

What:

- CRIJ 5322/HLS 5322: Advanced Criminal Justice Ethics, Fall 2020

Who:

- Instructor: Lynn M. Greenwood, PhD

When:

- Aug 24-Dec 11 2020

Where:

- Online through Canvas

Why:

- Why not?! This is an elective course, so you probably chose this course because it sounded interesting; or it met some elective need and nothing else was available; or its online and you needed an online elective; or you saw I was teaching the course and wanted me as your professor. Who knows!



How do I get in touch with you, Dr. Greenwood?

- Office location: 204D Heritage Hall
- Phone number: 512-525-9173*
- Email: lgreenwood@tamuct.edu **
 - Canvas email also okay
- Office hours: virtual appointments only – email or text to schedule appointments



*Please, please, if you call me, recognize that this is my personal phone number and act accordingly. If you leave a message, identify yourself, or I probably won't return your call. *Text messages are preferred to phone calls.*

**Please, please, please, if you email me, identify yourself and the class you are emailing me about! If you don't, I probably won't respond.

So, what's this course all about?

Course Description

In this course students study the practical implications of moral philosophy and ethics in a free society during the day-to-day administration of a criminal justice agency.

Course Learning Objectives. By the end of this course students should be able to demonstrate they understand ethics and can critically examine ethical issues in criminal justice. The objectives of the course are to

- understand how we create crime, why we have law, and how we justify punishment
- understand the role government plays in regulating morality
- understand the moral duties of criminal justice agents
- identify the philosophies guiding criminal justice policies and practices
- identify and examine contemporary ethical issues in policing, courts, correction, and juvenile justice

See chapter modules for chapter level learning outcomes.

What books do I need for the class?

Required Reading. Shafer-Landau, R. (2018) *The Fundamentals of Ethics*, 4th edition. Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780190631390.

If you intend to succeed in this course (i.e. earn a B or A) you must have a basic understanding of the material covered in *The Fundamentals of Ethics* before diving into the other sources I will provide. The additional reading materials are appropriate for an advanced ethics course. In advanced ethics, students read excerpts of influential texts and essays, such as:

- Aristotle. *Nichomechean Ethics*
- Bentham, J. *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*
- Hobbes, T. *Leviathan*
- Kant, I. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*
- Locke, J. *Two Treatises of Government*
- Mill, J. S. *Utilitarianism*
- Rawls, J. *A Theory of Justice*
- Rousseau, JJ. *The Social Contract*

These items will be provided in Canvas.

Recommended Reading. American Psychological Association Style Guide, 6th edition:

https://www.apastyle.org/index?_ga=2.140112884.619170283.1557952406-713042726.1557952406

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

Are these books required?

Yes.

This is an online course, right?

Yes. This course uses the TAMUCT CANVAS system. To be able to successfully complete this course, you must have reliable and frequent access to a computer and to the Internet. In addition, you must be able to access Canvas. If you are unfamiliar with Canvas, there is a Canvas Student Quick Start Guide found in the Orientation Module in Canvas. Do not contact your instructor with non-course-related issues regarding Canvas; contact the help desk for Canvas-related issues.

What else do I need to know about an online course?

- This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.
- **We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**
 - **Accessing Canvas:** In your web browser go to <https://tamuct.instructure.com>. Log in using your myCT username and password.
 - 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 notifications:** You should opt in to Canvas notifications. To opt in to notifications (and other items), log in to Canvas, click on your account, click on notifications, and opt in to the items you wish to receive notifications about. At a minimum, you should select announcements, grading, and conversations (this is the Canvas name for mail).
- **University email:** You should claim and use your university email account. All university-level announcements are delivered to your university email. You may miss out on vital announcements and information if you do not check your university email regularly. In addition, you should communicate with professors using your university email.
- **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.



- **Online Proctored Testing**
 - A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.
- **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): [http://hdc.tamu.edu]
 - *Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*
- For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

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.

