Syllabus (Online Blended)
EDLD 5300-110 (CRN# 80138) Foundations of Educational Leadership

Fall 2018 Semester
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Student-Instructor Interaction
The face-to-face class sessions are scheduled to meet from 8-noon at TAMUCT Warrior Hall on the following Saturdays: September 8 and 29. All other course activities will be completed through the Canvas online learning system. Any changes in the schedule will be announced by message through the Canvas online learning system beginning on August 27th, so be sure to check the Canvas course site and your class schedule regularly. The instructor is available by university email (beddins@tamuct.edu) on weekday evenings from 6-9 pm should issues or questions arise. Face-to-face appointments may be scheduled by TAMUCT email.

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COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Study lenses of power, influence, ethics, and leadership theory. Compare personal diagnoses of leadership, learning, and personality strengths to the knowledge and skill set needed for leadership of prek-12 schools. Prerequisites: MEd/Principal Certificate Program admission or permission of department chair. Certification Fee - $150.

The purpose of this course is to provide aspiring principals with foundational knowledge and skill to become grounded school leaders. Students use the lenses of power, influence, ethics, and leadership theory to compare their personal diagnoses of leadership, learning, and personality strengths to the knowledge and skills needed for learning leadership in PK-12 schools. This course utilizes literature on three strands of learning: leadership theory, effective PK-12 leadership, and ethical leading/deciding.

The structure of the course is a simple layout. The course is divided into three course strands - leadership theory, effective PK-12 leadership, and ethical leading/deciding. Then, tasks, assignments, due dates, and assessment methods for each strand are clearly explained within five specific e-learn modules. Learning in each e-learn timeframe builds on previous learning within one of three strands of the course, so success in the course is dependent upon the successful completion of each set of learning activities in each timeframe. The initial f2f Orientation session is provides introductory activities as well as a preview of the course, while the additional f2f work session adds value to online learning by providing a workshop environment for peer- and instructor-coached activity/assignment development. Students are responsible for all learning requirements as detailed in the syllabus and posted in e-learn modules 1-5 on the Canvas course site.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES
- Understand and apply the knowledge of the evolution of leadership theory for use in crafting a personal leadership theory of action for use in leading PK-12 schools.
- Understand and launch the development of the knowledge and skills that school leaders must possess to facilitate the collaborative, capacity-building work of PK-12 schools.
- Understand and engage in the development of the unique knowledge and skills that a school leader must use to ensure equity and excellence for all students engaged in the moral enterprise of schooling.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (STATE STANDARDS ALIGNMENT)
Students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the evolution of leadership theory as it relates to PK-12 school leadership. (D1, F1, F4)
2. Compile a profile of personal strengths and developmental challenges related to components of at least twelve prominent leadership theories in the literature. (D1, D2)
3. Recognize and differentiate the use of prominent leadership theory components by leaders in PK-12 school communities. (F1, F4)
4. Utilize the professional standards for school leadership knowledge and skill set to initially analyze personal readiness for school leadership, devise a learning plan to build additional leadership strength, and create a repository of evidence and reflections that tracks personal growth over time. (D1, D2, F4, F8)
5. Generate a personal leadership philosophy and a code of conduct based on moral integrity, ethical principles, and the 19TAC §247.2 Educator’s Code of Ethics for use in effective leadership in PK-12 school communities. (F2, F4, F8)
6. Apply moral principles, ethical dilemma patterns, ethical models, and other tools to diagnose ethical dilemmas and generate sound decisions within the complex environment of PK-12 school communities. (D7, D8, D9, F1, F2, F4, F8)

STANDARDS FOR PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE
Principal preparation programs are required by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to use the knowledge and skills base developed by SBEC in the development of program curricula and coursework. These standards (19TAC §241.15) also serve as the foundation for the individual assessment, professional
growth plan, and continuing professional education activities required to re-new the Standard Principal Certificate. The six standards are (A) School Culture, (B) Leading Learning, (C) Human Capital, (D) Executive Leadership, (E) Strategic Leadership, and (F) Ethics, Equity, and Diversity. This course is designed to focus specifically on the following Texas standards:

- Standard D Executive Leadership (skill statements 1, 2, 7, 8, 9)
- Standard F Ethics, Equity, and Diversity (skill statements 1, 2, 4, 8)

