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BUSI 3311-110, CRN 80296, BUSINESS STATISTICS

Fall 2020

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

This course will run from August 24, 2020 through December 11, 2020. This is a fully online course which will use the TAMUCT Canvas Learning Management System as a document and resource repository and communication channel. All instructional content will be delivered through Canvas in the form of instructional videos. The Canvas system may be accessed at the following URL: <https://tamuct.instructure.com>.

For this course, you will need reliable and frequent access to a computer and to the Internet.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone: 254-519-5437

Email: Please use Canvas inbox.

Office Hours:

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, I will not be holding regular in-office office hours this semester. Canvas email is the easiest and most reliable way to reach me with a question outside of normal class times. I can also conduct phone calls or WebEx meetings upon request with advance notice. If a face-to-face meeting is needed, the easiest way to do this is to ask to meet with me immediately before or after class. We can easily talk in an open area where there is better ventilation, etc., or can even step outside to have a conversation. I am seldom able to accommodate student conferences without advance notice (outside of regularly scheduled class times) due to my responsibilities as department chair. For routine communications, please use Canvas email.

Student-instructor interaction:

I am most easily accessible via Canvas email. I will check my Canvas email once per day during normal workdays, and typically once on Saturdays. I typically do not check emails on Sundays. Please do not email my TAMUCT email address with course-related questions unless it is an emergency or unless you have not received a response through Canvas within 24 hours. Students should typically expect a reply within 24 hours unless the email falls on a Sunday, in which case they should not expect a reply until Monday. Note that this 24-hour window is not

a guarantee, but it does describe my normal response times.

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.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description:

Business statistics is the science of collecting, organizing, summarizing, and analyzing data to generate information, stated in numerical or graphical form, for the purpose of making objective business decisions. The course will initially cover descriptive statistics, but will also introduce several basic inferential statistical techniques. Topics include the foundations of statistical methods of sampling, classifying, analyzing, and presenting numerical data; frequency and sampling distributions, averages, dispersion, hypothesis testing, and analyzing up to two populations and population proportions. The course will employ the use of an online statistics learning system for problem assignments, in conjunction with the text and lectures, in completing course coverage of each statistics topic. Prerequisite: Junior Classification.

Course Objective:

The student will understand the foundations of statistics, which includes basic statistical graphs and charts, measures of central tendency and variation, basic probability, probability distributions, and hypothesis testing. Additionally the student will be able to apply the statistical foundations in inferential statistics, which will include comparing two populations, two population proportions, comparing two variables or treatments for a single population, one-way analysis of variance, linear regression, and chi-square tests.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- 1 Demonstrate methods of reporting data numerically and graphically.**
- 2 Identify and analyze types and levels of data using appropriate statistical methods.**
 - 2.1 Qualitative (nominal, ordinal)
 - 2.2 Quantitative (continuous, discrete, interval, ratio)
- 3 Demonstrate proficiency in calculating descriptive statistics.**
 - 3.1 Measures of central tendency
 - 3.2 Measures of variation
- 4 Demonstrate proficiency in analyzing discrete and continuous probability distributions**
 - 4.1 Concepts of probability
 - 4.2 Binomial distributions
 - 4.3 Normal distributions
 - 4.4 Chebyshev's Theorem

- 4.5 Empirical Formula
- 4.6 Central Limit theorem
- 5 **Demonstrate understanding and proficiency in calculating confidence intervals, conducting hypothesis tests, and calculating p -values.**
 - 5.1 Calculate confidence intervals when the population standard deviation is known/unknown and for proportions
 - 5.2 Conduct hypothesis testing when the population standard deviation is known/unknown and for proportions
 - 5.3 Calculate p -values for all hypothesis tests
- 6 **Demonstrate proficiency in calculating inferential statistics.**
 - 6.1 Compare means or proportions of two populations
 - 6.2 Compare means of two treatments within one population
- 7 **Demonstrate basic proficiency with common statistical analytic methods**
 - 7.1 Analysis of variance (one-way)
 - 7.2 Simple and multiple linear regression
 - 7.3 Chi-square tests
 - 7.4 Control charts

Required Reading and Textbook(s):

The following materials are **REQUIRED**.