Covid-19 Safety Measures

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, Texas A&M University-Central Texas has adopted policies and practices to minimize virus transmission. All members of the university community are expected to adhere to these measures to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses, course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.) and co-curricular programs:

- Self-monitoring—Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction. Students required to quarantine must participate in courses and course-related activities

remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities.

- Face Coverings— Face coverings must be worn inside of buildings and within 50 feet of building entrances on the A&M-Central Texas Campus. This includes lobbies, restrooms, hallways, elevators, classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, break rooms, non-private office spaces, and other shared spaces. Face coverings are also required in outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not maintained. The university will evaluate exceptions to this requirement on a case by case basis. Students can request an exception through the Office of Access and Inclusion in Student Affairs.
 - o If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office of Student Conduct. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day's class remotely for all students.
- Physical Distancing—Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in the course and course-related activities.
- Classroom Ingress/Egress—Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded. Do not congregate in hallways and maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.
- The university will notify students in the event that the COVID-19 situation necessitates changes to the course schedule or modality.

What should I expect from the instructor?

- This is an online course, so most communication between the instructor and students will be online. Students are welcomed and encouraged to make an appointment for an online video appointment.
- I will be checking and replying to student emails daily - students should expect a response within 24 hours. Emails sent on a weekend will be responded to the following Monday, unless it is a holiday. Any deviations from this will be announced in Canvas. During daytime working hours, emails will be responded to more quickly, and other methods of communication can also be utilized if pre-arranged (e.g., Canvas chat or Webex video chat).
- There will be a discussion board available for students to post general questions that will be checked and responded to on a regular basis – students should expect a response within 48 hours. This is highly recommended for general questions (for

example, what chapters will be covered on an exam), so that all students in the class may benefit from the answers.

- Most assignments will be graded within one week of submission. Depending on length, writing assignments will be graded within two weeks of submission. Deviations from this will be announced in Canvas. All grades will be posted in Canvas. Feedback on writing assignments will be provided in Canvas*. Students are encouraged to track their progress in the course through the Canvas gradebook.
 - *You cannot see feedback on the Canvas mobile app; you must use a computer to be able to see feedback on written assignments.
- *Grading of written assignments: I will provide detailed feedback on the first few paragraphs/first page of any written assignment; I will not mark all writing issues. I will provide general feedback for the entire assignment.*

What do I have to do to pass this course?

Discussions (0-25 points/350 points total)

There will be 14 discussion topics posted in Canvas throughout the semester. In order to properly answer the discussion questions/prompts, you might be required to read or view additional material. These additional materials will be posted with the discussion question/prompt. You will earn points for your submission if you answer discussion questions/prompts on time, adequately, and completely. Students are required to post their initial response (typically about one-half page, single-space type) to the issue and comment on a minimum of two other student responses. Students may respond to more than two student responses, but are required to respond to a minimum of two.

Quality of Discussion Posts: The responses to other student posts should be very well-thought-out, comprehensive answers to each question, along with thoughtful replies to other student answers. Many students provide only a cursory answer (2 or 3 lines) for their initial response and follow-up with “I agree....” or “I disagree....” responses to other student answers. This is not acceptable, especially in a graduate course. I expect to see substantive responses, approximately one-half page to the Canvas discussion question for an initial response from a student. The two replies to other students that you are required to make do not have to be as long as your initial response, but more substantive than 5-6 words of “I agree with you on that.” Students should provide support for their statements, pro or con, with appropriate reference citations tied to the respective course materials, websites, etc.

Proofreading your discussion board postings will also increase readability for others; you should also be checking for grammar, spelling, and content to make sure others would understand your point. In addition, please make discussion postings relevant to the topic under discussion. These aspects will be considered when grading the discussions.

Exams (0-100 points/200 points total)

There will be two exams, a mid-term and a final. See calendar for due dates. Exams in this course will be in essay format.

Annotated Bibliography (0-100 points).