Principal TExES 268/PASL domains/competencies
The following Principal TExES (268/PASL) domains and competencies from the certification test framework are emphasized in this course:

- **DOMAIN III HUMAN CAPITAL**
  - Competency 005 Staff Evaluation and Supervision (skill statement E)

- **DOMAIN IV EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP**
  - Competency 008 Organizational Collaboration & Change Management (skill statements B-D)

- **DOMAIN VI ETHICS, EQUITY, & DIVERSITY**
  - Competency 011 Ethical Leadership (skill statements A, B, C, F)

**In addition the course will address the following nationally-recognized standards:**

- **Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (NPBEA)**
  - Standard 1 Mission, Vision, & Core Values (skill statement D)
  - Standard 2 Ethics & Professional Norms (skill statements A-F)
  - Standard 3 Equity & Cultural Responsiveness (skill statement H)
  - Standard 10 School Improvement (skill statement A, B)

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- **National Educational Leadership Preparation Standards (NPBEA Building Level)**
  - Standard 1 Mission, Vision, & Core Values (skill statement 1.4)
  - Standard 2 Ethics and Professional Norms (skill statements 2.1-4)
  - Standard 3 Equity and Cultural Leadership (skill statement 3.1)
  - Standard 8 Internship and Clinical Practice (skill statements 8.1, 8.3)

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**REQUIRED READING/TEXTBOOKS/KNOWLEDGE BASE**
This course utilizes the literature and research concerning (1) principles and concepts of leadership theory; (2) ethical theories, principles, and ethical practice; and (3) campus leadership. Specific resources used in the course for informing the student about the role of the campus leader are the required texts, required supplemental readings, student research, interaction with practitioners, personal experience, and additional resources supplied by the instructor. Specific reading assignments are outlined in this syllabus and posted on Canvas course site. A selected course bibliography is included on Canvas. The following are required texts:


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & ASSESSMENTS (SLO ALIGNMENT)**

**Leading Every Day: A Reflective Journal** (SLO #4) (120 pts – specific due dates below)


Each student will utilize a word document format to record initial thoughts and ideas about school leadership as presented in the required class text, *Leading Every Day: 124 Actions for Effective Leadership*. This course activity is an examination of and reflection about actions and observations in relation to leadership (book 1) and change (book 2) located in the text. The Book/Day format should be used as an organizer to respond to each day’s material. Students should include a short summary the day’s material and then provide a 75-175 word reflection about the material. The journal is to be kept throughout the semester and posted for assessment by the instructor on each designated due date (see above). It is not necessary to start a new journal for each of the assessment periods. Just continue on in the same document. (assessment: based on thoughtful completion summary/reflection of each “day” in books one and two)

**Leadership Theory Self Study** (SLO #1, 2, 3) (240 pts/ 20 pts per theory – specific due dates below)

(ch 2,3,4 – by 9.22) (ch 5,6,7 – by 10.13) (ch 8,9,10 – by 11.3) (ch 11,12,14 – by 11.22)

Each student will be responsible for material on leadership theories/approaches found in chapters 2-12 & 14 in the Northouse text. Each student will develop a document consisting of a short theory description, analysis of your leadership instrument findings, and an example of someone who exemplifies the theory/approach for each chapter. Self-study entries will be assessed according to accuracy to the theory through thorough description, summary of leadership instrument findings, and relevant examples. (assessment: accuracy about theory through description, inventory findings, and relevant examples)

**Ethics Reflective Online Dialogues** (SLO #5, 6) (240 pts – specific due dates below)

Students will engage in a series of six (6) online dialogue sessions via Canvas concerning reading assignments focused on ethical leadership. Following the posting instructions for each dialogue, students will respond to the observations/reflections of other students, creating a virtual conversation about the readings. Student Facilitators for each dialogue will be named in Canvas. Students are expected to provide honest, thoughtful responses that are reflective of prior readings and experiences. *Consideration of ideas differing from one’s own perspective is required.* (assessment: collaborative participation rubric)

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**Pair Share Ethical Dilemma Situation Descriptions** (SLO #6) (40 pts – due 10.30)