- An access code for the Hawkes Business Statistics (HLS) software.
 - The access code (user license) for Hawkes may be bundled with a course textbook (optional) or purchased separately. Instructions for how to purchase an access code are included below as well as on the course Canvas page. The current cost for a user license is \$85.99. All students must pay the user license regardless of how they access or use the Hawkes system (see below).
- Access to a computer with a FULL version of Microsoft Excel. All TAMUCT lab computers will have Excel, as will most computers everywhere. If your home or office computer does not have a COMPLETE version already installed (many PCs come with basic and partial versions of Microsoft Office that will NOT be sufficient for this class), you can download and install a free version from Office 365. The instructions for how to do this are stored in the Canvas Community called *IT Support for Students*. The file you need is called "Install Office 365.pdf," and it is kept in the Modules menu. Please note that acquiring this software is your responsibility.
- Access to a computer with a reliable, fast internet connection (for completing Hawkes Learning System lessons and exams, and for viewing the course Canvas page). Please note that your instructor is NOT available for technical support. See below for more information on technical support.

The following materials are **OPTIONAL**.

- A course textbook. Nearly all students report NOT benefiting from the textbook. If you think you would benefit from one, you should purchase *Discovering Business*

Statistics by Nottingham and Hawkes. The textbook is available in e-book or hard copy, and can be bundled with downloadable software and access codes. Each textbook purchase option is available at the following URL:

<http://hawkespublishing.stores.yahoo.net/dibust.html>.

- Hawkes Learning Systems software. This software may either be downloaded and installed (and used offline) or simply accessed and used through the Web directly (i.e., without downloading anything). The interfaces have the same functionality either way, but they look slightly different. Note that I will be using the downloaded software interface for many of my lectures as it is easier to see on screen.
- A hand held calculator. At a minimum must have square root key in addition to the basic functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. This item is optional because all of our course calculations may be done using Microsoft Excel.
- The Data Analysis ToolPak add-in in Excel. More information will be given about this in class. If your version of Excel has this, the more ambitious/curious among you may want to try. If it doesn't, I will provide an alternative for you in class at no extra cost.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Homework Assignments:

This portion of the class comprises 38 lessons, broken up into 4 modules. All assignments will be administered through **the Hawkes Learning System (HLS)**. Each lesson allows for a practice mode and a certify mode. A student in practice mode may practice a lesson as long as he or she likes without penalty. In certify mode students are only permitted so many errors (“strikes”) before they are forced to start over. Students are given an unlimited number of attempts to complete each lesson without penalty. Students must successfully certify each lesson to receive credit for it—merely practicing a lesson is not enough. Once a student successfully certifies a lesson (where “successfully” means correctly answering about 80% of the questions within a lesson—this percentage varies slightly from lesson to lesson), he or she will receive full credit (100%) for the lesson. Although the mode of instruction is face-to-face in this class, there will be no traditional, paper-and-pencil homework assignments in this class. **The lowest 3 lesson scores will be dropped, but this may not appear correctly in your Hawkes gradebook until the end of the semester.** To allow maximum flexibility for the student, all lessons are due on the last day of the semester. However, students are strongly encouraged to complete HLS lessons as the corresponding material is introduced and covered in class. Students will not receive credit for any lessons left incomplete at the end of the semester. Thus, the only grade a student can receive for a lesson is 100% or 0%.

Exams:

There will be four (4) non-cumulative module exams administered during the semester, PLUS an applied (but not comprehensive or “final”) exam near the end of the term as indicated on the course calendar. This applied exam is administered as part of our accreditation process for the College, and is required for all sections of BUSI 3311 each semester. It will have the same format as your other exams, and will not require any additional study or mastery of content

beyond what is already present in the course.