Students will complete an annotated bibliography of contemporary ethical issues in criminal justice. Students will select 10 peer-reviewed articles published over the last 10 years that focus on ethical issues in law enforcement, courts, corrections, or juvenile justice. Students can focus on 1 or more of these areas. Annotated bibliographies should be no longer than 250 words. Each entry must contain a proper citation and concise summary of the article.

How do I submit assignments?

- All assignments must be submitted through Canvas.
- All annotated bibliographies and reaction essays must be in Microsoft Word format - make sure when you save a final draft of any assignment that it is either a .doc or .docx document. If you do not know how to do this, I suggest visiting the computer lab.
- Discussion/journal responses should be typed in the discussion board text box. Do not attach a document to discussion boards. Best practice would be to write everything in a Word document first, then copy and paste into the discussion box; save this work.



What about extra credit?

There is no extra credit built into the course. *Do not expect extra credit and do not ask for it.*

Do you accept late assignments?

Late assignments will be accepted past the recommended due date with no penalty. Assignments submitted after the recommended due date will not receive as much feedback as those submitted on time. Feedback is important to improve upon subsequent coursework.

How do I figure out my grade?

Final course grades will be assessed on the following scale:

Assignment	Points	My Grade
Discussions	350 (14x25)	
Exams	200 (100x2)	
Annotated bibliography	100	
Total	650	

When are readings and assignments due?

Course Calendar

- Subject to revision, if necessary, during the semester.
- **All assignments must be posted in Canvas by 11:59pm by Sunday of each week, unless otherwise specified by the instructor.**
- Assignments the last week of class are due by 11:59pm on Friday, December 11, 2020.

Week of August 24

- Reading: Introduction: The Fundamentals of Ethics
- Discussion 1
 - Due Aug 30

Week of August 31

- Reading: Chapter 1: Hedonism: Its powerful appeal
- Reading: Chapter 2: Is happiness all that matters?
- Reading: Hedonism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hedonism/>
- Discussion 2
 - Due Sep 6

Week of September 7

- Reading: Chapter 3: Getting what you want
- Reading: Chapter 4: Problems for the desire theory
- Reading: Desire: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/desire/>
- Discussion 3
 - Due Sep 13

Week of September 14

- Reading: Chapter 5: Morality and religion
- Reading: Religion and morality: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/religion-morality/>
- Discussion 4
 - Due Sep 20

Week of September 21

- Reading: Chapter 6: Natural law
- Reading: Natural law: <https://iep.utm.edu/natlaw/>
- Reading: The natural law tradition in ethics: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/natural-law-ethics/>
- Discussion 5
 - Due Sep 27

Week of September 28

- Reading: Chapter 7: Psychological egoism
- Reading: Chapter 8: Ethical egoism

- Reading: Egoism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/egoism/>
- Reading: Egoism: <https://iep.utm.edu/egoism/>
- Discussion 6
 - o Due Oct 4

Week of October 5

- Reading: Chapter 9: Consequentialism: Its nature and attractions
- Reading: Chapter 10: Consequentialism: Its difficulties
- Reading: Consequentialism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/consequentialism/>
- Reading: The history of utilitarianism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/utilitarianism-history/>
- Reading: Mills' moral and political philosophy: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/mill-moral-political/>
- Reading: Utilitarianism: J.S. Mill (read chapters one through five at the bottom of the page – they are short chapters): <https://www.utilitarianism.com/jsmill.htm>
- Discussion 7
 - o Due Oct 11

Week of October 12

- Midterm exam (essay)
 - o Due Oct 18

Week of October 19

- Reading: Chapter 11: The Kantian perspective: fairness and justice
- Reading: Chapter 12: The Kantian perspective: autonomy and respect
- Reading: Kant's moral philosophy: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/kant-moral/>
- Reading: Kant's ethics: <https://iep.utm.edu/kantmeta/#H8>
- Discussion 8
 - o Due Oct 25

Week of October 26

- Reading: Chapter 13: The social contract tradition: the theory and its attractions
- Reading: Chapter 14: The social contract tradition: problems and prospects
- Reading: Social contract theory: <https://iep.utm.edu/soc-cont/>
- Reading: Contractarianism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/contractarianism/>
- Reading: Hobbes' moral and political philosophy: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hobbes-moral/>
- Reading:
- Discussion 9
 - o Due Nov 1

