possible to their department chair and dean when they must miss classes. Department Chairs or deans will utilize full-time instructors to cover classes when possible. Faculty members are expected to accept such substitute teaching assignments as a part of their professional responsibility because of their accessibility and familiarity with college operations. Every effort will be made not to "walk" classes but to insure that students are offered meaningful learning experiences by qualified faculty.

There are essentially four levels of substitutions:

1) Short Term Substitutions: A short-term substitution is defined as three class hours or less in one class. Short-term substitutions are paid at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

2) Long Term Substitutions: A long-term substitution is defined as more than three hours in one class or as soon as it is known that the substitution will be for more than three hours. Long-term substitutions involve preparation and grading and are paid the equivalent to the hourly rate of a standard overload course per the faculty pay schedule. If the class is an overload or taught by a part-time instructor, the original instructor's pay will end when the long-term substitution pay begins.

3) Proctoring an Exam: This is paid at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

4) "Meeting a Class": No pay is given for meeting a class to take roll, give an assignment and/or dismiss the class.

Record Keeping

In addition to the faculty's primary instructional role, each faculty member bears a record-keeping responsibility to the students and the College as the last vital link between the students and the Registrar's office prior to the official reporting date each semester.

Specific instructions are issued with each set of rolls. Please read the instructions when you receive them and check the rolls carefully, adhering to any deadlines. Remember, the accuracy of permanent rolls depends upon identifying problems through timely verification of temporary and interim rolls. The deadlines are dollars to Kilgore College!

Instructors are expected to actually call the rolls that are issued and carefully follow the instructions to verify that only paid students are admitted to classes and that each student is attending the correct section.

Temporary Rolls

These are issued on the 1st class day. They are used for recording grades and attendance until permanent rolls are issued immediately after the official certification date (12th class day during Fall and Spring semesters). Students must present proper documentation before an instructor adds their name to the roll.

Permanent Rolls

Permanent Rolls are issued following the official certification date, after the Registrar's Office drops unpaid students. These rolls should be correct. However, the rolls must be checked for accuracy and if any error is found it is to be reported to the Registrar's Office immediately.

Failure to report errors in a timely manner may cause problems for the student and may result in reduced state funding for the course. Students who are listed on the permanent roll, but have never attended, should be dropped after the 20th class day (see instructions with rolls).

Note: Names on temporary and interim rolls may be marked with double asterisks (**) denoting "unpaid". (The instructions with the rolls will specify any action expected of the teacher in regard to students with these notations)

- Each instructor is responsible for admitting only paid students to class
- Any student with double asterisks (**) should be sent to the Cashier's Office immediately and readmitted to class only upon presentation of proof of payment
- The KEY to any documentation of payment is the course name, section number and signatures/initials

COURSE DROP LIMITS

Students entering college for the first time in Fall 2007 or after are subject to Senate Bill 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in May 2007. This law limits students to a total of six drops in their entire college career at Texas public institutions, unless the courses were dropped in order to withdraw from school or for certain approved reasons. To be counted toward the total, drops must appear on the transcript and be signified by a grade of "W". Students are required to select a primary reason for withdrawing from a course at the time the course is dropped.

The following are approved reasons that do not count in the drop total:

- personal illness
- care of sick, injured, or needy person
- death of family member or close friend

- called to active military duty
- family member or close friend called to active military duty
- change in work schedule
- transportation problems
- personal/family obligations
- withdrawal from school
- administratively withdrawn by instructor or other college personnel

Drops from the following courses will not count in the drop total:

- courses taken prior to high school graduation
- developmental courses
- lab/clinical courses that must be taken in conjunction with a lecture
- all courses in the following departments: College Success Strategies (COLS, ORIE); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); Religion (RELI)

Students wishing to dispute the drop total must do so by contacting the Registrar's Office. If the dispute cannot be resolved between the student and the Registrar's Office, the student should follow the grievance procedure for non-instructional matters as defined in the Student Handbook. Reasons for dropping courses may not be changed after one calendar year from the end of the semester in which the courses were dropped.

Grade Entry

On-line grade entry is mandatory. All faculty, including adjuncts, have access to the Campus Connect Faculty Access System which may be accessed from any computer, both on and off campus. A reminder memo, providing instructions for entering the grades, will be sent to faculty each semester. Grade books will be turned in to the Registrar's office within three weeks of the close of each semester.

Grade Symbols

A	(90-100)	Excellent
B	(80-89)	Above average
C	(70-79)	Fair or average
D	(60-69)	Lowest passing mark
F	(0-59)	Failing
I*		Incomplete
IP**		Incomplete Passing
W		Dropped/withdrawn from course (WP and WF are not used)
CR		Credit by examination and advanced placement

*Some programs have grading scales that differ from the above, specifically AD Nursing and some of the Health Sciences.

The instructor may assign an "I" because of student illness or other unavoidable circumstances. The student must complete work within six weeks after the end of the semester in which the grade was issued or receive a performance grade, usually an "F" for the course. To be eligible for this grade, the student must have essentially completed the course, and the work remaining should be of such nature as not to require class attendance. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with the instructor or completion of the course.

**An "IP" is *only* for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and certain Court Reporting and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration programs. The "IP" can never revert to an "F" nor be used in computing grade point averages or academic status.

Grade Change Procedure

An individual course grade may be changed when the faculty member certifies in writing that an error was made in computing the original grade or when a student has successfully completed work to satisfy a grade of incomplete (I). The appropriate dean and Vice President of Instruction must approve the grade change. An instructor cannot change a student's grade after one calendar year from the date the grade was assigned.

Grade Appeals

A student who wishes to protest a grade earned in a course should first discuss the grade with the instructor. If no resolution is reached, the student may appeal to the appropriate dean. If no satisfactory conclusion can be reached at this level, the student may appeal to the Vice President of Instruction whose decision is final. An instructor cannot change a student's grade after one calendar year from the date the grade was assigned.

Original grade books are filed in the Registrar's Office at the end of each semester. If the instructor has not changed a grade in the grade book before it is processed by the registrar's staff, the responsible staff member may line through the original grade and write the new grade in the grade book. The staff member will date and initial the change in the grade book. If documentation of a student drop or withdrawal from school during the first twelve weeks of a semester is on file in the Registrar's Office, the registrar's staff may correct a grade of "F" to a "W" and notify the instructor, Dean and Vice President of Instruction of the correction. There is no time limit on corrections of this type error.

Complaints Against an Instructor/ Protesting a Grade

Students wishing to review the action of a particular individual or department should direct their questions to the one who supervises the individual or department in question. This grievance procedure may also be used to address concerns about discrimination based on disability and sex, including sexual harassment. Grievances concerning disability issues, instructional and non-instructional, must first be addressed with the Special Population/ADA Counselor. This office is in the Devall Student Center, room 248, or call (903)983-8682 for an appointment.

For instructional matters:

1. Students should first take problems or questions to the instructor of the course in which they are experiencing problems. Most issues can be resolved at this level.
2. If the student and the instructor are unable to find a solution to the problem, the student may present the case in writing to the **department chair or program director** within three working days of the meeting with the instructor.
3. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of meeting with the department chair or program director, the student should present the case in writing to the **appropriate dean** within 72 hours (or three working days) of consulting with the department chair/program director.
4. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of meeting with the dean, the student should present the case in writing to the **Vice President of Instruction** within 72 hours (or three working days) of consulting with the dean. The decision of the Vice President of Instruction is final.

