PSY 371, section 1: Adolescent Diversion Program – Summer 2022

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Welcome to ADP!

ADP is an evidence-based program working in conjunction with the Ingham County Family Court. Students apply theories underlying human behavior to real-world scenarios, sharpen their empathy skills, and gain valuable experience interacting with diverse individuals in community settings by being an advocate and mentor to a court-involved youth.

ADP is designed to be innovative, and impactful. To be so, students are expected to actively participate in every class. Our goal is for everyone to feel creatively challenged and to learn how positive encouragement and support can make a difference in a youth's life.

Two-Semester Commitment:

PSY 371 is the first class in a two-semester sequence. The overall sequence is designed to provide you with an opportunity to develop the specific skills needed when providing direct service to individuals in the community. **Only PSY 372 is experiential learning.**

No final grades will be assigned to your transcript until both PSY 371 and 372 are completed. After PSY 371, students will be given a grade of "ET", which will be changed to a letter after successful completion of PSY 372 or removal from ADP. Enrollment in PSY 372 is at the discretion of the instructor and contingent upon successful completion of PSY 371.

Weekly Course Schedule

All material can be found in D2L. Assigned material is to be reviewed by the student **prior to each class meeting**. The schedule is subject to change.

Unit Title and Dates	Material Due	Assignments Due
Week 1: Introduction	None	None
May 16-20		
Unit 1: Juvenile Justice System, Ecological Theory, and Positive Youth Development May 23-27	Required Video [20 minutes]: Juvenile Court Livingston. (2013, February 12). Livingston county Michigan juvenile court- parent education video [Video file]. Retrieved May 30, 2018 Reading [Pages 96-121]: Clonan-Roy, K., Jacobs, C.E., & Nakkula, M.J. (2016). Towards a model of positive youth development specific to girls of color: Perspectives on development, resilience, and empowerment. Gender Issues, 33, 96-121. Reading [Pages 10-16]: Lerner, R.M., Almerigi, J.B., Theokas, C., & Lerner, J.V. (2005). Positive youth development: A view of the issues. Journal of Early Adolescence, 25(1), 10-16. Reading [Pages 1-7]: Andrews, D., & Bonta, J. (2007). Risk-need-responsivity model for offender assessment and rehabilitation. Ottawa, Ont.: Public Safety Canada. Reading [Pages 1-4]: U.S. Department of Education. (2007). Mentoring Fact Sheet: Understanding the Youth Development Model. Retrieved December 28, 2018. Reading [Pages 987-1010]: Leonard, J. (2011). Using Bronfenbrenner's ecological theory to understand community partnerships. Urban Education, 46(5), 987-1010. doi:10.1177/0042085911400337 Recommended Video [25 minutes]: D'souza, A. (2016, November 21). Cradle to jail Part 6. [Video file]. Retrieved November 14, 2018	Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 1 S Case WPR Week 1 Email to Instructor: Confidentiality Agreement Signed Form Basic Philosophies Signed Form Student Agreement Signed Form Email to cbc@hr.msu.edu, CC Sean Hankins on email hankinss@msu.edu: Background Check Form riskmgmt@msu.edu, CC Sean Hankins on email hankinss@msu.edu; Driver Record Request

