



## Course Information

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**Course Title, Number, Section Number, Term and Year:** Ethics & Legal Issues in Counseling, COUN 777-001

**Number of Credits:** 3

**Course Location, Dates, and Times:** All class meetings will take place via Zoom.

Friday, 05/21/2021, 05:00PM - 10:00PM; Saturday, 05/22/2021, 08:00AM - 05:00PM;

Friday, 06/04/2021, 05:00PM - 10:00PM; Saturday, 06/05/2021, 08:00AM - 05:00PM;

Friday, 06/18/2021, 05:00PM - 10:00PM; Saturday, 06/19/2021, 08:00AM - 05:00PM

## Instructor Information

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**Name of Instructor:**

**Pronouns:**

**Instructor Contact Information:**

**Instructor Preferred Method/ Times for Student Contact:** Please allow 48 hrs. for a response to emails; if I have not returned your email by then, please feel free to reach back out. Office hours available by appointment.

## Course Description

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The focus of this course builds on the foundational ethical knowledge and examines a range of contemporary ethical issues in counseling and the intersectionality with the legal system. Ethical decision making models and the development of ethical responsibility within professional practice will be explored.

## Required Course Materials

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- 1) Homrich, A. M. & Henderson, K. L. (2018). Gatekeeping in the mental health professions. American Counseling Association. ISBN: 9781556203282
- 2) Luke, C. (2020). Neuroscience for counselors & therapists. Cognella, Inc. ISBN: 9781516503977
- 3) **OPTIONAL:** Herlihy, B., & Corey, G. (2015). ACA Ethical Standards Casebook (7th ed.). American Counseling Association. ISBN: 9781556203213

## Course Student Learning Outcomes

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The curriculum is designed to enhance a student's professional identity as a counselor and counseling skills. The Student Learning Outcomes for this course are aligned with 2016 CACREP standards as explicated through specific assignments noted in the table below.

## Alignment Table of Learning Outcomes and Course Work

Student Learning Outcomes	CACREP 2016 Standards	Assignments & Activities
Students will explore contemporary ethical issues with diverse populations in clinical and supervisory settings.	Ethical and culturally relevant counseling in multiple settings (6.B.1.f)  Legal and ethical issues and responsibilities in clinical supervision (6.B.2.j)	
Students will examine ethical issues in counselor education, including supervision, leadership/advocacy, clinical practice, and research.	Ethical and culturally relevant strategies used in counselor preparation (6.B.3.h)  Ethical and culturally relevant strategies for conducting research (6.B.4.l)	
Students will discuss ethical issues pertaining to leadership in counseling/counselor education and ethical matters related to advocacy.	Ethical and culturally relevant leadership and advocacy practices (6.B.5.l)	

## Methods of Instruction

Student learning will occur via course readings, online discussions, watching videos, in-class activities, and lecture.

## Evaluation Method

Assignments & Activities	Due Date	Points/Weight
Attendance, Participation, & Reflection	Each class	15
Case Study Swap (x3) w/ ethical dilemma presentation	5/22, 6/5, 6/19	30 (10 each)
Article reflection (x2)	5/22, 6/19	10 (5 each)
Notable Quotes	5/21, 6/4, 6/19	15 (5 each)
Teaching Presentation (x2)	6/5, 6/18	30 (15 each)

**100 total points**

<b>Grading Scale:</b>	A	95-100%	C	75-79%
	A/B	90-94%	C/D	70-74%
	B/	85-89%	D	65-69%
	B/C	80-84%	F	<64%

## Policies & Resources

### Instructor Late Work Policy

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You may always request an extension; however, do not take advantage of my kindness. If you are genuinely struggling, shoot me an email or set up a meeting with me so we can collaboratively come up with a game plan for you to complete your work. If I am not contacted about late work (or if late work did not receive prior approval), students may still submit assignments but will lose 5% of points possible for each day the assignment is late.

### Attendance Policy

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Dyadic/triadic processing and experiential class activities that provide opportunities to interact with and learn from peers are significant factors in students' educational growth and development. Therefore, students are expected to attend class regularly and participate in class discussions, class activities, and presentations at the graduate level (e.g. to engage in both small and large group interactions in a manner that demonstrates interpersonal effectiveness, openness to feedback, and respect for the community of learners).