Students submitting any grievance must include the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and student identification number of the student filing the grievance.
2. Date and time of the grievance and a detailed explanation of the incident.
3. What other steps have been taken regarding this grievance (i.e., another dean contacted, police contacted etc.).
4. All other previously issued formal written answers or decisions regarding the problem at issue.
5. All statements from any individual that may be useful in the review of the incident.

"E-Mail"



Kilgore College Information Resources Acceptable Use Policy

The Acceptable Use Policy applies equally to all individuals granted access privileges to any Kilgore College Information Resources. This policy applies to use of Kilgore College Information Resources regardless of their physical location.

Information Resources are defined as any and all computer printouts, online display devices, magnetic storage media, and all computer-related activities involving any device capable of receiving email, browsing Web sites, or otherwise capable of receiving, storing, managing, or transmitting electronic data including, but not limited to, mainframes, servers, personal computers, notebook computers, hand-held computers, personal digital assistants, pagers, distributed processing systems, network attached and computer controlled medical and laboratory equipment (i.e. embedded technology), telecommunication resources, network environments, telephones, fax machines, printers, and service bureaus. Additionally, Information Resources are the procedures, equipment, facilities, software, and data that are designed, built, operated, and maintained to create, collect, record, process, store, retrieve, display, and transmit information.

Electronic files created, sent, received, or stored on Information Resources owned, leased, administered, or otherwise under the custody and control of Kilgore College are the property of Kilgore College unless a written agreement exists otherwise. Electronic files created, sent, received, or stored on Information Resources owned, leased, administered, or otherwise under the custody and control of Kilgore College are not private and may be accessed by administratively designated Kilgore College personnel at any time without knowledge of the Information Resources user or owner. All messages, files and documents – including personal messages, files and documents – located on Kilgore College Information Resources are owned by Kilgore College, may be subject to open records requests, and may be accessed in accordance with this policy.

A user is defined as an individual or an automated application or process that is authorized to access Kilgore College Information Resources.

Users must not share their Kilgore College account(s), passwords, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), Security Tokens (i.e. Smartcard), or similar information or devices used for identification and authorization purposes.

Users must report any weaknesses in Kilgore College computer security and any incidents of possible misuse or violation of this agreement to the proper authorities by contacting appropriate management personnel.

Users must not download, install, or run security programs or utilities that reveal or exploit weaknesses in the security of a system. For example, Kilgore College users must not run password cracking programs, packet sniffers, port scanners, or any other non-approved programs on Kilgore College Information Resources.

Users must not attempt to access any data or programs contained on Kilgore College Information Resources for which they do not have authorization or explicit consent.

Users must not make unauthorized copies of copyrighted software.

Users must remove disruptive software, shareware, or freeware installed on Kilgore College Information Resources when requested by appropriate management personnel.

Users must not purposely engage in activity that may do any of the following: harass, threaten or abuse others; degrade the performance of Information Resources including downloading large files from the Internet that are unrelated to the academic or administrative functions of Kilgore College; deprive an authorized Kilgore College user access to a Kilgore College resource; obtain extra resources beyond those allocated; or circumvent Kilgore College computer security measures.

Users must not intentionally access, create, store or transmit material which Kilgore College may deem to be offensive, indecent or obscene (other than in the course of academic research where this aspect of the research has the explicit approval of the Kilgore College official processes for dealing with academic ethical issues).

Kilgore College Information Resources must not be used for personal benefit.

Users must not otherwise engage in acts against the aims and purposes of Kilgore College as specified in its governing documents or in rules, regulations and procedures adopted from time to time.

As a convenience to the Kilgore College user community, incidental personal use of Information Resources is permitted. The following restrictions apply:

- Incidental personal use of electronic mail, internet access, fax machines, printers, copiers, and so on, is restricted to Kilgore College approved users; it does not extend to family members or other acquaintances.
- Incidental personal use must not result in direct costs to Kilgore College.
- Incidental personal use must not interfere with the normal performance of an employee's work duties.
- No files or documents may be sent or received that may cause legal action against, or embarrassment to, Kilgore College.
- Storage of personal email messages, voice messages, files and documents within Kilgore College's Information Resources must be nominal.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action which may include termination for employees and temporaries; a termination of employment relations in the case of contractors or consultants; dismissal for interns and volunteers; or suspension or expulsion in the case of a student. Additionally, individuals are subject to loss of Kilgore College Information Resources access privileges, civil, and criminal prosecution.

College Property: Access and Allocation

The College retains access to the entire workplace. The workplace includes, but is not limited to: offices, desks, file cabinets, computer disks, other computer-related materials, and personal items placed within offices, desks, and other storage spaces. The purpose of a given search may be to monitor office efficiency, investigate work-related misconduct, or another work-related purpose. Employees should not store personal papers and effects in the workplace if they do not want the items searched. Any search will be reasonably related to a work-related purpose.

The College may allocate or reallocate property or space as it deems necessary for efficient operation. No employee has a right or claim to any College property.

Contractual Agreements

Any contractual agreements for Kilgore College must be approved and authorized by the administration. Individual employees may not contract on behalf of the College without prior authorization.

Intellectual Property

The College encourages its employees to contribute to the advancement of knowledge by publishing and copyrighting, inventing, and patenting materials and objects of their own creation. The College shall protect the interests of its personnel in relation to disclosure of scientific and technological developments including, but not limited to, inventions, discoveries, trade secrets, computer software, and any original works and ideas that may have monetary value. The funds, public facilities, equipment, and other public properties for which it assumes stewardship are not utilized for personal benefits from publications and inventions according to the guidelines and conditions in this policy.

An employee may retain as sole property any intellectual property, scientific invention, material, or object created on his or her own time without use of College property, material, equipment, or College support.

The College, in return for unrestricted rights to use and reproduce original work that has been created at College expense or on College time or through use of College-owned equipment, shall grant full ownership to the creator according to the following stipulations:

1. Income derived from the sale of materials or objects to entities outside the College shall accrue to the College until all expenditures made in development of the material have been recovered. These expenditures include stipends paid to the developer (beyond contracted salary), pro-rated support staff salaries, supplies, and any other expenses that the College may have incurred in support of the creation of the material or object.
2. After the College has recovered the expenditures incurred in development and support, all further remuneration shall go to the creators of the objects or materials.

The College shall ensure equity and management participation on the part of the inventor or inventors in business entities that utilize technology created at the College. No College employee shall realize a profit from materials sold exclusively to College students.

The appropriate Divisional Dean shall approve instructional materials covered by this policy, intended for use at Kilgore College, and developed by a College employee(s) after consultation with the College administration.

The College President must be notified through proper channels of any employee's intent to use College time, equipment, materials, or facilities to create objects or materials with the intent to patent or copyright.

This notice must be given and tentative approval received from the President prior to actual commencement of work on the project. Within 20 working days after receipt of such notice of disclosure, the College shall take appropriate action toward establishment of ownership and securing appropriate legal protection. The College shall have authority for approval of the project and subsequent licensing. However, the College assumes no financial responsibility in securing patents and/or copyrights.

Materials produced under an externally funded grant shall be funded by the terms of the grant.

For Intellectual Property policies pertaining to distance education materials, please refer to the *Intellectual Property Policy for Kilgore College Distance Education Course Materials* in the Distance Learning section.