	Webpage: Schaffner, C. (2018, February 16). Roles of children in dysfunctional family systems [Web log post]. Retrieved May 10, 2018	
Unit 2: Communication Skills May 3 – June 6	Reading [Pages 1-2]: Boyd (1998). Communication briefs: Using active listening. Nursing Management. Reading [Pages 1-3]: UK Violence Intervention and Prevention Center (n.d.). The Four Basic Styles of Communication. Video [17 minutes]: Motivational interviewing overview [video]	Submit on D2L:S Case Worksheet 2S Case WPR weeks 2-3
Unit 3: Advocacy June 6-10	Reading [Pages 135-162]: Javdani, S., & Allen, N.E. (2016). An ecological model for intervention for juvenile justice-involved girls: Development and preliminary prospective evaluation. Feminist Criminology, 11(2), 135-162. Webpage [Section 1]: Community Tool Box (n.d.). Chapter 30. Principles of Advocacy.	 Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 3 S Case WPR weeks 4-5
Unit 4: Nuts and Bolts June 13-17	Webpage [Section 4]: Center for Community Health and Development at the University of Kansas. (2018) Community tool box. Chapter 2.4 Retrieved December 28, 2018 Activity: Complete this survey online and bring your score results to class: http://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/ Reading [Pages 1-5]: Campbell, S. (n.d.). Student guide to personal professionalism. Retrieved June 6, 2018	Submit on D2L:S Case Worksheet 4S Case WPR weeks6-7
Unit 5: Mentorship June 20-24	Reading [Pages 340-355]: Griffith, A. N., Larson, R. W., & Johnson, H. E. (2017, March 20). How Trust Grows: Teenagers' Accounts of Forming Trust in Youth Program Staff. Qualitative Psychology. Advance online publication. Webpage [Section 5]: Center for Community Health and Development at the University of Kansas. (2018) Community tool box. Chapter 22.5 Retrieved December 28, 2018 Reading [Pages 1065-1082]: Chang, E. S., Greenberger, E., Chen, C., & Heckhausen, J., & Farruggia, S. P. (2010). Nonparental adults as social resources in the transition to adulthood. Journal of Research on Adolescence, 20(4), 1065-1082.	 Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 5 S Case WPR weeks 8-9 SMART Goal Assignment

	Reading [Pages 19-36]: Wiley, T. & Schineller, K. (n.d.). The Wisdom of Age: A Handbook for Mentors. 1-38. Retrieved December 28, 2018	
	Reading [Pages 80-99]: Donaldson, L. P., & Daughtery, L. (2011). Introducing asset-based models of social justice into service learning: A social work approach, Journal of Community Practice, 19(1), 80-99.	Submit on D2L:S Case Worksheet 6S Case WPR weeks 10-11
Unit 6: Strengths- based focus and Resiliency	Reading [Pages 70-75]: Laursen, E. K. (2000). Strengths-based practice with children in trouble. Reclaiming Children and Youth, 9(2), 70-75.	
June 27 – July 1	Webpage: Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (n.d.). People First Language.	
	Reading [Pages 49-55]: Zauderer, Marvin (n.d.). Toolbox: Positive Self-Talk. MSU ADP Manual.	
Unit 7: Oppression and Privilege July 5-8	Reading [Pages 435-452]: Sakamoto, I., & Pitner, R.O. (2005). Use of critical consciousness in anti-oppressive social work practice: Disentangling power dynamics at personal and structural levels. The British Journal of Social Work, 35, 435-452. Video [83 minutes]: DiAngelo, R. White Fragility (2018) [video] Reading [Pages 1-25]: American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. (2009, January 01). Reclaiming Michigan's throwaway kids: Students trapped in the school to prison pipeline. Retrieved May 11, 2018 Reading [Pages 229-241]: Poteat, V.P., Scheer, J.R., & Chong, E.S.K. (2016). Sexual orientation-based disparities in school and juvenile justice discipline: A multiple group comparison of contributing factors. Journal of Educational Psychology, 108(2), 229-241. Reading [Pages 1-12]: Goodman, D. J. (2005). Oppression and Privilege: Two Sides of the Same Coin. Journal of International Communication, 18, 1-14. Retrieved December 28, 2018	Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 7 S Case WPR weeks 12-13
	Recommended	