All exams must be completed alone by the student without the use of any resource other than those explicitly permitted or provided by your instructor. With the exception of Exam 1 (which may be taken twice), exams may be taken only once. No makeup exams will be given except in cases of emergencies for which written and official documentation is provided. All exams will be completed online within the Hawkes Learning System environment. The permitted time on each exam varies depending on length and rigor, but usually ranges between 2 to 3 hours per exam. Exact exam durations will be listed on Hawkes. The point values for each exam will vary based on the number and type of problems we are covering in Hawkes, but the weighting of each module exam will be equal, and according to the scale below. Your instructor reserves the right to modify the exam structure and schedule at will, with advance notice, in order to best fulfill course objectives and assess student competencies. See the schedule below for exam availability and due dates. The first date indicates when the exam will be available to you (beginning at 12:00 a.m.). The second date indicates when the exam will be due (no later than 11:59 p.m.).

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Final grades will be calculated as follows:

Evaluation Item	Possible Points	Percentage
Homework (35 @ 13 points ea.)	455	45.5
Module Exams (4 @ 110 points ea.)	440	44.0
Applied Exam	105	10.5
Total	1000	100

Final course grades will be determined according to the following scale.

- A = 90% or better
- B = 80% and up to but not including 90%
- C = 70% and up to but not including 80%
- D = 60% and up to but not including 70%
- F = below 60%

Please note that standard rounding (i.e., .50 and up) will be used to compute final grades. There will be no exceptions to this standard. I have to draw the line somewhere.

Posting of Grades

All grades will be displayed in the Hawkes Learning System gradebook only. They will NOT be in Canvas. Grades will be posted immediately after an assignment or exam is submitted.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Please note that all homework is due on 12/10 (the next to last day of the semester), but EXAMS HAVE FIXED DUE DATES AS SHOWN BELOW.

Week Starting	Class Topic	SLOs	Assigned HLS Lesson(s) / Exam	Due Date
Aug 24	populations and samples variables, levels of measurement	2.1, 2.2	1.1 - 1.3 2.5 - 2.6	
Aug 31	frequency distributions graphical displays of data	1 1	3.3; 3.4 3.5 - 3.9; 3.10	
Sep 7	measures of location measures of dispersion	3.1 3.2	4.1 4.2a	
All assigned lessons from Chapters 1, 2, and 3, plus lessons 4.1 and 4.2a.			Module 1 EXAM (opens Sep 10)	Sep 13
Sep 14	percentiles applying the standard deviation	3.3 3.3, 4.5, 4.6	4.3 4.5 - 4.7 (<i>not</i> 4.8)	
Sep 21	discrete random variables the binomial distribution	4.1 4.2	6.1 - 6.3 6.5	
Sep 28	the normal distribution more on the normal distribution	4.3 4.3	7.2; 7.3a 7.3b; 7.3c	
Lessons 4.3 and 4.5 - 4.7 from Chapter 4, plus all assigned lessons from Chapters 6 and 7			Module 2 EXAM (opens Oct 1)	Oct 4
Oct 5	central limit theorem <i>t</i> distribution	4.7 4.4	8.3 9.4a	
Oct 12	confidence intervals (z distribution) confidence intervals (t distribution)	5.1 5.1	9.1 - 9.3 9.4b; 9.5	
Oct 19	intro to hypothesis testing hypothesis testing, 1 sample	5.2 5.2	10.1 - 10.3 10.4a; 10.4b	
Oct 26	hypothesis testing, 1 sample hypothesis testing for 2 samples	5.3 6.1	10.4c 11.1; 11.2	
All assigned lessons from Chapters 8 - 11			Module 3 EXAM (opens Oct 29)	Nov 1
Nov 2	analysis of variance correlation, scatterplots; simple regression	7.1 3.2, 7.2	12.2 - 12.4 4.8 ; 13.1 - 13.5	
Nov 9	simple regression multiple regression	7.2 7.2	13.8 14.5a	
Nov 16	multiple regression chi square goodness of fit test	7.2 7.3	14.7 15.2	
Nov 30	chi square test for association control charts	7.3 7.4	15.3 17.3a; 17.3b	
Chapters 10-15 only			Applied Exam (opens Dec 3)	Dec 6
Dec 7	control charts	7.4	17.4	
Lesson 4.8, plus all assigned lessons from Chapters 12-15 and 17			Module 4 EXAM (opens Dec 8)	Dec 11

Important University Dates:

See <https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/2020-2021-academic-calendars-and-final-exam-schedule.pdf> for the full academic calendar

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

For purposes of this course, “online” means that all instructional interactions and content delivery will occur via a pre-recorded video format. In addition, we will use computing technology for all of the work (assignments and exams) in this course.

