

Course ID:	Course Title:	Wir	nter 2021
BHS 400	Seminar	Prerequisite: BHS Ser	nior;
		Permission of Depart	tment
		Credits:	3

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Class Information		Inst	ructor Information	Important Dates	
Days:	T/Thursday	Instructor:	Alexandra Sanderson, PhD	First day of classes:	Mon, Jan 11
Time:	1:30-2:45 pm	Email:	asanderson@ambrose.edu	Last day to add/drop, or change to audit:	Sun, Jan 24
Room:	Online	Phone:	403-410-2000 ext. 5907	Last day to request revised final exam:	Mon, Mar 8
Lab/		Office:	L2101	Last day to withdraw from course:	Fri, Mar 19
Tutorial:		Office Hours:	Zoom by appointment	Last day to apply for coursework extension:	Mon, Mar 29
Final Exam:	N/A			Last day of classes:	Fri, Apr 16

Course Description

An integrative capstone seminar based on the contributions of both sociology and psychology for understanding human behaviour. The course will integrate the method, academic content, and pragmatic application of those fields of knowledge to the social context of human behaviour and explore the ways this can lead to vocation and service in the world community. A variety of methodological, theoretical, and practical questions will be addressed.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- 1. To reflect on the cumulative achievement of your work in the behavioural science field and on how other liberal arts courses complemented, extended or challenged your studies in BHS.
- 2. To reflect on how the BHS degree has shaped your Christian worldview and vice versa, and how your worldview may have been challenged, modified, or expanded.
- 3. To reflect on assigned readings and to think critically about present academic experience and future vocation.
- 4. To reflect on what it means to hold ethically responsible attitudes toward social problems and, in particular, vulnerable populations in society, and be empowered to give voice to these issues in the public and professional arena.

This class supports the development of the following Behavioural Science Learning Goals:

- 1. be able to integrate knowledge of both the psychological and societal processes which bear upon human emotions, cognition and behaviour;
- 2. perceive human needs with empathy, develop ethically responsible attitudes toward social problems and, in particular, vulnerable populations in society, and be empowered to give voice to these issues in the public and professional arena;
- 3. Be prepared to engage ethically with individuals from diverse backgrounds (i.e., racial, ethnic, religious, gender & sexual orientation) in a manner that maintains the dignity and respect for all people;
- 4. develop a Christian view of sociological and psychological processes in conjunction with scientific study

5. be prepared to work with integrity and confidence in a variety of human service fields or continue on to graduate work or after-degree programs

Textbooks

Parks, Daloz, L.A., Keen, C.H., Keen, J.P., and Daloz Parks, S. 1996. *Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press.

Assigned Journal articles: The articles can be found on your BHS 400 moodle site. All articles are to be read and will contribute to your class and written responses.