	Webpage: The Power in the Powercube (n.d.). Retrieved December 28, 2018	
	Reading [Pages 1-4]: Vanderbilt University (n.d.). Power and Privilege Definitions	
	Reading [Pages 1-7]: McIntosh, P. (1990) White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack. Retrieved June 16, 2020	
Unit 8: Understanding Trauma Responses July 11-15	Reading [Pages 187-203]: Espinosa, E.M., & Sorensen, J.R. (2016). The influence of gender and traumatic experiences on length of time served in juvenile justice settings. Criminal Justice and Behavior, 43(2), 187-203. Webpage: Wright, J. (2011). 7 stages of grief: through the process and back to life. Webpage: Desmond-Harris, J. (2015). What exactly is a microaggression? Vox.	 Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 8 S Case WPR weeks 14-15
Unit 9: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma July 18-22	Video [16 minutes]: Harris, N. B. (2014). How childhood trauma affects health across a lifetime [Video file]. Video [29 minutes]: Pooley, A. (2020). Trauma, the developing brain, and adolescent behavior.	 Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 9 S Case WPR weeks 16-17
Unit 10: Trauma Informed Practice and Healing Centered Engagement July 25-29	Webpage: Ginwright, S. (2018, May). The future of healing: Shifting from trauma informed care to healing centered engagement. Webpage: Mayo Clinic Staff. (2017, November 04). Why is it so easy to hold a grudge? Retrieved May 13, 2018 Video [17 minutes]: Project Liberty [video] Reading [Pages 53-61]: McCarter, S. (2017). The school-to-prison pipeline: A primer for social workers. Social Work, 62(1), 53-61. Reading [Pages 1-5]: Schul, J. E. (2011). Unintended consequences: Fundamental flaws that plague the No Child Left Behind Act. 1-5.	Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 10 S Case WPR week 18

Unit 11: Problem- solving, Behavior modification, and Community connections Aug. 1-5	Reading [Pages 3-6]: Calhoun, Avery. (2013). Introducing restorative justice: Re-visioning responses to wrongdoing. Prevention Researcher. 20. Retrieved January 1, 2019 Webpage [Section 8]: Center for Community Health and Development at the University of Kansas. (2018). Community tool box. Chapter 3.8. Retrieved December 28, 2018 Reading [Pages 318-343]: Smith, E. P., Faulk, M., & Sizer, M. A. (2016). Exploring the meso-system: The roles of community, family, and peers in adolescent delinquency and positive youth development. Youth & Society, 48(3), 318-343.	Submit on D2L: S Case Worksheet 11
Unit 12: Self Care Aug. 8-12	Webpage [Pages 1-3]: Smullens, S. (2015, September 04). What I wish I had known: Burnout and self-care in our social work profession. Retrieved May 13, 2018 Reading [Pags 201-209]: Wagaman, M. A., Geiger, J. M., Shockley, C., & Segal, E. A. (2015). The role of empathy in burnout, compassion satisfaction, and secondary traumatic stress among social workers. Social work, 60(3), 201-209.	Submit on D2L: • S Case Worksheet 12
Week 14 Aug. 15-18	Students will meet individually with their instructors to provide and obtain feedback regarding PSY 371. Students are required to meet with their youth until their individual meeting.	No homework due. Instead, reflect on the semester.

Assignments and Grading

Course grades are based on the following assignments. Assignments will be due on D2L by 11:59pm the day before class unless otherwise stated. Any assignment not turned in on the due date will result in a 0.0 for that assignment. Assignments can be turned in any time before their due date. Students should keep a copy of all materials submitted in the course. Guidelines are on D2L. Grades and feedback will be updated on D2L.

Quizzes



There are 10 quizzes to confirm your understanding of course material. Quizzes may be completed at the end of class or may be take home. Take home quizzes are due to your instructor and UA(s) via email NO LATER than 24 hours after the end of your weekly class.

S Case Worksheets



You will complete worksheets demonstrating your understanding of the material in Units 1-4. Questions on these worksheets encourage you to make connections between the required material and a case study. In Units 5-12, students who are not yet assigned will continue to complete these worksheets.

S Case Weekly Progress Report Assignments



Each week over 10 weeks, you will follow a case study of a prior intervention with a youth named S. You will complete a Weekly Progress Report based on information provided.

SMART Goal Assignment



This is a method of making goals measurable and realistic. You will create two SMART goals for S Case.

Weekly Progress Reports (WPRs) and Logbooks

only for students assigned during PSY 371



Students can be assigned beginning on Week 5. Assigned students will be required to complete and will be graded on their WPRs and Logbooks in lieu of S Case Worksheets. The WPRs and Logbooks are ways of providing case notes and updates on your intervention. Completing WPRs and Logbooks fully, correctly, on time, and putting full effort into your case will ensure your grade for this assignment.

