

**COSC 3360-110, 80576, Ethics in Computing  
Fall 2019**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

**COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

The class dates are August 26, 2019 to December 13, 2019.

This is a 100% online course and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>].

**INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Student-instructor interaction**

My preference is to have contact with students via Canvas first, then e-mail. For urgent or complicated issues, feel free to call me. (Please text me first, and I will definitely call back)

**WARRIOR SHIELD**

**Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login) [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Overview and description**

Examine personal and contemporary organizational ethical issues and challenges in the design, development and the use of computing technologies in a global environment. Special emphasis on the philosophical basis for computer ethics, reliability and safety of computer systems, protecting software and other intellectual property, computer crime and legal issues, and professional codes of ethics (AIS, ACM, IEEE etc.).

**Course Objective**

The students will be able to recognize the ethical situations found in modern computing environments. Once these ethical situations are discovered, the students should be able to apply philosophical arguments to take the correct action.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Students will analyze business situations, differentiate which philosophical analysis to apply, and explain their analysis clearly.

### Required Reading and Textbook(s)

“Ethics for the information age”, Quinn, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements:

- There will be ten-chapter readings and ten end of chapter exams.
- There will be eight, discussion topics worth 50 points each.
- There will be one 1000-word term paper on plagiarism, and one long 3000-word term paper that after being graded, will be returned to the students for editing and resubmission. Assignments will be graded on the quality of the student’s analysis, and the quality of the students writing, including spelling and grammar.
- The assignment specifications will be found in Canvas.

### Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Assignment	Total Points
End of chapter exams	300
Discussion topics	400
Term Papers	280
Introduction to class	20
Total =	1000

Grade	Points
A	900-1000
B	800-899
C	700-799
D	600-699
F	Below 600

### Posting of Grades

- All grades will be posted in Canvas.
- All assignments will be graded within 2 weeks of the due date.

### COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

#### Complete Course Calendar

Date	Week	Topic
8/26/2019	1	Intro to class. Read Chapter 1 and take the chapter 1 exam
9/2/2019	2	Read Chapter 2 and take the chapter 2 exam
9/9/2019	3	Chapter 2 Discussion, Read Chapter 3 and take chapter 3 exam
9/16/2019	4	Plagiarism Paper Due, Long term paper topic due. Must be

		approved before starting work on the Long-Term Paper. Chapter 3 Discussion
9/23/2019	5	Read Chapter 4 and take the chapter 4 exam,
9/30/2019	6	Chapter 4 Discussion
10/7/2019	7	Read Chapter 5 and take the chapter 5 exam
10/14/2019	8	Chapter 5 Discussion
10/21/2019	9	Read Chapter 6 and take the chapter 6 exam
10/28/2019	10	Chapter 6 Discussion
11/4/2019	11	Read Chapter 7 and take the chapter 7 exam
11/11/2019	12	Chapter 7 Discussion
11/18/2019	13	Long Term Paper first pass due
11/25/2019	14	Read Chapter 8 and take the chapter 8 exam
12/2/2019	15	Chapter 8 Discussion, Read Chapter 9 and take chapter 9 exam
12/9/2019	16	Chapter 9 Discussion, Read Chapter 10 and take the chapter 10 exam.
12/13/2019	Long Paper Final Pass Due on December 13 <sup>th</sup>	

### Important University Dates

- August 12, 2019*      *Classes Begin for Minimester*
- August 23, 2019*      *Classes End for Minimester*
- August 26, 2019*      *Classes Begin for Fall Semester*
- August 26, 2019*      *Add, Drop, and Late Registration Begins for 16- and First 8-week Classes*  
*\$25 Fee assessed for late registrants*
- August 28, 2019*      *Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for 16- and First 8-week*
- September 2, 2019*      *Labor Day (University Closed)*
- September 3, 2019*      *Deadline to Drop First 8-week Classes with No Record*
- September 11, 2019*      *Deadline to drop 16-week Classes with No Record*
- October 1, 2019*      *Deadline for Teacher Education and Professional Certification*  
*Applications*
- October 4, 2019*      *Deadline to Drop First 8-week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)*
- October 15, 2019*      *Deadline for Clinical Teaching/Practicum Applications*
- October 18, 2018*      *Classes End for First 8-week Session*
- October 18, 2019*      *Deadline to Withdraw from University for First 8-Week Classes (WF)*
- October 21, 2019*      *Add, Drop, and Late Registration Begins for Second 8-Week Classes \$25*  
*Fee assessed for late registrants*
- October 21, 2019*      *Classes Begin for Second 8-Week Session*
- October 21, 2019*      *Class Schedule Published for Spring Semester*
- October 22, 2019*      *Deadline for Faculty Submission of First 8-Week Class Final Grades (due by*  
*3pm)*
- October 23, 2019*      *Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for Second 8-Week Classes*

October 25, 2019      *Deadline for Graduation Application for Ceremony Participation*  
 October 28, 2019      *Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with No Record*  
 November 4, 2019      *Registration Opens for Spring Semester*  
 November 8, 2019      *Deadline to Drop 16-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)*  
 November 11, 2019     *Veteran's Day (University Closed)*  
 November 28-29, 2019     *Thanksgiving (University Closed)*  
 November 29, 2019     *Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)*  
 December 13, 2019     *Deadline for Applications for Tuition Rebate for Fall Graduation (5pm)*  
 December 13, 2019     *Deadline for Degree Conferral Applications to the Registrar's Office \$20  
 Late Application Fee*  
 December 13, 2019     *Deadline to Withdraw from University for 16- and Second 8-Week Classes*  
 December 13, 2019     *Fall Semester Ends*  
 December 13, 2019     *Fall Commencement Ceremony*  
 December 17, 2019     *Deadline for Faculty Submission of 16-Week and Second 8-Week Final  
 Class Grades (due by 3pm)*  
 December 23, 2019 - January 1, 2020      *Winter Break (University Closed)*

## **TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT**

### **Technology Requirements**

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

### **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](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

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

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

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## 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) [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.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html), [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0), [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=0].

### 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, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and

confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](#) Canvas page (log-in required) [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717>]

### **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 [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [<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. Tutor.com tutoring **will not offer writing support** beginning August 1, 2019, but will continue to offer other tutoring support.

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](mailto: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 online tutoring support at no additional cost. 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.

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!

Students may arrange a one-to-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 [WCOOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

### **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) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

## OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

### **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) [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

### **Behavioral Intervention**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, who are exhibiting behaviors that pose a threat to safety, or individuals causing a significant disruption to our community, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

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## INSTRUCTOR POLICIES

Students should be prepared, ready to ask questions and participate in discussions.

While in other classes, the direct quoting of other authors is considered acceptable; in this class, it is not acceptable. You may not directly quote any other published paper, web site, or textbook in any writing assignment, including papers, homework, discussion boards, PowerPoint presentations, or any other written assignments. The simple reason for this is that copying (quoting) is a lower level skill. However, reading, understanding, and then communicating the ideas in your own words is a high-level skill that I want you to develop.

Please note that plagiarism, is a serious problem, and that any plagiarized assignment will result



in a failing grade for this class.

All late assignments will lose 30% of the available points before being graded. Late assignments will be graded at the professor's discretion. Unless specified in this syllabus, once an assignment is graded, it will not be graded again.

The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus during the semester.

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