Attorney Contacts With Faculty

As an employee of Kilgore College, contact by an attorney or representative may occur in a variety of contexts. Any person who feels aggrieved has a right to seek legal representation. Kilgore College policies permit representation of employees and students in processing grievances or complaints. Generally, the complaint process is initiated at the first supervisory level above the position held by the complaining party. Therefore, employees in supervisory positions may be contacted by a claimant or retained attorney to initiate the complain process. Other times, an attorney may be retained in an effort to focus attention to a matter. The contexts in which such contacts may arise include: an employee who alleges a dispute with the College, a student who has a complaint against the College, or a third party with a claim against the College.

To protect the legal interest of Kilgore College, the administration feels that it is imperative that any such contact is reported to the appropriate administration official. Kilgore College considers such contacts as a priority matter and wants to take a proactive role in addressing any dispute involving faculty, staff or students. Therefore, it is imperative that all employees notify the administration immediately upon contact by an attorney or representative purporting to represent any person with a claim against Kilgore College. Employees should observe the following procedure when contacted by attorneys or persons purporting to represent a person aggrieved by Kilgore College. In addition, the same steps should be followed if an employee receives notice of a suit or a threat of litigation.

1. Understand the nature of the complaint or dispute and identify the complaining party.
2. Obtain the name and phone number of the attorney or representative reporting to represent the complaining party. Do not attempt to negotiate with an opposing attorney.
3. Advise the complaining party's attorney that the complaint will be referred to the Kilgore College administration and Kilgore College attorney.
4. Upon receiving notice of a complaint, notice of litigation, or threat of litigation, the employee should immediately notify the Assistant to the President and advise of all pertinent facts related to the contact. If the Assistant to the President is not available, the employee should notify the Director of Human Resources.
5. The Assistant to the President will immediately notify counsel for the College of the contact and all pertinent facts.
6. The College and its legal counsel prefer that Kilgore College faculty and staff refrain from discussing a complaint, its resolution, compromise, or litigation without the knowledge of the administration and the College's attorney.
7. Further contact with the complaining party and/or their representative should be conducted through legal counsel for the College, unless instructed otherwise.

As a matter of policy, Kilgore College wants to protect the legal rights of the College and its employees and staff. Kilgore College takes an active role in addressing any complaints, investigations, discussions with attorneys, and resolutions of complaints, up to and including litigation. Further, Kilgore College Policies provide express procedure for addressing employee complaints and grievances and student complaints. Additionally, state and federal law provide remedies for students, employees and others who believe that Kilgore College has abridged a protected right. Board policies, state law and federal law provide procedural protections for persons prosecuting complaints or grievances and for Kilgore College. The administration finds that adherence to these procedures will ensure the integrity of the process for all concerned.

Substance Abuse Policy

A copy of this policy, the purpose of which is to eliminate drug abuse from the workplace, shall be provided each employee at the beginning of each year or upon employment. Employees shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, processes, use, or be under the influence of any of the following substances during working hours while at the College or at College-related activities during or outside of usual working hours:

1. Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, or barbiturate.
2. Alcohol or any alcoholic beverage.
3. Any abuse able glue, aerosol paint, or any other chemical substance for inhalation.
3. Any other intoxicant, or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drugs.

An employee need not be legally intoxicated to be considered "under the influence" of a controlled substance.

Exception

An employee who uses a drug authorized by a licensed physician through a prescription specifically for that employee's use shall not be considered to have violated this policy.

Notice

In addition to a copy of this policy, each employee shall be given a copy of the College's statement regarding drug-free workplace and drug-free schools, a description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law, and a description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.

Safety Requirements

All employees shall adhere to College safety rules and regulations and shall report unsafe conditions or practices to the appropriate supervisor.

Anti- Harassment Policy Standards of Conduct

No member of the College community may harass another. Through this policy, the College implements a specific way to review and resolve complaints of harassment by any member of the College community, including faculty, staff, or students. **Through this policy, the College will take appropriate corrective action when it determines that harassment has occurred.** Each supervisor has the responsibility to maintain a workplace free of harassment. This responsibility includes discussing this policy with all employees and assuring them that they are not to endure insulting, degrading, or exploitative treatment.

Harassment is written, electronic, verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an employee, student, or group of employees or students because of his or her gender, sex, age, race, creed, national origin, religion, disability, or veteran status and that:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education; or,
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the individual; or,
3. Such conduct has the effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or demeaning employment, or education environment, and such conduct would do so for a reasonable person in the individual's position.

Harassing conduct includes (1) epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to any of the above listed protected classifications and/or (2) written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group because of membership in any of the above listed protected classifications and that is placed on walls, bulletin boards, or elsewhere on College premises, or is circulated in the workplace. **Harassment is prohibited regardless of whether or not the alleged harasser shares the same gender, sex, age, race, creed, national origin, religion, disability, or veteran status as the complaining party. Harassment is prohibited whether in the form of supervisor-employee, employee-employee, employee-student, or student-student.**

Complaint Guidelines

The complainant is strongly encouraged to submit the complaint in writing. If the subject of the complaint is the complainant's supervisor, the complainant may proceed directly to the next higher level of supervision or to the Director of Human Resources.

Investigation Guidelines

During the initial meeting with the complainant, information should be gathered such as the date, time, place, nature of the alleged harassment, frequency of the alleged conduct, the complainant's response or reaction to the alleged conduct, and the names of any witnesses. The complainant will be provided a copy of the college's sexual harassment policy and will be informed about the formal process of filing a complaint and alternative measures of resolution.

After the administrator taking the complaint meets with the complainant, the administrator will then meet with the accused. The administrator shall provide a copy of this policy to the accused. If the administrator determines that the nature of the charge appears to warrant immediate action, appropriate steps may be taken (with the approval of the College President) to protect the accused, or the complainant, or both, pending further investigation.

If the accused does not deny the complainant's material allegations, the administrator may attempt to resolve the complaint informally by acting as a facilitator between the accused and the complainant. Any proposed solutions or agreements are subject to the College President's approval. If the accused denies the complainant's material allegations, or if the administrator determines that the matter deserves further inquiry, an investigation will be conducted. The Director of Human Resources will coordinate the investigation. Efforts will be made to maintain confidentiality of both parties during any investigation to the extent provided by law. The College will attempt to complete this investigation within 30 days. After the investigation, a written report with recommendations for action will be presented to the College President. A written report shall be prepared even if the investigator concludes that there is no evidence of a violation of the sexual harassment policy. The College President will review the facts and make a final determination in the case. Actions may include, but are not limited to, written warning, reassignment, and suspension from work, or termination.

After the case is concluded, three further courses of action are available for the complainant or the accused.

1. If the investigator recommends no discipline for the accused or recommends discipline and the Recommendation is not acted upon, and then the complainant may file a further complaint according to Policy Section 10 of the *Kilgore College Policy and Procedures Manual*.
2. If the accused is disciplined upon recommendation of the investigator, then the accused may file a complaint according to Policy Section 10 of the *Kilgore College Policy and Procedures Manual*.
3. If termination is recommended for the accused, then the accused may follow the guidelines for a hearing or appearance before the Board as discussed in Policy Section 6 of the *Kilgore College Policy and Procedures Manual*.

Retaliation

Retaliation against an individual who complains of harassment will not be tolerated and is a violation of College policy and will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Any complainant who feels that he or she is being retaliated against, either during or after an investigation, shall report the incidents of retaliation to the investigator. Because of the serious nature of a harassment claim, employees or students who knowingly and in bad faith allege a false claim may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

Auxiliary Policies and Procedures

For details on Credit by Examination, Advanced Placement Testing and College Board Achievement Testing, consult the Kilgore College catalog.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Instructors should include a policy on scholastic dishonesty in course syllabi defining scholastic dishonesty and the possible punishments for offenders. It is strongly suggested that the following statement from the catalog be placed in your course syllabus and that you discuss it with students at the beginning of a semester.