Each student is expected to be on time and in attendance for all classes. Failure to attend less than 90% of the course will result in no credit, unless appropriate makeup work is completed. If there is a need to miss a class based on emergency, it is expected that the student will contact the instructor **before** the missed class if at all possible. Furthermore, missing more than one class for any reason may result in a No Credit evaluation.

### Academic Integrity Policy

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Maintaining a standard of academic honesty is a responsibility shared by the students, faculty and administration at Viterbo University. The faculty has the responsibility to create an atmosphere in which students may display their knowledge. This atmosphere includes sufficient safeguards to control dishonesty including an orderly testing room, restrictions on text messages, etc. Students have the responsibility to understand academic misconduct and to refrain from it.

### Credit Hour Course Expectations

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Regardless of format, all courses are required to meet the required credit hour standards by a combination of seat time and outside work. Outside work could include additional outside reading, group work, service projects, field work, clinical rotations, among other learning activities. Viterbo defines one credit hour as 750 minutes over 15 weeks. In addition, each credit of a course requires that students spend two hours of work outside of class per week. Minimum class and outside work time are calculated according to this formula:

$$(750 + 1800) * \text{the \# of credits of a course} = \text{the minimum number of minutes of seat time and outside work required}$$

For example, a three-credit course requires a minimum of 7,650 total minutes.

### Course Support Services

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Learning assistance is available from the Academic Resource Center. Content tutoring is available for all students by signing up in the Center. Writing specialists are also available to assist students in any course. Students may schedule writing appointments by going to the ARC web page and clicking on the book now icon.

### Disability Statement

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The Academic Resource Center provides services to students who have indicated that they have a disability. Students who have a diagnosed disability and require legitimate accommodations must complete an Application for Accommodations Based on Disability-Related Need and should contact the Academic Resource Center at 796-3190.

# Syllabus Statement on Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct

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Viterbo University seeks to ensure that campus community members learn and work in a hospitable and inclusive environment. To this end, Viterbo policy and Title IX prohibit sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct including, but not limited to sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

As a faculty member, I am required to report incidents of sexual misconduct and thus cannot guarantee confidentiality. I must provide our Title IX Coordinator with relevant details such as the names of those involved in the incident. Viterbo is legally obligated to respond to reports of sexual misconduct, and therefore we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of a report, unless made to a confidential resource. Although I have to report the situation, you will still have options about how your case will be handled, including whether or not you wish to pursue a formal complaint. Viterbo's goal is to make sure you are aware of the range of options available to you and that you have access to the resources you need.

Viterbo encourages anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct or relationship violence to get support and assistance from one of the confidential or non-confidential resources listed at this link:

<http://www.viterbo.edu/sexual-misconduct/make-report-or-file-complaint>

Please visit [this website](#) for the complete Viterbo University Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy with resources, procedures, and flowchart.

## Where to Get Help: Additional Policies and Resources for Students

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- [Viterbo Speaks Up](#): Report crimes, worrisome behaviors, harassment, sexual violence or assault, hate/bias discrimination, or violations of the Viterbo University Code of Student Conduct
- [Chosen First Name Policy](#)
- [Concerns or Complaints Regarding Instruction](#)
- [Moodle & Technology Guides](#)
- [Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)
- [Student Disability Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Student Resources](#)
- [Technology Requirements](#) and [Technical Support](#)

*Please review additional items noted in the Policies and Resources block in the Moodle course site.*

## Counseling Services

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It is common for college students to struggle with stress or other emotional challenges, and you may feel a need or desire to seek professional help. If you would like to talk to someone, you are encouraged to contact Viterbo University's Counseling Services: <https://www.viterbo.edu/counseling-services>; 608-796-3825. For assistance after normal business hours, you can call the Great Rivers 24-hour helpline: dial 211 from a campus phone or 800-362-8255. For emergencies, dial 911 or campus security (3911 from campus phone or 608-796-3911).