Canvas:

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system, but only as a document repository and communication portal. **We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] using the credentials below:

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)
Password: Your MyCT password

For Canvas technical support, use the Canvas Help link located at the bottom of the left-hand Canvas menu. 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.

Hawkes Learning Systems:

This course will also utilize the Hawkes Learning Systems (HLS) software for all coursework (homework and exams).

HLS may be accessed and used via the Web. All students will need to set up a Hawkes Learning Systems account. To set up an account, go to <http://www.hawkeslearning.com/> and click on the “Student Sign-In” link in the upper-right corner of the page. At the bottom of the window that opens you will see a “New User?” prompt and a button labeled “Create an Account.” Click on this button and follow the prompts to set up your account. If you purchased a textbook, you may use the access code provided with your book to set up your account, and will not need to purchase a separate access code. Otherwise you’ll need to purchase an access code. You may either do this at any time (before, during, or after you create a new account). As always, if you have any questions about Hawkes, please call them at 1-800-426-9538. They are very helpful and patient, and will be happy to walk you through anything you need.

To purchase the access code to use the software:

- Go back to the main Hawkes Learning Page (<http://www.hawkeslearning.com/>)
- Find the Students menu, scroll down to the Getting Started window and click on “Purchase Access” under the sub-heading “3. Choose an Option.”
- Begin typing *Texas A&M University – Central Texas*. You will see it appear below in the list. Click on this, then click "Continue"
- Under **Please Select Your Product**, click **Discovering Business Statistics**
- Your license will cost **\$85.99**. Follow the prompts to complete the purchase.
- If you are asked which textbook this software is meant to accompany, choose the *Discovering Business Statistics* textbook with a picture of set of colorful thumbtacks on it.
- Your course ID is **TAMUCTDBS**
- Be sure to select my name (Dr. Brad Almond) and this course section (**BUSI 3311 online**) so that you will see the same assignments and exams that everyone else will.
- Again, if you get stuck, please call Hawkes at (800) 426-9538. Do not contact your instructor for technical support.

THE CUSTOMER SUPPORT AT HAWKES IS VERY GOOD, SO DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THEM FOR ASSISTANCE. They are great, so don't hesitate to call for help with installing or troubleshooting the software. I and my former students have had great success with them in the past. A real person almost always answers the phone. Their number is 1-800-426-9538.

For technical support related to Hawkes Learning Systems, you have several options:

- The support page: <http://support.hawkeslearning.com/supportcenter/>
 - Many resources including help videos and FAQs
- Chat. Available 24/7. Go to www.hawkeslearning.com and scroll down to the bottom of the page—a chat prompt will automatically appear.
- Phone: 843-571-2825 (during normal business hours) or 800-426-9538

Additional Technical Support:

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

Please note that personal technology issues are not a valid excuse for missing or committing an error on a course requirement . This includes PC failure/infection or Internet service interruption. Be sure your personal computer is configured correctly, and address issues well

in advance of deadlines and/or complete your work on a University computer.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Drop Policy.

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request Dynamic Form](#) through Warrior Web. Copy and paste the URL below into your web browser if the link does not work.

<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>].

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].

Please note that the utilization of any unsanctioned class resource constitutes an academic integrity violation. This includes class materials from past semesters accessed via websites and former students. Allowing another individual to complete homework or exams on your behalf is also strictly forbidden. Academic integrity violation penalties may be assessed retroactively if they are discovered after a course is complete, and may result in assignment/course failure, university suspension/expulsion, or degree nullification. Any student caught cheating on an exam in this course will automatically fail the course and have their case reported to student affairs.

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>]. 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, 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 [WOnline](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.

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES.

Late work will only be accepted in cases of documented emergencies. Documentation on official letterhead must be provided by a third party (hospital, police, employer, military). No exceptions.

There are no extra credit opportunities in this course.

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