“It is the responsibility of students and faculty to help maintain scholastic integrity at the College by refusing to participate in or tolerate scholastic dishonesty. Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty undermine the very purpose of the College and diminish the value of an education. Specific sanctions for academic dishonesty are outlined in the Kilgore College Student Handbook available in the Office of the Vice President of Student Development, located in the Duvall Student Center. Phone (903) 983-8189.”

The Code of Student Conduct is not a contract and serves only as guide for the fulfillment of acceptable due process procedures. The Board of Trustees has the authority and may modify or change the Code of Student Conduct at any time. The student is responsible for obtaining all published materials and updates from the Office of the Vice President of Student Development relating to this code. In addition, the college may modify the procedures contained herein at any time in order to effectuate justice.

Purpose of the Code of Student Conduct

Kilgore College's primary concern is the student. The College attempts to provide for all students a campus environment that is conducive to academic endeavor and social and individual growth. Enrollment at Kilgore College is considered implicit acceptance of the rules, regulations and guidelines governing student behavior promulgated by the College and the student is responsible for this information. In addition, all students, regardless of place of residence, are expected to observe all federal, state and applicable local laws. Any student who violates any provision of those laws is subject to disciplinary action in including expulsion, notwithstanding action taken by civil authorities on account of the violation.

The College reaffirms to each student the privileges exercising rights of citizenship under the Constitution of the United States, including the right to appropriate due process in any disciplinary matter. As both the responsibility and authority for discipline at Kilgore College ultimately rests with the Board of Trustees, the President, acting in their behalf, has delegated authority to administer a fair and just disciplinary program to the Vice President of Student Development. Therefore, the Vice President, acting in behalf of the President and the Board of Trustees, has authority to enforce all regulations approved and stated in College documents or otherwise. If documentation of a student drop or withdrawal from school during the first twelve weeks of a semester is on file in the Registrar's Office, the registrar's staff may correct a grade of "F" to a "W" and notify the instructor, Dean and Vice President of Instruction of the correction. There is no time limit on corrections of this type error.

CATEGORIES OF MISCONDUCT

Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline falls into the following categories:

A. Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:

1. Academic dishonesty including but not limited to cheating and plagiarism.
 - a. The term “cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1) Acquiring information for specifically assigned projects, working with one or more persons on an exam that is to be taken as an individual or observing work from another individual's exam;
 - (2) Providing information on an exam that is to be done individually or giving out the exam or content prior to the exam time.
 - b. The term plagiarism includes, but is not limited to,
 - (1) Failing to credit sources used in a work product in an attempt to pass off the work as one's own;
 - (2) Attempting to receive credit for work performed by another, including papers obtained in whole or in part from individuals or other sources.
 - c. Falsifying information includes but is not limited to;
 - (1) the falsification of the results obtained from a research or laboratory experiment;
 - (2) the written or oral presentation or results of research or laboratory experiments without the research or laboratory experiments having been performed.
 - d. Conspiracy to commit an act of academic dishonesty.
2. Furnishing false information to any College office or official, faculty or staff member acting in an official capacity, or giving false testimony or other falsified evidence at any campus disciplinary hearing.

3. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any College document, record, or instrument of identification.
 4. Tampering with the election of any College recognized student organization.
 5. Attempted or actual theft of property or damage to property of the College, or of a member of the college community, or a campus visitor.
 6. Theft, unauthorized access to or other abuse of computer systems or computer time relating to College endeavors.
 7. Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys to any College premises, or unauthorized entry to, or use of, College premises.
 8. Conspiring, planning or attempting to achieve any of the above acts.
- B. Conduct that adversely affects the college community, including but not limited to the following:
1. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures or other college activities, including public service functions or other authorized activities on or off college premises.
 2. Physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion and/or other conduct that threatens the safety of any person. Speech protected by the First Amendment is not a violation of this provision. Fighting words and statements that reasonably threaten or endanger the health and safety of any person are not protected speech. Each allegation of a violation under this provision shall be reviewed with these factors in mind.
 3. Use or possession of firearms, explosives fireworks, ammunition or any kind of weapon on campus. An object may be defined as a weapon through design, actual use or intended use.
 4. Disruptive activities as defined by Section 4.30 of the Texas Education Code.
 5. Hazing as defined by Section 4.51 et. seq., Texas Education Code.
 6. Use, possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of narcotics or dangerous drugs. [Students found on campus in possession of, or in effect of any illegal drug or controlled substance, or using, upon, selling, manufacturing or distributing such a drug or substance as defined by Article 4476-14 V.A.C.S. and Article 4476-15 V.A.C.S., shall if determined guilty of such act after appropriate due process, be suspended from enrollment at the college. The minimum period of suspension shall be for the academic semester in which final adjudication of the case occurs. Additional or more severe sanctions may be imposed based on the specific facts of the case.]
 7. Use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages.
 8. Conduct which is disorderly, obscene, or indecent; breach of peace; or aiding, abetting, or procuring another person to breach the peace on the college premises or at functions sponsored by, or participated in by, the College.
 9. Violations of College policies or regulations that have been published and are readily available to the students including but not limited to those which govern academic matters, housing, alcohol use, financial matters, student affairs, and the maintenance of the health, safety and welfare of the college community.
 10. An act constituting violation of federal, state, civil or criminal laws, or city ordinances.
 11. Conspiring, planning, or attempting to achieve any of the above acts.
- C. Misconduct relating to official obligations between the student and the college or its officials, including but not limited to the following:
1. Issuance of a check without sufficient funds.
 2. Failure to fulfill financial obligations(s) to the College.
 3. Failure to fulfill other legal obligation(s) to the College.
 4. Failure to comply with reasonable directions of, or failure to heed an official summons of, college officials, faculty or staff members acting in the performance of their duties.
 5. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Code of Student Conduct or sanctions otherwise imposed by the College.
 6. Conspiring, planning, or attempting to achieve any of the above acts.

Misconduct Penalties

The College may impose one or more of the following misconduct penalties upon individuals, groups or organizations. Penalties for violation of institutional policies or rules and regulations may be administered regardless of whether the actions of the student are also civil or criminal violations. Whenever disciplinary actions lead to the students leaving the college, grades will be assigned in accordance with the College Grade Policy and the Academic Calendar.

Admonition

This consists of a verbal or written warning. Verbal admonitions will not become a part of the student's confidential record in the Vice President of Student Development's Office.

Loss of Privileges or Imposition of Certain Tasks

Under some circumstance of misconduct, the College may deem it appropriate to take away certain privileges. Penalties such as prohibiting pledging, membership or leadership events on the social calendar, denial of participation in any official athletic or non-athletic extracurricular activity, including practices; withholding of official transcript or degree; blocking from enrollment for a specified period of time; recommendation of failing, reduction, or changing a grade in a test, course assignment, course or other academic work; cancellation of the housing contract or removal from the residence hall system or loss of money related to privileges may be imposed. The student may also be required to perform certain tasks, such as making restitution, whether monetary or by specific duties; attending counseling sessions; performing additional academic work not required of other students in a specific course; moving to another residence hall or within the same hall; complying with behavioral contract; paying of special fees, fines or service charges.