Course Schedule

January 12 th	Course Introduction
January 14 th	"Leading with an Open Heart" (Heifetz & Linsky 2002)
	Gergen, K.J. (2001) Psychology as "Politics by Other Means."
	Gergen, K.J. (2016). Towards a Visionary Psychology.
January 19 th	Coffee with class – please see instructions outlined in your syllabus
January 21 st	Reimer-Kirkham, S. (2020). Chaplaincy in Canada and the United Kingdom: Prayer and the Dynamics of Spiritual Care. In Beardsley C., Todd A., REIMER-KIRKHAM S., SHARMA S., BROWN R., CALESTANI M., et al. (Authors), <i>Prayer as Transgression?: The Social Relations of Prayer in Healthcare Settings</i> (pp. 86-104). Montreal; Kingston; London; Chicago: McGill-Queen's University Press. doi:10.2307/j.ctv18sqzfs.11
1 2 <i>c</i> st	Gergen, K.J., (2007). Relativism, Religion and Relational Being.
January 26 st	Gottlieb, M. (2020). The Case for a Cultural Humility Framework in Social Work Practice. <i>Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work</i> . DOI: <u>10.1080/15313204.2020.1753615</u>
	Sanchez, B. (2020). Cultural Humility: A Tool for Social Workers When Working with Diverse Populations. <i>Reflections of Narrative Helping. (26).</i> 67-74.
	Sundar, P., Todd, S., Danseco, E., Kelly, LJ., & Cunning, S. (2012). Toward a culturally responsive approach to child and youth mental health practice: Integrating the perspectives of service users and providers. <i>Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health</i> , 31(1), 99–113. https://doi.org/10.7870/cjcmh-2012-0008
January 28 th	Marsh TN, Coholic D, Cote-Meek S, Najavits LM. Blending Aboriginal and Western healing methods to treat intergenerational trauma with substance use disorder in Aboriginal peoples who live in northeastern Ontario, Canada. (2015). <i>Harm Reduction Journal</i> . (20);12:14. doi: 10.1186/s12954-015-0046-1. PMID: 25989833; PMCID: PMC4445297.
	Absolon, K. (2010). Indigenous wholistic theory: A knowledge set for practice. <i>First Peoples Child & Family Review, Vol. 5</i> , No. 2, 2010, pp. 74-87.
	Dennis, M. & Minor, M. (2019) Healing Through Storytelling: Indigenising Social Work with Stories. <i>British Journal of Social Work</i>
Feb 2 nd	Ellis, A. E. (2020). Providing trauma-informed affirmative care: Introduction to special issue on evidence-based relationship variables in working with affectional and gender minorities. <i>Practice Innovations</i> , <i>5</i> (3), 179-188. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/pri0000133
	Bryson SA, Gauvin E, Jamieson A, Rathgeber M, Faulkner-Gibson L, Bell S, Davidson J, Russel J, Burke S. What are effective strategies for implementing trauma-informed care in youth inpatient psychiatric and residential treatment settings? A realist systematic review. Int J Ment Health Syst. 2017 May 11;11:36. doi: 10.1186/s13033-017-0137-3. PMID: 28503194; PMCID: PMC5425975.

	Judith A. Howard (2019) A Systemic Framework for Trauma-Informed Schooling: Complex but Necessary!, Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma, 28:5, 545-565, DOI: 10.1080/10926771.2018.1479323 Im, H., Rodriguez, C., & Grumbine, J. M. (2020, January 23). A Multitier Model of Refugee Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Resettlement: Toward Trauma-Informed and Culture-Informed Systems of Care. <i>Psychological Services</i> . Advance online publication. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ser0000412
Feb 4 th	Grip-Birkman – Mandatory class
Feb 9 th	Gergen, K.J. (2003). A Civil World Beyond Individual and Community
	Miller, P.M., Brown, T & Hopson, R (2011). Centering Love, Hope, and Trust in the Community: Transformative Urban Leadership Informed by Paulo Freire. Comstock, D. L., Hammer, T. R., Strentzsch, J., Cannon, K., Parsons, J., & Salazar, G. II. (2008). Relational-cultural theory: A framework for bridging relational, multicultural, and social justice competencies. Journal of Counseling & Development, 86(3), 279–287. https://doi.org/10.1002/j.1556-6678.2008.tb00510.x
	Ospina, S & Foldy, E (2005). Toward a Framework of Social Change Leadership.
February 11 th	Grip-Birkman – Mandatory class
February 23 rd	Common Fire (Chapter 1, 2 &3)
February 25 th	Common Fire (Interlude, Chapters 4 & 5)
March 2 nd	Coffee with class – please see instructions outlined in your syllabus
March 9 th	Common Fire (Chapters 6, 7 & Epilogue)
March 11 th	Capstone Presentations
March 16 th	Capstone Presentations
March 18 th	Capstone Presentations
March 23 rd	Capstone Presentations
March 25 th	Capstone Presentations
March 30 th	Capstone Presentations
April 1 st	Capstone Presentations
April 6 th	Capstone Presentations
April 8 th	Capstone Presentations
April 13 th	Capstone Presentations
April 15 th	Capstone Presentations

Requirements:

1.	Completion/Reflection on the Grip-Birkman Inventory	5%
	(Reflections on Grip-Birkman as it related to career to be included in Capstone paper)	
2.	Critical Reading and Discussion (Peer learning paper + class participation)	20%
3.	Conversations over Coffee (Two written responses 10% each)	20%
4.	Capstone Paper	35%
5.	Capstone Presentation (Sign Up)	20%
Tot	tal	100%

Grip-Birkman Inventory

As your time at Ambrose draws to a close, it is time to think more carefully and seriously about what is next, career-wise. The Grip-Birkman shows our personality, strengths, giftings, interests, areas of needs and stress behaviors when the needs go unmet.