WPRs are important documentation that can be sent to the court. If you do not have a WPR and Logbook submitted on D2L by the due date, you will not be able to present your case in the class discussion until a blank WPR is completely filled out and submitted. Failure to complete weekly WPRs and Logbooks correctly and consistently will result in a review of further participation in ADP, and you may be removed from the course. The Undergraduate Assistants will provide you with feedback regarding necessary updates. You must make these corrections and re-submit on D2L within 48 hours. Failure to do so will result in a 0 for that assignment.

Class Attendance and Participation



These grades are based on on-time attendance, participation in activities and discussion, and paying attention to content.

Grading System

Assignment	Number	Points Each	Total Points
Quizzes	10	24	240
Foundational S Case Worksheets	4	20	80
S Case WPR Assignments	10	5	50
SMART Goal Assignment	1	10	10
Critical S Case Worksheets – if not assigned OR WPRs and Logbooks – if assigned	8	20 (10 points/WPR 10 points/Logbook)	160
Class Attendance and Participation	14	10	140

Total Possible Points: 680

Grading Scale

612-680 points	=	4.0
578-611 points	=	3.5
544-577 points	=	3.0
510-543 points	=	2.5
476-509 points	=	2.0
442-475 points	=	1.5
408-441 points	=	1.0
≤ 407 points	=	0.0

Course Policies

Course Policy Description Attendance and All students will comply with Michigan State University's general attendance policy: **Tardiness** https://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/Attendance.aspx It is critical that each student learn and integrate the material presented in PSY 371 in order to be an effective advocate. Attendance during PSY 371 is mandatory. A pattern of absences, as determined by the instructor, may result in receiving a 0.0 for PSY 371, and the student can be removed from the class. If you are excused for an absence, you must make the time up during the timeline the instructor has given. If you know about an absence ahead of time, let your instructor and UA know as soon as possible. You will not want to take this class if attendance is a problem. Attendance is critical so that you get the material needed to work with real people with complicated lives. However, we know it is an unusual time with COVID-19. If something happens where you need to miss class, you need to reach out to us and explain what's going on, and make up work within the deadline determined by your instructor. If a student is experiencing technical difficulties, they are responsible for contacting the instructor and undergraduate assistant BEFORE class. They may or may not be exempt. If a student is absent from class, they may be required to watch a class recording and answer questions sent to them for up to half the attendance and participation points. • It is important that you arrive to class on time. Consistent tardiness as determined by the instructor is grounds for dismissal. **Grief Absence** The faculty are sensitive to and will accommodate the bereavement process of a student who has lost a family member or who is experiencing emotional distress from a similar tragedy. The student has the responsibility to: a) Notify the Associate Dean or designee of their college of the need for a grief absence in a timely manner, but no later than one week from the student's initial knowledge of the situation. Students wanting to request a Grief Absence should complete the Grief Absence Request Form. The link to this form is: https://reg.msu.edu/StuForms/Stuinfo/GriefAbsenceForm.aspx b) Provide appropriate verification of the grief absence as specified by the Associate Dean, c) Complete all missed work as determined with the instructor. Confidentiality Maintaining the confidentiality of the youth is of utmost importance. You are not allowed to talk about your case outside of the classroom or with anyone other than your classmates, your instructor, or your Undergraduate Assistant. Do not talk about your youth's personal information with other people in their lives (their parents, their JCO, their teachers, etc.) without the youth's permission. You should not use identifying

information, including names, when discussing youth in class.

Dismissal from PSY 371



In addition to being terminated from the class for an absence, a student may be terminated from the class for breaking confidentiality, engaging in unprofessional behavior, demonstrating they may be an ineffective advocate and-or mentor in the community, or for failing to adequately demonstrate mastery of course material as determined by the course instructor. Breaking confidentiality or engaging in unethical behavior may result in immediate expulsion from the course with a grade of 0.0. If a student is in danger of being expelled from the course due to lack of grasping the course material, they will receive verbal and written warning before such an action occurs. Students may not be allowed to enroll in PSY 372.

Technology in Class and Tech-Issues



Please respect your instructor and fellow students by silencing your phone and other electronic communication devices during class. You may not text or be on your phone during class. Laptop use is permitted solely for class-related use. Your participation grade could be negatively impacted through failure to meet this expectation.