Probation

Probation is levied for a specified time, the duration of which will be determined by the seriousness of the circumstances of the case. Probation carries with it a warning that any further violation of college regulations may result in more serious consequences, including suspension or expulsion. The two types of probation are:

1. Conduct Probation - a sanction which will be removed from the student's confidential record in the Vice President of Student Development's Office at the end of the period of probation.
2. Disciplinary Probation - a sanction which may or may not remain a permanent part of the student's confidential record.

Suspension

Continued and/or flagrant violations of the probation terms or serious offense cases warranting such action may result in suspension from the college for a specified period. The student is blocked from re-enrollment until he/she applies for readmission to the college and is cleared by appropriate officials. Suspension becomes a part of the student's permanent record in the Vice President of Student Development's Office.

Withdrawal and Expulsion

Withdrawal is administrative removal of a student from a class or from the College and may be imposed in instances of unmet financial obligations to the College; for reasons of health; or pending the outcome of competent medical evaluation. The withdrawn student may also be barred from re-enrollment until such a time specific conditions have been met. Expulsion is permanent severance from the College.

Revocation of Degrees

The revocation of degrees may occur for discovered misconduct of prior students. Allegations of misconduct that may result in a revocation of a degree will be considered by the appropriate academic process.

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES Authority for Initiation of Disciplinary Action

Under direction of the President, the Vice President of Student Development and his/her assistants or other such staff members, or certain committees to whom this responsibility has been delegated, have the authority to administer disciplinary procedures. Therefore, disciplinary action will in general, originate in the Vice President of Student Development's Office, except for those cases which by their nature, or by state statute, require initial action by another college department such as:

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty matters may first be considered by the faculty member who may recommend penalties such as withdrawal from the course, failing the course, reduction or changing of a grade in the course, a test, assignment, or in other academic work; denial of a degree and/or performing additional academic work not required by other students in the course. Acceptance of the faculty member's recommended penalties by the student shall make the penalties final and constitutes a waiver of further administrative procedures. If the student does not accept the decision of the faculty member, he/she may have the case heard by the appropriate Dean and Vice President of Instruction for review. If the student is ultimately found not to have been involved in academic dishonesty, the instructor shall not base his/her evaluation of the student on the alleged but unproven dishonesty. If the student is ultimately found to have violated completion of its hearing, the appropriate disciplinary sanction shall be implemented. Any student who believes that a grade has been inequitably awarded should refer to the academic grade change procedures.

Committee on Student Conduct - Review Procedure

When any alleged misconduct results in recommended disciplinary action against him/her, he/she may, after a conference with the Vice President of Student Development, request a hearing before the Committee on Student Conduct. The Vice President has the authority to vary time limits for any requests for review by the Committee on Student Conduct when it is in the best interest of the student or the College to do so.

The student must, within 72 hours from the date disciplinary action was recommended against him/her by the Vice President of Student Development, complete and submit to the Chairman of the Committee a written request for review, specifically citing the following:

1. Name, address and student phone number.
2. Description, dates(s), and place(s) of alleged act(s).
3. Date and by whom the discipline is recommended.
4. The recommended disciplinary penalty.
5. Date of conference with Vice President of Student Development.
6. Circumstances which he/she feels merit review.
7. Signature and date.

Committee on Student Conduct Composition and Authority

The composition of the Committee on Student Conduct shall be two faculty members, two students, and a chairperson. A representative from the Vice President of Student Development's office will be present during the hearing.

1. Faculty members are appointed by the Vice President of Instruction to serve on the committee on Student Conduct for a period of one year. (The appointments will take place at the time they are necessary.)
2. Student participation will be limited to sophomore students. Students shall be appointed by the Director of Student Life, at a time when such appointment is necessary and will last for one year.
3. The Director of Student Services shall serve as the permanent chair. The chair shall participate fully in the hearing process but shall vote only in the case of a tie. All members except the Vice President of Student Development's representative shall have voting privileges
4. Two faculty, two students, and the chair shall be present when holding a hearing.
5. The Committee has the authority to summon witnesses. Refusal to obey the summons may subject the student to disciplinary action upon the recommendation of the Committee.
6. The Committee on Student Conduct has the authority to review disciplinary matters which have been properly brought before the Committee in accordance with the procedures stated above. Upon completion of the hearing, the committee has the authority to issue, modify, or uphold the disciplinary penalties, if appropriate.
7. All members of the Committee are cautioned of the confidentiality of the Committee's entire function and are admonished not to discuss any case with other than authorized persons.

Hearing Procedures

Unless specifically requested in writing by the student that it be otherwise, the hearing shall be closed to the public. If the accused student requests an open hearing, any student witness may have his/her testimony closed to the public. A tape recording shall be made of all hearings and retained as a part of the committee's file. Transcripts will be made at the written request of the Vice President of Student Development or the student, the cost to be borne by the one requesting the transcription.

Procedures for Appeals of Decisions of the Committee on Student Conduct

- A. Within three class days after the decision has been made, either or both parties may give notice of appeal to the President. The decision will be reviewed upon the basis of the tape recording of the hearing and/or documents filed and produced at the hearing and/or any witnesses the President wishes to call. The President may request that both parties submit oral or written arguments to support their positions. In order for the appeal to be considered, all the necessary documentation to be filed by the appealing party, including written arguments when appropriate, must be filed with the President within three days after notice of appeal is given. The President may approve, reject, or modify the decision in question or may require that the original hearing be reopened or the presentation of additional evidence and reconsideration of the decision.
- B. Either or both parties may then give notice of appeal to the Board of Trustees within three class days after the decision has been rendered by the President. The Board shall make its determination solely on record as it exists or may, at its sole discretion summons individuals to give oral or written statements.
- C. All decisions by the Board of Trustees concerning the matters of student disciplinary appeal are final.

STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides assistance and services to students in meeting their educational goals. Professional advisors provide a variety of services to students such as educational, career, and short-term personal counseling. Consultation is available on a walk-in basis most of the year; however, appointments are suggested. The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Devall Student Center on the Kilgore Campus and in the Hendrix building at KC-Longview.

- Academic advising regarding appropriate course choice, study habits, remedial work, or transferring to another college;
- Career counseling including **career** exploration;
- Personal-social counseling regarding adjustment within the college community and other concerns, which interfere with personal development;
- Testing to assess abilities, **career** interests, and personality.

For more information call: (903) 983-8206 in Kilgore or (903) 753-2642 in Longview. Additional information can be found at www.kilgore.edu/counseling.asp

STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS

The Student Success program has a variety of programs for students that will help them with the challenges of being a college student.

Student Success: Available to all students.

- Free tutoring
- Computer Lab with Internet access.
- Study Skills advising, tapes and viewing facilities.
- Study Skills course (ORIE 0100 and COLS 0300)
- New Student Orientation
- Smartthinking
- Jumpstart Program

Study Skills Courses: An introduction to those issues that help students be successful in higher education. Topics include are college policies and procedures, time management, study skills, goal setting, information technology, selecting a major, transferring, finances, health and wellness, and decision making.

New Student Orientation: is required for all first time college students in order to register for classes. This also applies to students who took college courses prior to high school graduation. Transfer students and students who have not attended in several years are encouraged to attend. These sessions are designed to acquaint the new student with: campus life, student services, campus resources, and to meet and enjoy fellow students, faculty and staff. You will have the opportunity to meet with a faculty advisor or counselor and register early for your semester classes.

Smarthinking: is an online tutoring service providing 24 hours a day service.