Week of November 2

- Reading: Chapter 15: Ethical pluralism and absolute moral rules
- Reading: Chapter 16: Ethical pluralism: prima facie duties and ethical particularism
- Reading: William D. Ross: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/william-david-ross/>

- Reading: Value pluralism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/value-pluralism/>
- Reading: Moral particularism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/moral-particularism/>
- Discussion 10
 - o Due Nov 8

Week of November 9

- Reading: Chapter 17: Virtue ethics
- Reading: Aristotle's ethics: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/aristotle-ethics/>
- Reading: Virtue ethics: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ethics-virtue/>
- Reading: Virtue ethics: <https://iep.utm.edu/virtue/>
- Discussion 11
 - o Due Nov 15

Week of November 16

- Reading: Chapter 18: Feminist ethics
- Reading: Feminist philosophy: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminist-philosophy/>
- Discussion 12
 - o Due Nov 22
- Annotated bibliography
 - o Due Nov 22

Week of November 23

- Reading: Chapter 19: Ethical Relativism
- Reading: Moral relativism: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/moral-relativism/>
- Discussion 13
 - o Due Nov 29

Week of November 30

- Reading: Chapter 20: Moral nihilism
- Reading: Chapter 21: Eleven arguments against moral objectivity
- Discussion 14
 - o Due Dec 6

Week of December 7

- Final Exam
 - o Due Dec 11

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. To insure you comply with the standards of academic integrity set forth by TAMUCT, please read the following information, and follow the links. By now you should all understand what plagiarism is and is not. If you are unsure, please follow the link I've provided and read all material on the subject. **Any student caught plagiarizing will receive a 0 (zero) for that assignment and may be referred to the university for further discipline/education.**

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University - Central Texas expects all students to maintain high standards of personal and scholarly conduct. Students found responsible of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. The faculty member is responsible for initiating action for each case of academic dishonesty and report the incident to the Associate Director of Student Conduct. More information can be found at

<http://www.tamuct.edu/departments/studentconduct/facultyresources.php>.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism, most simply defined, is not properly crediting your sources of information through the use of textual citations and the provision of a works cited list. If something is not your own original idea, thought, words, or the product of your original data collection and analysis, you need to cite your source in the text. You may expand on work you have submitted in other classes. If you would like to do so, please contact me to discuss the terms. To learn more about plagiarism, please visit

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02/>

Course Conduct

Mastery of course content is greatly enhanced through professional conduct in the classroom, whether virtual or physical. You will be expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner in this class. In an online course, professionalism includes but is not limited to:

- As in any Criminal Justice and Social Science course, the issues of racial and ethnic diversity must be considered part of the course content. In addition, topics may come up in class that not everyone will be comfortable with or agree upon. Civility and courtesy to everyone in the class, including the instructor, is expected. Incivility or discourtesy to anyone in the class will not be tolerated and may result in your expulsion from the classroom.
- **Netiquette – Communication Courtesy Code:**
 - All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats. If I deem any of them to be inappropriate or offensive, I will forward the message to the Chair of the department and the online administrators and appropriate action will be taken, not excluding expulsion from the course.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Important University Dates

<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web:

[[https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-](https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612)

[46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612](https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612)].

Faculty 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. Once you submit the completed 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, working with others in an unauthorized manner, 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 referred 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](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) 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](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) 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, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors will return at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111 in the Fall 2020. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing studentsuccess@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 except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center

The University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free service open to all TAMUCT students. For the Fall 2020 semester, all services will be online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours online Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The UWC is also offering 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. 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. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. 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 making an appointment via [WConline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [<https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>].
- In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at 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].

- **For Fall 2020, all reference service will be conducted virtually. Please go to our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index] to access our virtual reference help and our current hours.**

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/compliance/titleix.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

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, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care.

- 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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