Each student will partner with a cohort colleague to create a set of four ethical dilemma situations that may be found currently in prek-12 schools. Each of the dilemmas should represent one of the four universal dilemma patterns (Kidder, *How Good People Make Tough Choices* book excerpt) and be accompanied by possible solutions. The created dilemmas and possible solutions should be formatted as a formal paper using APA style. Pairs will also post their dilemmas/solutions in the designated spot on the course Canvas site for review and comment by other cohort pairs. (assessment: 40 pts written product rubric)
Personal Leadership Philosophy & Personal Code of Conduct (SLO #5) (40 pts – due 11.24)
Each student will develop his/her own leadership philosophy and a personal code of conduct. The Leadership Philosophy should be a personal reflection of the student’s view/theory about leadership efforts. The Personal Code of Conduct should reflect acceptable standards for professional behavior and provide guidance as a leader copes with ethical dilemmas as a professional educational administrator. Students should research a wide range of examples – particularly in the field of education and specifically the Texas Educator Code of Ethics (19TAC §247.1-2) – before finalizing a one-page personal code of conduct. APA style should be used as appropriate in both documents.
(assessment: 40 pts Leadership Philosophy & 40 pts Code of Conduct - clarity and style/written product rubric)
NOTE: The Culture Re-Boot Journal #4 assignment is one of several program benchmarks that will be placed in your student record as evidence that you are making progress towards principal certification. You will want to pay close attention to the assignment description, the written product rubric, and your APA manual to ensure that you submit a quality paper.

Ethics Case Study Written Analysis (SLO #6) (40 pts – due 12.5)
Each student will work in a small group with other cohort members to complete case study requirements related to ethical issues and unique problems currently found in prek-12 schools. The case study situations are similar to what campus leaders might meet within their leadership practice. After discussion of the case, each team will submit an APA-formatted written analysis of the case including a detailed action plan for improvement (more details and a response outline with point totals will be provided on Canvas).
(assessment: 40 pts written product rubric)

Professional e-Portfolio Collection – Intro & Integrity Sections (SLO #4) (40 pts – due 12.9)
Beginning in EDLD 5300, each student in the program will develop a professional e-portfolio collection organized by six topics linked to the six standards for the Texas principal certificate. The six topics are integrity (standard F Ethics, Equity, and Diversity), vision (standard A School Culture), professional growth (standard #C Human Capital), collaboration (standard #D Executive Leadership), stewardship (standard #E Strategic Operations), and teaching and learning (standards #B Leading Learning). Additional topics may be included. The style and format for the portfolio is to be decided on by the student. Anchoring essays, artifacts, and other documents will provide information about leadership growth over time. The following are due for Integrity (Standard F) and should be attached to the assignment description in Canvas. Items to be included for EDLD 5300 are below with more details on Canvas. (assessment: professional portfolio rubric)

- A current resume and cover letter.
- One-page anchoring essay concerning integrity (The purpose of the essays is to give the student “space” in which to think about the potential difficulties/opportunities inherent in trying to implement the theoretical concepts in practice).
- Two artifacts and completed artifact/reflection templates (see Canvas for template) for each (defines the importance of the artifact and how it represents the knowledge, skill, or value addressed). Students should choose artifacts they believe best represent the theoretical foundations of their conceptions of leadership, that illustrate their skill in converting theory into practice, and that confirm their understanding of principal program principles and the Texas Standards for the Principal Certificate.

Mentor Consultations/Reflection (SLO #1-6) (40 points each/120 points total – due 9.23, 11.4, 12.14)
Principal mentors are in a pivotal position to guarantee the success of the School Leadership Candidate by providing coaching support in the school setting. The three (3) mentor consultations are facilitated by the student: set agendas, set meeting times and locations, interview principals, and write reflections. Each principal consultation will align with specific E-Learning focus areas that have just been completed and a look forward to the next learning focus.
(assessment: 40 pts agenda/reflection template)
FIT2LEAD CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ANALYSIS & PLANNING (SLO #1-6)  (40 pts – due 12.14)  
Beginning in EDLD 5300, each student in the program will complete an ongoing analysis of personal strengths and challenges related to the state-identified school leadership standards and skills (19TAC §241.15). Utilizing the reflective FIT2LEAD format, students will share their own “read” and that of their mentor principal and any other colleagues related to the state principal standards studied during the semester. Additionally, the student, the mentor, and any additional colleagues will assess discreet leadership skills using the SCHOOL LEADERSHIP COMPETENCY INVENTORY. Students will complete all sections of the FIT2LEAD CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ANALYSIS & PLANNING template: FeedBack, FeedForward, & GrowForward.  
(assessment: 40 pts FIT2LEAD template completion)