Students can use this information to consider how much they want their interests to be used in their careers, and what unique strengths they will bring to any team individually and as a team member and what areas may require additional support, training, or management.

Consider what this inventory has taught you about your skill sets and potential career interests. Discuss the following in your capstone paper:

- Consider specific jobs that you might begin to apply for given your skill sets/gifts. In doing so, consider how much you want your interests to be used in your careers, what unique strengths you will bring to any team individually and as a team member and what areas may require additional support, training, or management.
- Examine strategies to successfully apply for and secure employment related to the expressed areas of interest.

Students are expected to incorporate the context of this learning into the Capstone paper.

Critical Reading and Discussion (20%) - Ongoing

The readings for this course have been chosen to encourage your reflection on your degree, your guild, and your identity. Explore what the author(s) was trying to communicate and how the assigned informs your understanding of your learning across the degree, your guild, your identity and your chosen future professions.

Asking questions, articulating dissonance, and sharing insights during class discussions are a crucial component of the learning process and to the worth of this course. You will come to class having read the assigned reading and be ready to lead your group (approximately five students) in a discussion of the import of the reading to your present academic experience and future vocational goals. Each group member will lead their small group in a discussion once during the reflections on the articles and contribute to the class reflection on the material. On April 14th, each student will hand in a summary report of their key learning from their peers and the discussions they led (3 pages, double spaced, APA format, 7th edition). Included at the end of this report will be a self and peer evaluation focusing on the quality and quantity of group member contributions.

Peer/Self-evaluation of the quality of participation in discussion/Peer group meetings

Each student must complete the following evaluation elements for every student in their discussion group, including themselves:

- 1. [Student name]: needs to talk more / talks about the right amount / needs to talk less
- 2. [Student name] 6-point rating of the quality of contributions to discussions (1 = unacceptable, added nothing to discussions, 6 = outstanding, comments in every class have been helpful)
- 3. [Student name] was prepared for the discussion (true/false)
- 4. The [Student name] asked good questions (6-point rating scale)
- 5. Open-ended comment about the [Student name]'s role either as a discussion facilitator or participant.

Adapted from C. Stanley

https://ctl.byu.edu/tip/peer-and-self-evaluation-participation-discussion

Conversations over Coffee (20%)

It is important to pause and consider how the assigned readings connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge your evolving thoughts, feelings, and identity. On two occasions (each worth 10%) we will gather in your breakout groups and discuss the following:

1. **January 19**th: How does what I am passionate about in this degree connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge the recent readings, and vice versa? How does what I have learned <u>in</u> Behavioural Science courses connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge the recent readings, and vice versa? How does what I have learned in courses outside of the Behavioural

- Science program connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge the recent readings, and vice versa? As I consider potential next steps in my life and career, how do the recent readings connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge me?
- 2. **March 2**nd: Consider the Ambrose mission statement and the BHS vision and mission statements. Ask and answer the question of whether you are graduating meeting the goals laid out in these statements. Consider what classes and experiences facilitated you gaining the outlined personal and professional attributes and/or what hindered your development on a specific outcome.

Ambrose Mission Statement: Ambrose University is a community of transformative Christian higher education with a vision for the welfare of our city and our world. We provide excellent Christian post-secondary education to prepare men and women for wise, joyful, and redemptive engagement in the church, society, and the created order.

BHS Program Vision: The Behavioural Science Program exists to advance social scientific thinking, research, training, and application of knowledge for the redemptive engagement of individuals, groups, and society.

BHS Program Mission: The Behavioural Science Program is committed to high quality teaching, rigorous social scientific research, applied learning experiences, the intersection between Christian faith and the social sciences, and preparing students to apply their undergraduate experience to their personal and professional contexts.