With Smarthinking, you can

- Connect with an e-structor and interact with a live tutor.
- Submit your Writing assignments for any class to our Online Writing Lab.
- Submit a Question and receive a reply from a tutor.

JUMPSTART: Entails two days of intensive preparation in English, reading and math for students who are planning to take the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) or The Kilgore College Accuplacer test.

Instructional Support Services

The Instructional Support Services Department offers support services to students who are enrolled in workforce programs and are classified as special populations. The Instructional Support Office is designed to help these students meet their educational and career goals through the provision of supplementary support services. Special Populations students include single parents, displaced homemakers, people with disabilities, students with majors nontraditional for their gender, limited English proficiency students, and economically disadvantaged students. Case management services, child care assistance, textbook lending program, transportation vouchers, and part-time employment opportunities are available, upon application, to qualified students. Additional support services include career, academic, and personal counseling, aptitude and interest assessments, tutorial services, and referrals to community resources. Applications for services are available in Longview at the North Building-room 101, the Hendrix Building-room 104 and in Kilgore at the Student Support Building-room 207 or call 903-983-8683. Funding is limited and some restrictions apply.

Trio Fast Track

The TRIO Fast Track Program, (Fostering Academic Success and Transfer) located in the Student Support Building, Room 123, provides support services to first generation, low-income and disabled students who wish to complete a Bachelor's degree. Services include individual tutoring, individual counseling, mentoring, access to a computer lab, laptop loan program, career exploration, academic advising, transfer counseling and visits to four-year universities, cultural enrichment activities, and financial aid assistance and scholarship opportunities.

The TRIO Fast Track Program is funded by a grant from the US Department of Education. All services provided by the TRIO Fast Track program are free to TRIO participants. To be eligible to receive services, a student must be a first generation college student, be Pell Grant eligible or have low income, and/or have a disability. Participants must also be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents.

RANDOLPH C. WATSON LIBRARY

The library, located between the Liberal Arts Building and the Engineering Science Building provides a comprehensive array of services, including books, electronic information resources, and periodicals and newspapers in electronic, paper and microform. Library professionals are ready to help faculty at any time and can be enlisted for special classroom presentations on how to use the library, how to conduct research, using the vast array of information resources available today.

Library Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Randolph C. Watson Library is to provide access to a broad range of informational resources and support services. The library will serve as a partner with faculty in the teaching and learning process, identifying and providing resources to support the curriculum and providing instruction in the use of the library by educating users to effectively access, utilize and evaluate available information resources.

Library Services for Faculty

Bibliographic Instruction – Library staff will work with faculty to develop a program that will integrate information literacy, research techniques and library skills into the curriculum. The library has an instruction room where the classes may be conducted.

Reserves – Faculty may place books, articles, videos, etc. on reserve in the library. Placing materials on reserve allows all students equal access to an item within a limited time period.

Interlibrary Loan – Materials that are not available locally may be borrowed or copies made from other libraries.

Check out books/videos – Faculty may check out materials for one semester. Materials may be renewed at the end of the Fall semester without physically bringing them in; all materials **must be returned** at the end of the Spring semester. They may be renewed at that time for teaching of classes during the summer. Overdue fines are not charged to faculty, but faculty will be required to pay for lost materials.

Acquisitions – Book selection is done in a systematic and comprehensive manner in order to acquire materials that support curriculum. Responsibility for the selection of library materials lies with the entire college community. Faculty members are largely responsible for recommending the acquisition of materials in their subject field. Any member of the faculty or staff may request that an item be added to the college collection by submitting the information to the acquisitions librarian.

Web Page – The library maintains a web page with additional information and forms at <http://kcfac.kilgore.edu/library>. The online catalog and many electronic databases may be accessed through the web page. Faculty must be current in the library's system in order to be authenticated for off campus use.

BONE LEARNING CENTER

This comprehensive computer lab contains a general-purpose computer lab, the developmental reading and developmental English labs as well as a developmental math lab. This lab has Internet connections for over 100 computers and is the center of our distance learning initiatives. It is fully staffed with professionals who can help all students at Kilgore College in the use of the lab.

At the Longview Center, a general open computer lab, located in Room 203 is available to students.

TESTING CENTERS

Kilgore College has two Testing center locations. The Testing Center located in Kilgore (Kilgore campus) offers a comprehensive program of services including a variety of national standardized exams and the Texas-mandated THEA. The center is located on the second floor of the Devall Student Center, Broadway Boulevard and is open Monday thru Thursday 8 am - 8 pm; Friday 8 am - 4:00 pm but **NO TESTING** on Fridays. Additional information may be obtained by calling 903-983-8215 or 903-983-8690 or by email at testing@kilgore.edu or by visiting the website at www.kilgore.edu/testing.asp

The KC-Longview Testing Center provides GED and THEA-alternative testing on a regular basis. The Kilgore College—Longview Testing Center is also open Monday through Thursday evenings during the fall and spring semesters from 5:00 to 9:00 PM for the following types of testing: QUEST/hybrid courses, distance education courses, and make-up tests. Two shifts of testing will be conducted each evening, from 5:00 to 7:00 and from 7:00 to 9:00.

Students are not required to arrive at the beginning times of each shift, but they must be finished by the ending times. At each shift, 26 students can be tested. To schedule testing, instructors must telephone extension 281 or 903-753-2642 or e-mail Nancy Starr at nstarr@kilgore.edu and supply the class name and section number, the dates for test administration, and the number of students to be tested. When submitting the tests to KC—L Testing Center, instructors must complete a *Request for Testing* form, which can be obtained at the KC--Longview main office. Before testing, instructors must then ask students to telephone 903-753-2642 for appointments. Students must present their picture IDs before being admitted for testing.

KC –BOOKSTORES

The KC Bookstore, located in the Devall Student Center, sells textbooks, supplies, articles of clothing, souvenirs, and miscellaneous items. The Bookstore accepts cash, personal checks, money orders as well as MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover charge cards. The Bookstore is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday. The Bookstore will be open until 7:00 p.m. the first week of classes of long semesters. The phone number is (903) 983-8277.

KC–Longview bookstore, located in the Hendrix Building, is open from 7:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday. The phone number is (903) 753-2642.

CAFETERIA

The Ranger Cafeteria, located in the Devall Student Center, serves Kilgore College students, faculty, and visitors. Meal tickets are available at special rates for faculty and staff; call the Aramark manager at 983-8286, or ext. 8286, for details. Aramark is also available for catering for college or personal events or meetings of any size.

APPENDIX

SAMPLE COURSE SYLLABUS

MUSI 1306: MUSIC APPRECIATION

MUSI 1306. Music Appreciation.

(3-3-0)

A course training the student in the art of creative listening and acquainting him with composers and their works.

Prerequisite: Eligible to enroll in READ 0306. F, Sp Su (5009025126).

I. Instructor: Jeanne Johnson, Chair of Music and Dance
FA6, Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Building
(903)983-8121 Office Hours: By Appointment

II. Course Rationale: This course meets the requirement for Visual and Performing Arts, which is a component of the core curriculum for every state supported institution of higher education in Texas. This course also meets the fine arts requirement for the A.A., A.S., and A.A.S. degrees at Kilgore College.

