

# Student Assembly

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## Resolution 78: Recommending an Adequate Provision of Course Information to Students Prior to Course Enrollment

**Abstract:** This resolution is a recommendation to faculty to provide an adequate outline of what a student can expect to learn and what work they can expect to complete in any given course.

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**Whereas,** students ought to know the structure and content of courses they enroll in at the beginning of the pre-enrollment period,

**Whereas,** course enrollment for the upcoming semester respective to the current one typically occurs in the current semester's closing weeks,

**Whereas,** the vast majority of courses listed on Student Center, Scheduler, or other class roster platforms at the time of course enrollment do not have finalized or even preliminarily drafted syllabi,

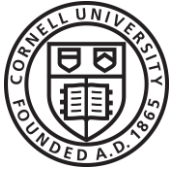
**Whereas,** course syllabi outline the learning objectives, due dates, content, and instructor information a student needs to academically succeed,

**Whereas,** students have a right of information in adequately planning their semesters and courses of study writ large,

**Be it therefore resolved,** an adequate outline of relevant academic course expectations be made available prior to course enrollment,

**Be it therefore resolved,** this "adequate outline" goes beyond a generic summary of the course topic and includes but is not limited to:

- a short course abstract, approximately one paragraph in length, that summarizes learning objectives;
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- 29       • planned preliminary examinations (prelims), midterms, major written assignments,  
30       projects, or tests of any kind;
- 31   **Be it further resolved**, in cases in which a course has been previously taught, a prior term’s  
32   syllabus will suffice for an “adequate outline”,
- 33   **Be it further resolved**, this “adequate outline” provided by instructors prior to course enrollment  
34   is understood to be subject to revision, but a sufficient expectation for what the course entails,
- 35   **Be it finally resolved**, students are well-equipped for the courses they enroll in with a provision  
36   of general course information prior to enrollment.
- 37   Respectfully Submitted,
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