Students are expected to prepare a 4 page (double spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins all the way around) typed response to the above questions, and then use that response to lead a 10 minute set of reflections in their breakout group. The expectation is that each group member will share their reflections as well as dialogue with their peers about each set of deliberations, cultivating a "conversational atmosphere" around these questions. <u>Late written submissions and/or failure to share your reflections in the group will result in an automatic zero; written reflections are still required, however, in order to pass the course.</u>

1) Capstone Paper (35%) -

This seminar is an opportunity for you to engage in holistic reflection independently, through the assigned readings, and with others in the class. You will be required to systematically critique your undergraduate experience by reflecting on significant things you have learned through texts and articles you have read, papers you have written, projects/testing you have participated in, and relationships you have made. The topic or theme you select to focus on is the residue of your own learning over these past three/four years. You should immediately commence research on this question: *In the context of achieving a degree in Behavioural Science, what is behavioural science, how do you know, and what difference does it make to you personally and to your world?*Additional questions related to this are: What have your studies been all about, both within and beyond your BHS-specific courses? What are the assumptions underlying this degree (and Ambrose) (i.e., what were you supposed to have learned?)? What have you actually learned? How have you learned it? Why did you come to choose this concentration or major? What did hope to achieve? How and why did you meet/not meet those expectations? What would you change? How did your learning impact your faith journey? What happens next? In short, how has your academic experience at Ambrose and in BHS intersected with your life story? Be sure to explicitly incorporate theories, concepts, reflection on high impact practices, such as practicum/independent research and empirical data from your degree throughout your paper. The length of this paper is 18-20 pages. Papers should be in Microsoft Word, double spaced, with 1" (2.54cm) margins on all sides, 12 point font, and APA 7th edition formatting. Please see the grading rubric below: Paper is due on April 8th.

2) Capstone Presentation (20%) – Signup.com

As a capstone course, this is an integrative, interdisciplinary course that will also ask you to orally communicate about your educational experience as a whole. Each student will have <u>15 minutes</u> to present their capstone paper to the class during the final month of the term. Please see the grading rubric below:

Other: Grading Rubric

Theory,	Analysis and Application:	Logical and Coherent	Grammar and	Formatting: Use	Oral
Method, Data:	Student is able to extend	Argument: Logical and	Spelling: Writing	of appropriate	Presentations:
Correctly	past summarizing	coherent argument	is clear and	writing style (i.e.,	
employs	research/theory, and				

	paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research. Both breadth and depth of resources are relied upon, demonstrating an integrated understanding of the area of study.	clearly analyze and apply the research/theory (e.g., implications and consequences)	that flows from beginning to end.	effective communicating central ideas	APA) and other formatting particulars (i.e., page length, font size, margins)	Material is clearly, confidently, and creatively communicated. Both breadth and depth of resources are relied upon, demonstrating an integrated understanding of the area of study.
A 86- 100	Consistently achieved – paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research are summarized and used accurately and in relevant ways	The majority of assignment demonstrates a balance in summarizing and describing theory/research and analysis and application	Clearly states central thesis and purpose of paper Each sentence/paragraph logically leads to the next Carefully selected details which support general statements and central thesis	Few to no spelling, grammar, or other writing errors. Words, sentences, and paragraphs flow smoothly	Consistently achieved	Communicates effectively main theme, thesis, or primary focus of presentation. Establishes order to ideas and points out relationships between them. Number and quality of main points are sufficient Presentation of ideas develops to a logical conclusion and/or summary Strong presentation style, demonstrated through nonverbal communication,

						body language, voice, and eye contact.
B 72-85	Mostly achieved - paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research are summarized and used fairly accurately.	Some idea of how chosen topic bears on the development of sociological/psychological thought (i.e., some analysis and application beyond merely summarizing existing theory/research)	Clear central thesis Appropriate details/synthesis most of the time. Sentences/paragraph generally flow logically together	Some spelling, grammar, and writing errors Some awkward transitions between words, sentences, and paragraphs	Mostly achieved	contact. Communicates to some degree the main theme, thesis, or primary focus of presentation. Ideas follow a general logical flow with presenter providing some synthesis between points Number and quality of main points are sufficient Logical conclusion and/or summary provided that develops from the presenters points Moderate presentation style, demonstrated through nonverbal
						communication, body language, voice, and eye contact
C 60- 71	Inconsistently achieved - paradigms, theories,	Little to no connection made to the development of paradigmatic thought in terms of analyzing or	Adequately limited central thesis	Several spelling, grammar, and writing errors	Inconsistently achieved	Unclear presentation of main theme,

concepts, and empirical research are often summarized or used inaccurately, or not at all.	applying the theory/research	be repetitious or absent altogether.	Several awkward transitions between words, sentences, and paragraphs	thesis or focus of presentation Little order to ideas and relationships between points not clarified clearly
				Number and quality of main points are lacking in sufficiency
				Weak conclusion and/or summary
				Presentation style lacking as demonstrated through non- verbal communication, body language, voice, and eye contact

Attendance:

Attendance is critical to your success in BHS 400. As a result, after three unexcused absences the instructor reserves the right to ask you to withdrawal from the class.

