

# A L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Syllabus Template\*

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## Abstract

This Template should help to write a good syllabus/course description for your project. More information can be found here: [www.chronicle.com/article/how-to-create-a-syllabus/](http://www.chronicle.com/article/how-to-create-a-syllabus/). Overall, I would say that the course description should have a maximum length of two pages.

## Course Description

Course descriptions should:

- Be student-centered, rather than teacher-centered or course-centered
- Use brief, outcomes-based, descriptive phrases that begin with an imperative or active verb (e.g., design, create, plan, analyze)
- Be clear, concise, and easy to understand (< 80 words)
- Detail significant learning experiences and benefits students can expect
- Align with the outcomes identified in the rest of the course outline

Course descriptions should avoid:

- Obvious, redundant, or repetitive language (such as “this course will...” or “students should expect to...”)
- Marketing language (such as “Concept X is a critical part of success in Industry Y” or “Course A will change the way you think about everything”)

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\*Some comment

**Prerequisites**

**Learning Objectives**

**Course Materials**

**About the Lecturer**

## 1 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Stuff

First we start with a little example of the article class, which is an important documentclass. But there would be other **documentclasses** like book see page 2, report and letter which are described in Section 1.1. Finally, Section 2 gives the conclusions.

### 1.1 Documentclasses

In L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X different *documentclasses* exist:

1. article
2. book
3. report
4. letter

**article** Article is ...

**book** The book class ...

**report** Report gives you ...

**letter** If you want to write a letter.

## 2 How to Include Literature

It is easy to include references to literature in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

With the command `\nocite{*}` you can include all the references of a .lit-database. I do that here. However, usually you include only the literature that is mentioned in the text to your reference list. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X will do most of the work for you. You just need to enter the required informations about a book or an article in the .bib database.<sup>1</sup> And then you can cite it using `\citet{}`, see <https://gking.harvard.edu/files/natnotes2.pdf>. Here are some examples: Wickham and Grolemond (2016) is a good book. Other books are also good (see Lilja, 2016; Matloff, 2011).

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<sup>1</sup>For building up a literature database I highly recommend **JabRef** which is an open-sourced, cross-platform citation and reference management software. It uses BibTeX as its native formats and is therefore typically used for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

If you want to write using `Overleaf.com`, see [https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Bibliography\\_management\\_in\\_LaTeX](https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Bibliography_management_in_LaTeX) for how to do bibliography management in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

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