GRADING CRITERIA RUBRIC AND CONVERSION  
The instructor will determine grades for the course assignments and assessments through the use the assignment criteria and rubrics outlined in this syllabus as well as any assessment-specific rubrics included in Canvas course site. Assignment rubrics may be found on the next two pages. Instructor, self, and peer evaluation will be utilized as means of assessing growth and learning. Assignments turned in from 1-3 days after the posted due date are subject to a maximum of 45% reduction of points based on the date received by the instructor. Assignments that are more than 3 days late may not be accepted. In no case should materials be those submitted for another course. Missing a f2f class session is not a valid reason for incomplete assignments and assessments. A grade of Incomplete (I) will not be given except in extremely unusual cases. A grade of C may result in retaking the course. Point system may be revised if necessary to accommodate unexpected changes in the course schedule. The instructor reserves the right to amend the syllabus at any time.  
To earn the grade of A, students must earn a total of 90% or a minimum of 828 of 920 points on the following learning activities/items. For a grade of B, a total of 80% or a minimum of 736 of 920 points must be earned. Maximum points for each assignment are in ( ).  
- Leading Every Day Reflective Journal (120 pts)  
- Leadership Theory Self-Study (240 pts)  
- Ethics On-Line Dialogues (240 pts)  
- Pair Share Ethical Dilemma Situation Descriptions (40 pts)  
- Personal Leadership Philosophy (20 pts)  
- Personal Code of Conduct (20 pts)  
- Ethics Case Study Analysis (40 pts)  
- School Leadership Standards/Fitness to Lead Analysis/Planning (40 pts)  
- Professional E-Portfolio Additions (40 pts)  
- Mentor Consultation/Reflection (120 points)  

POSTING OF GRADES  
Grades will be posted using the Grade Center tool on the Canvas course site within eight days of submission date. If unforeseen circumstances require the extension of the grading timeframe, students will receive an email explanation and projected date of completion from the instructor.
### Collaborative Participation Assessment Rubric

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<td>Generally uses professional language and correct grammar when speaking; generally listens actively while others speak; frequently seeks feedback to ensure understanding is achieved during course activity</td>
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### Written Product Assessment Rubric

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### Class Presentation Assessment Rubric

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### Courage

| 40 | 11.5-8 | Ethics Online Dialogue: Kidder *Moral Courage* |
| 40 | 11.9-16 | Ethics Online Dialogue: Starratt *Ethical Leadership* |
| 40 | 11.17-24 | Leadership Philosophy & Code of Conduct |

**e-Learn 5 (dates: 11.25-12.14)**

**Ethical Decision Making: Moral Enterprise Anchor**

| 40 | 11.26-12.5 | Small Group Ethics Case Study Analysis |
| 40 | 12.9 | Professional e-Portfolio Additions (Collaboration) |
| 40 | 12.14 | Mentor Consultation/Reflections 3 |
| 40 | 12.14 | Fit2Lead Continuous Improvement Analysis & Planning |

**Total Possible Points** 920

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**Important University Dates:** Check [https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html)

### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

**Technology Requirements**

This course will use the TAMUCT Instructure Canvas learning management system.

Logon to TAMUCT Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com]

Username: Your MyCT username

(xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)

Password: Your MyCT password

For this course, you will need reliable and frequent access to a computer and to the Internet. Check browser and computer compatibility by following the link on the TAMUCT Canvas logon page. This is a CRITICAL step as these settings are important for when you take an exam or submit an assignment. Your ability to access Canvas will affect your performance in this course. You should also have access to headphones and a microphone to be able to participate in any group activities that are held through the Canvas learning system.

**Canvas Support**

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

**Other Technology Support**

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu)

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

### UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

**DROP POLICY.**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf).

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY.
Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student’s academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student’s work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university’s Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university’s standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS.
At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university’s programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html].

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PREGNANT AND/OR PARENTING STUDENTS.
Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs’ Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the Student Affairs web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html]. Students may also contact the institution’s Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

TUTORING.
Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER.
Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University-Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via WCOnline at [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu for any assistance needed with scheduling.
Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help! If you have any questions about the UWC, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.
The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

A NOTE ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AT A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS
Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don’t agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don’t be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

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