III. Educational Materials: **Music - An Appreciation** text (5th brief edition) by Roger Kamien published by McGraw-Hill

IV. Evaluation: A. Four (4) examinations @ 100 points each= 400 points
B. One (1) minimum three-page biographical essay w/outline, bibliography, and citations dealing with a composer's life= 50 points
C. Two (2) one-page concert reports @ 25 points each= 50 points

A= 448-500 points
B= 398-447 points
C= 348-397 points
D= 298-347 points
F= 297 and below

Possible 500 points

V. Classroom Policies:

A. After six (6) absences during a MWF class or four (4) absences of a TR class, the student will be dropped with a grade of W. Two (2) tardies will equal one absence. Absences should be limited to contagious illnesses or personal emergency.

B. Late work will be accepted if the student has an excused absence and will be due the following class meeting, unless otherwise arranged. Students are responsible for all work assigned regardless of their presence or absence.

VI. Student Learning Outcomes:

A. Students will describe connections between multiple scholarly disciplines.
Activities: text readings, class lecture and discussion
Assessment: final exam writing assignment

B. Students will match compositions not previously listened to or discussed in class to their respective historical periods.
Activities: text readings, class lecture, discussion, and listening experiences
Assessment: final exam matching format

C. Students will identify basic music terminology, musical forms, major composers, major compositions, and characteristics of major historical time periods.

Activities: text readings, class lecture, discussion, and listening experiences

Assessment: exam questions which may include multiple choice, matching, sentence completion, short answer, and/or essay questions

D. Students will relate what they hear and observe from concert experiences to what they have learned in readings and classroom experiences.

Activities: attendance at a minimum of two instructor-approved concerts; text readings, class lecture, discussion, and listening experiences. Teacher will have discretion to substitute additional written assignments to classes held during times of the year in which no regular on-campus concerts are held.

Assessment: Minimum of two written concert reports

E. Students will communicate in written and/or oral formats, their understanding of a major composer.

Activities: text readings, readings and/or internet search

Assessment: Minimum of one written paper and/or oral report

VII. Schedule of Classes and/or lectures: Three clock hours per week.

Credentials for Instructors

(Passed by Instructional Council, April 18, 2007)

I. Developmental Education Faculty:

An instructor of developmental courses must have:

1. Bachelor's degree with a major in the subject and a minimum of two years of successful teaching experience in public schools or college; or
2. Bachelor's degree in a related subject with coursework in the subject to be taught and a minimum of two years of successful teaching experience in public schools or college.
3. Other qualifications to be considered **in lieu of some of the above** are:
 - a. teaching certificate in the subject
 - b. professional development activities (coursework, workshops, or conferences) emphasizing developmental education
 - c. prior evaluations of instruction
 - d. teaching awards

II. ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Faculty:

The above credentials plus TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certification or endorsement and/or at least six hours of ESOL coursework.

III. Workforce Education Faculty:

An instructor of workforce education courses* must have at least one of the following:

1. Associate degree in the subject or related field and a minimum of five years of associated work experience
2. Bachelor's degree in the subject or related field and a minimum of four years of associated work experience
3. Master's degree in the subject or related field and three years of associated work experience

***As the state *Guide for Instructional Programs in Workforce Education* notes, "the rubric does not identify the only discipline eligible to use a course. Courses should be chosen based on course descriptions and learning outcomes, not on rubrics. Any program may involve courses with several different rubrics as long as the course content is appropriate" (*Guide for Instructional Programs in Workforce Education*, "Course Rubric and Number," Chapter 4, p. 4).**

Faculty who teach in programs that are approved, licensed, certified or accredited by external agencies and who meet the qualifications prescribed by those agencies, may substitute the external agency approval for the required associated work experience.

V. Kinesiology Faculty:

1. To teach a 3 hour lecture course, faculty must have a Master's degree plus 18 graduate hours in Kinesiology, Physical Education or a related field.
2. To teach activity courses, faculty must have a Bachelor's degree or current certification in the specific activities they are teaching. Kinesiology faculty teaching activity courses must also have a current CPR certification.

VI. Adult Education:

Faculty and staff members in the Adult Education Program must meet the qualifications as prescribed by the Texas Education Agency. These qualifications include the following:

- Directors, teachers, counselors, and supervisors in the program must possess at least a bachelor's degree. This rule took effect on September 1, 1996.
- Any teachers not meeting this mandate who were hired to teach prior to the effective date of the rule have been grandfathered under Texas Education Agency procedures and can continue working as adult education teachers if they have remained employed in that capacity every fiscal year since then.

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR Instructional Visitation Appraisal

1. The date and time for the Instructional Visitation is to be established by the instructor and supervisor.
2. Part I is to be filled out by the instructor and given to the supervisor prior to the class visit.
3. A follow-up conference to evaluate strengths, weaknesses, and directions for future growth will be held within a reasonable time after the visit.
4. Part III may be completed by the instructor after reviewing the comments and/or discussing the class visitation with the supervisor.
5. Signatures are to be added after completion of Parts I - V and the follow-up conference.

Name _____ Division _____

Location _____ Course _____

PART I: CLASS SESSION/LEARNING EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION

1. Briefly describe your objectives for this class session and their relationship to the overall course.

2. Identify the method(s) of instruction to achieve these objectives.

____ Lecture

____ Laboratory

____ Seminar

____ Discussion

____ Demonstration

____ Team Teaching

(identify other instructors)

____ Team-building or collaborative activity

____ Simulation/role playing

____ Performance

____ Instructional Television (video)

____ Instructional Television (interactive)

____ Other (identify)

3. How will the students participate?

PART III: CLASS VISIT APPRAISAL

1. Supervisor Comments/Suggestions:

2. Instructor comments:

PART IV: STUDENT SURVEY OF INSTRUCTOR

Comments:

PART V: OVERALL EVALUATION OF SEMESTER'S PERFORMANCE

_____ Effective

_____ * Needs improvement

1. Supervisor's Comments: (* Required)

2. Instructor's Comments:

DATE OF FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE: _____

Supervisor

Date

Instructor

Date

Division Dean

Date

KILGORE COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR EVALUATION

Directions: For each statement, completely darken the circle that corresponds to your rating of the instructor and the course.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>					
1. The instructor is well prepared for classes/lessons.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
2. The instructor clearly communicates ideas.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
3. The instructor stimulates intellectual curiosity.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
4. The instructor demonstrates a knowledge of the subject matter.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
5. The instructor makes available learning outcomes in the class syllabus.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
6. The instructor's use of technology improved my understanding of course material.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
7. The instructor uses assignments to increase understanding of subject matter.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
8. The instructor provides adequate and timely feedback on assignments and exams.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
9. The instructor gives tests which cover course content.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
10. The instructor exhibits enthusiasm for teaching.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
11. The instructor generates a class atmosphere which promotes learning.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
12. The instructor is receptive to questions and comments from students.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
13. The instructor challenges students to develop ideas based on course material.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
14. The instructor demonstrates fairness when dealing with students.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐

COURSE / STUDENT

15. I am satisfied with what I learned in this course.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
16. I value the importance of reading as a necessary part of my college education.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
17. I took advantage of my instructor's office hours to resolve questions about subject matter.	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
18. (Answer the optional statement given to you by your instructor, if applicable.)	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
19. (Answer the optional statement given to you by your instructor, if applicable.)	▲	▶	◀	☐	☐
20. To prepare for this class, I studied this many hours per week:					

▲ 12+ hours ▶ 9-11 hours ◀ 7-8 hours ☐ 4-6 hours ☐ 1-3 hours

KILGORE COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR EVALUATION

The following information is voluntary:

Course Name: _____ **Number:** _____ **Section:** _____

Instructor: _____

1. What did you like the most about this class?

2. What did you like the least about this class?

3. Other comments?

Kilgore College Student Laboratory / Instructor Evaluation

Directions: For each statement, completely darken the circle that corresponds to your rating of the instructor and the course, using a dark pencil or pen.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
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CLASS ORGANIZATION:

- | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Course content and lab activities followed the syllabus student learning outcomes. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 2. Activities in lab reinforced concepts studied in lecture. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 3. The instructor was prepared and presented subject in an organized manner. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 4. Supplies and equipment were adequate and available for each lab. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 5. The instructor was familiar with lab techniques and current technology. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 6. The instructor monitored the laboratory activities and provided feedback during the activities. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |

TESTING AND GRADING SYSTEM:

- | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. The lab grading system was fully explained to me. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 8. The instructor had a sufficient number of grades to determine my lab grades. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 9. The method for grading assignments and tests was fair. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 10. Tests and assignments were returned within a reasonable time. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 11. Lab practicals were an accurate way to measure my knowledge of course material. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND MATERIALS:

- | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12. The written materials were useful, up-to-date, and understandable. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 13. The instructor explained and practiced safe lab procedures. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 14. A safe laboratory environment was maintained throughout the semester. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 15. The size of the lab facility was appropriate for adequate instruction. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 16. The number of students/lab class was appropriate for adequate instruction and maximum learning. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |

STUDENT-INSTRUCTOR RELATIONSHIP:

- | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17. The instructor was accessible during lab. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 18. The instructor generated a class atmosphere which promotes learning. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 19. The instructor demonstrated fairness in dealing with students. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |
| 20. I would recommend this lab instructor to another student. | ▶ | ◀ | ☐ | ☐ | - |

Kilgore College – Student Evaluation of eLearning Courses

Kilgore College strives to provide excellence in educational programs and support services. We ask that you assist us in this endeavor by completing this evaluation of your distance learning course. Thank you for your help.

1. I took a distance learning course because:
 - Family or work obligations do not allow me to attend on-campus courses
 - I wanted to minimize travel time
 - I could not attend at the time scheduled for on-campus courses
 - I thought it would be less difficult or less work
 - Other (please explain) _____

2. Have you taken a distance learning course before?
 - Yes
 - No

Directions: For each statement, completely darken the circle that corresponds to your rating of the instructor and the course. Use a No. 2 pencil and erase changes completely.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
11. The assignments and projects helped me understand the course material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Adequate time was given to complete and return my assignments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. I feel I have learned as much and done as well as I would have in a traditional classroom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. The tests given for the course represented a broad sampling of information in all course materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. I would take another distance learning course of this type.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. The course was valuable, and I would recommend it to other students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. The course provided adequate opportunities to communicate with the instructor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. The course provided adequate opportunities to communicate with other students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. The course provided adequate opportunities to interact with learning resources relevant to meeting student learning outcomes (textbook, library, laboratory, websites, video, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Distance education information in college publications is clear and informative regarding course offerings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Registration procedures were convenient for me to enroll in this course.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. I was provided (either on paper or electronically) instructions on contacting my instructor, using the library and lab facilities, and accessing other support services (registration, testing, counseling, bookstore, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Procedures for testing were convenient.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. I received all the support services (registration, testing, counseling, bookstore, etc.) I needed as a distant learner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any comments on the reverse side of this sheet.



Request for Instructional Testing

<p>Kilgore College Longview Testing Center Hours: 5:00 to 9:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays</p> <p>Testing is available for students in QUEST/hybrid courses and distance education courses and for students who need make-up exams.</p>	
<p>Instructor: Before students can make appointments for testing, you must email longviewtesting@kilgore.edu to reserve a testing time. Email the completed form to this address. Students will not be allowed to make appointments for testing until this form is received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must telephone 903-753-2642 for testing appointments. Tests will be administered in two shifts: 5:00 to 7:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Students arriving after 7:30 PM will not be admitted to the Testing Center. • Students who need accommodations must make requests 48 hours in advance. 	
<p>Instructor Name:</p>	
<p>Class & Section Number, i.e. ENGL 1301.W1:</p>	
<p>Date/s test is to be administered, i.e. March 29 to April 6:</p>	
<p>Number of students to be tested:</p>	<p>Maximum time allowed for test:</p>
<p>After completion of testing dates, how do you want to receive your tests?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Personal pick-up at Main Office <input type="checkbox"/> Campus mail </p>	
<p>Students must bring the following items to the Testing Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 100 question Scantron <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 15 question Scantron <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Scantron Mini Essay Book <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Blue Book <input type="checkbox"/> Paper for essay questionsCNumber of sheets _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Scratch paper <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify. 	
<p>Testing instructions:</p>	



EMPHASIS EXCELLENCE ★ 1935 Distance Education Course Information Sheet

Testing Center-Main Campus 1100 Broadway Kilgore, TX 75662 Phone: 903.983.8215 Email: testing@kilgore.edu

Please complete this form for each course you teach and return to Testing Center by the fifth (5th) class day of the semester.

ATTENTION: Please keep in mind your students will NOT be allowed to test until this form is submitted AND your test materials have been received in the Testing Center.

Instructor Name: _____ Instructor email: _____

Course: _____ Instructor Phone # _____

Test Dates and/or deadline dates: _____

Time limit: _____ (if no time limit indicated, students will receive 90 min. for regular and midterm exams and 2hrs. for final exams)

Authorized Supplemental Materials: Please put a (x) on the appropriate box

- Scantron (100 question) no essay
- Scantron (100 question) w/essay
- Blue book
- Notes
- Scratch Paper (provided by testing center)
- Graph Paper
- Ruled paper
- Calculator (specify type; graphing or non graphing) _____
- Text book
- Other aids (specify ie. index cards, rulers, etc.) _____

Special Testing Instructions: You may include passwords for online exams here if you wish.

(Excerpt) Kilgore College PROCEDURES MANUAL

PR1. EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVES: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Pr1.1 ADA/SECTION 504 COORDINATOR

The College designates the following person to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which incorporates and expands upon the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Name: Hollyann Davis
Position: Counselor for Special Populations
Address: 1100 Broadway, Kilgore 75662
Phone: (903) 984-8531

PR1.2 TITLE IX COORDINATOR

The College designates the following person to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended:

Name: Tony Johnson
Position: Director of Human Resources
Address: 1100 Broadway, Kilgore 75662
Phone: (903) 984-8531

PR1.3 HIRING PROCEDURES

It is the purpose of Kilgore College to establish procedures, provide instructions, and set forth basic principles to be followed in the administration of the search committee process. This document is written to comply with federal and state regulations. The objectives of the search committee are to obtain and present for administrative consideration, the best candidates to fill faculty and staff vacancies in a timely manner; and to ensure that individual applicants are afforded the opportunity to compete on an equal basis.

The following is a summary of general procedures that should be followed, when practical, when employment vacancies occur. Changes to the following steps may be approved by the Office of Human resources when it is determined to be in the best interest of selection process and the institution.

Step 1: The appropriate administrator requests approval from the President to fill the vacancy. For vacancies occurring within an instructional program of the college, the administrator will request this authorization from the Vice President of Instruction.

Step 2: Upon approval from the President, the Office of Human Resources, in consultation with the appropriate administrator, develops and distributes a position announcement. Applications are accepted by the Office of Human resources and screened for minimum qualifications. Typically, all positions will be considered "open" for a minimum of 10 working days.

Step 3: The administrator recommends to the Office of Human Resources three to five names for a search committee. Given the nature and scope of the position, a larger committee may be appointed.

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