Grade Summary:

Grading: The available letters for course grades are as follows:

Percentage:	Letter Grade:	Grade Point Weight:
96-100	A+	4.0
91-95	Α	4.0
86-90	A-	3.7
82-85	B+	3.3
75-81	В	3.0
72-74	B-	2.7
68-71	C+	2.3
63-67	С	2.0

60-62	C-	1.7
56-59	D+	1.3
50-55	D	1.0
0-49	F	

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform University-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out. Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform University-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Other:

Classroom Etiquette: We believe that learning is an active and interactive process, a joint venture between student and teacher and between student and student (i.e., learning is not just "downloading" information from teacher to student). Therefore, it is expected that professors will come to each class well-read and prepared to engage students on the topic at hand, giving students the utmost attention and respect. In turn, it is expected that students will take an active role in the learning process. This includes: (a) regular class attendance, (b) reading course material in advance of class, (c) showing up to class on time, and (d) attentively and proactively being "present" at class (i.e., not on the internet, not texting, not conversing with the person beside you). Committing to this type of "active learning" significantly increases the learning experience for both teacher and student, and reflects the Christian ethos of excellence and respect that lies at the heart of the Ambrose educational experience. It is also important to note that personal experience can be difficult for some individuals to discuss and can lead to strong reactions/opinions. As a result please remember that your classmates are to be treated with the upmost respect and empathy at all times and that any failure to do so can lead to you being asked to leave the class.

Ambrose University Academic Policies:

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, they will need to forward all messages from the Ambrose account to another personal account.

Registration

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and /or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty or record. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a "Request to Withdraw from a Course" form or by sending an email to the Registrar's Office by the **Withdrawal Deadline**; please consult the List of Important Dates on the my.ambrose.edu website. Students will not receive a tuition refund for courses from which they withdraw after the Registration Revision period. A grade of "W" will appear on their transcript.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Exam Scheduling

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Electronic Etiquette

Students are expected to treat their instructor, guest speakers, and fellow students with respect. It is disruptive to the learning goals of a course or seminar and disrespectful to fellow students and the instructor to use electronics for purposes unrelated to the course during a class session. Turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Laptops should be used for class-related purposes only. Do not use iPods, MP3 players, or headphones. Do not text, read, or send personal emails, go on Facebook or other social networks, search the internet, or play computer games during class. Some professors will not allow the use of any electronic devises in class. The professor has the right to disallow the student to use a laptop in future lectures and/or to ask a student to withdraw from the session if s/he does not comply with this policy. Repeat offenders will be directed to the Dean. If you are expecting communication due to an emergency, please speak with the professor before the class begins.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Extensions

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a course Extension from the Registrar's Office. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Registrar's Office in writing and providing the basis for appeal within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. We encourage students to build mental health supports and to reach out when help is needed.

On Campus:

- Counselling Services: ambrose.edu/counselling
- Peer Supportive Listening: One-to-one support in Student Life office. Hours posted at ambrose.edu/wellness.
- For immediate crisis support, there are staff on campus who are trained in Suicide Intervention and Mental Health First Aid. See ambrose.edu/crisissupport for a list of staff members.

Off Campus:

- Distress Centre 403-266-4357
- Sheldon Chumir Health Care Centre 403-955-6200
- Emergency 911

Sexual Violence Support

All staff, faculty, and Residence student leaders have received *Sexual Violence Response to Disclosure* training. We will support you and help you find the resources you need. There is a website with on and off campus supports — ambrose.edu/sexual-violence-response-and-awareness.

Off Campus:

- Clinic: Sheldon Chumir Health Centre 403-955-6200
- Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse 403-237-5888

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.