If a student is experiencing technical difficulties, they are responsible for contacting the instructor and undergraduate assistant BEFORE class. It is the student's responsibility to have a backup plan ready in case of computer crash or loss of internet connection. Recommendations include: Backing up coursework, locating an alternate computer, notifying instructor immediately of problems, contacting the Help Desk (517.432.6200 or ithelp@msu.edu) for technical issues.

Expenses



There are no books required for either PSY 371 or PSY 372, but there may be costs to you related to travel. There also may be costs, at your discretion, related to working with your youth. It is up to the student to determine the types of activities they will be doing with the youth. Do not assume that the youth, the youth's family, or other people in the youth's life will pay for the youth's expenses. There are many free and low-cost activities in the area. Talk to classmates and instructors if you need ideas.

Travel and Motor Record Review



You may be assigned to work with a youth anywhere in Ingham County. You are responsible for completing intervention activities, even if the youth lives far from MSU. If a youth lives outside of a 15-mile radius from MSU, you will be reimbursed for mileage to and from the youth's residence beyond the 15-mile radius. You must keep an exact log of your travel for youth living further than 15 miles from MSU. Students in this program would need to have a motor record review annually to meet the Youth Program Policy requirements at MSU. Students licensed in the State of Michigan should complete the form found on the course D2L page and email it to riskmgmt@msu.edu the first week of class. Students must CC Sean Hankins on email. Students licensed in states other than Michigan should obtain a copy of their motor vehicle record from their respective state and it should be submitted to their instructor, who will submit them to the Office of Risk Management and Insurance for review.

Background Checks

A background check of each student will be conducted the first week of PSY 371. Additional random background checks are at the discretion of the Instructor, Undergraduate Assistants, and Program Director. Failure to pass a background check



may result in immediate expulsion from ADP, depending on the issue. Failure to pass a background check includes but is not limited to charges/convictions related to abuse or assault. The results of criminal background checks will be kept confidential to the maximum extent permissible by law and will not be shared with community partners. For more information regarding MSU Background Checks, please visit:

https://communityengagedlearning.msu.edu/community-partner/criminal-background-checks

On the first week of class, you should complete the background check form and send it to cbc@hr.msu.edu. The form can be found on D2L. For "Hiring Department", put the Adolescent Diversion Program. For "Department Contact Name", put Sean Hankins and the email address hankinss@msu.edu. When you submit your background check to cbc@hr.msu.edu, you must CC Sean Hankins on the email.

Professionalism and Social Media



All students participating in ADP must maintain a professional environment inside and outside the classroom. All students must dress in a peer professional manner while working with youth, agencies, and school professionals. All social media sites should have the maximum privacy settings. The youth and the youth's family should not be able to see your posts or pictures if they find your social media account. You may not post any pictures with your youth or tag your youth in anything on your account.

Course Information Updates



All course information and instructor communications will be relayed through D2L and email. It is the student's responsibility to check the D2L course regularly for announcements and course information. Any changes to this syllabus will be announced in class at least one week prior to the change, and it is the responsibility of the student to stay informed about these changes.

By Any Means Necessary



There will likely be weeks when you are unable to work with your youth for a full 6 hours. However, students were informed of the heavy time commitment this class would require at the beginning of 371. Your busy schedule should not reflect the effort you are putting towards working with your youth. In the event you are unable to work with your youth directly for 6 hours:

- You must provide proof that you attempted to contact your youth and set up new times to talk that week. Count all texts, calls, and emails as contact attempts on your WPRs.
- You must make up the direct time you are missing as indirect time.
- You should conduct research about activities and goals your youth enjoys. Locate resources in the community that could be of interest to your youth when you talk again. Count this as "Indirect" time.

Example: You were able to Zoom with your youth for 3 hours on Monday. Because the youth had a sudden doctor's appointment, they were unable to Zoom with you on Tuesday, as you'd planned. You spend that time researching animal-related resources in Lansing because your youth wants to work with animals someday. You discover the possibility of volunteering with your youth at the Capital Area Humane Society, find a

vet clinic that will allow your youth to shadow, and plan a trip to Potter Park Zoo (all to be done after the pandemic ends). You mark these hours on your WPR as "Indirect" time. The next time you talk with your youth, you discuss these opportunities. Failure to meet these requirements will result in points deducted from your Participation and WPR grades for the week.

University Policies

University Policy Digital Communication

Description

Email is the best way reach your instructor, Undergraduate Assistant, and the Program Director. Please use the following guidelines when emailing a staff member:

- If your question can be answered by the syllabus or D2L, do not email
- Use PSY 371 or 372 in the subject line to clarify you are a student in this course
- Address the email properly (i.e., Hello Lauren)
- Proofread for clarity. Check for grammatical and spelling errors.
- Sign your email with your full name, so we know who you are.
- Be polite.
- Check your email regularly. Please read ADP-related emails as soon as possible. It is up to the discretion of the instructors to set their guidelines and boundaries about phone communication.

Anti-Discrimination Policy



The University prohibits any discrimination against or harassment of university community members through the inappropriate limitation of employment opportunity, access to University residential facilities, or participation in education, athletic, social, cultural, or other University activities on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. It also prohibits any discrimination or retaliation against community members involved in youth programming, including the youth, the families, and other community members.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities



MSU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at 517-884-RCPD or on the web at: http://rcpd.msu.edu. Once your eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, you will be issued a Verified Individual Services Accommodation ("VISA") form. Please present this form to your instructor at the start of the term and/or two weeks prior to the accommodation date (usually an exam, project, etc.). Requests received after this date may not be honored.

Academic Integrity Policy

Please be prepared for each session with assigned reading and assignments completed and engage in professional behavior by treating others courteously and with respect. For more information, please consult Michigan State University's Spartan Code of

Honor Academic Pledge: http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/spartan-code-of-honor-academic-pledge. More information can also be found on the website for the Office of the University Ombudsperson:

https://ombud.msu.edu/resources-self-help/academic-integrity

Article 2.III.B.2 of the SRR states: "The student shares with the faculty the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of scholarship, grades, and professional standards." In addition, PSY 371 adheres to the policies on academic honesty specified in General Student Regulation 1.0, Protection of Scholarship and Grades; the all-University Policy on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades; and Ordinance 17.00, Examinations.



<u>General Student Regulation</u> 1.00 states in part that "no student shall claim or submit the academic work of another as one's own." (For the complete regulation, refer to Protection of Scholarship and Grades.) For General Student Regulations:

http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations

Therefore, unless authorized by your instructor, you are expected to complete all course assignments, including homework and quizzes without assistance from any source. You are expected to develop original work for this course; therefore, you may not submit course work you completed for another course to satisfy the requirements for this course. Also, you are not authorized to use the www.allmsu.com website to complete any course work in this course. Students who violate MSU regulations on Protection of Scholarship and Grades will receive a failing grade in the course or on the assignment.

Faculty are required to report all instances in which a penalty grade is given for academic dishonesty. Students reported for academic dishonesty are required to take an online course about the integrity of scholarship and grades. A hold will be placed on the student's account until such time as the student completes the course. This course is overseen by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Title IX and Limits to Confidentiality



MSU is committed to fostering a culture of caring and respect that is free of relationship violence and sexual misconduct, and to ensuring that all affected individuals have access to services. For information on reporting options, confidential advocacy and support resources, university policies and procedures, or how to make a difference on campus, visit the Title IX website: http://www.titleix.msu.edu/
Essays, journals, and other materials submitted for this class are generally considered confidential pursuant to the University's student record policies. However, students should be aware that University employees, including instructors, may not be able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report certain issues based on external legal obligations or that relate to the health and safety of MSU community members and others. As instructors, we must report the following information to other University offices:

- Suspected child abuse/neglect, even if this happened when you were a child,
- Allegations of sexual assault or sexual harassment when they involve MSU students, faculty, or staff, and
- Credible threats of harm to oneself or to others.

	These reports may trigger contact from a campus official who will want to talk with you about the incident that you have shared. In almost all cases, it will be your decision whether you wish to speak with that individual. If you would like to talk about these events in a more confidential setting, then you are encouraged to make an appointment with the MSU Counseling Center.
Disruptive Behavior	Students whose conduct adversely affects the learning environment in this classroom may be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Faculty Judiciary process. A student who refuses to wear a mask even after being asked is considered a disruptive student and should be asked to leave the classroom.