

**Texas A&M University Central Texas**  
**PSYC 4384-110 (Psychology Undergraduate Internship--Fall 2020**  
**Tuesdays (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.) or (6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) (HH-308)**

**INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Email:** Use the Canvas ***Inbox*** icon (left menu) within the course to send messages within our online Canvas course classroom (Canvas Messages). To reach me outside of our online course classroom, please use our TAMUCT e-mail system ([blnowell@tamuct.edu](mailto:blnowell@tamuct.edu)). I am currently text disabled (so e-mail instead).

**Virtual Office Hours:** Available by appointment, most days and times through Canvas WebEx (left menu link).

**TAMUCT Campus Office Hours:**

- Mondays & Wednesdays (2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.) (If needed, early evening time, by appointment only)
- Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.) (If needed, early evening time, by appointment only)

**Mode of instruction and course access:** *This course is a face-2-face course, and it uses the TAMUCT Canvas LMS (<https://tamuct.instructure.com/login/ldap>) for assignments, grades, and supplemental course materials. You will use your username and password communicated to you separately to logon to this system.*

**Student-instructor interaction:** I check e-mail correspondence several times each day and usually reply within a short time. If you send a message using ***Inbox*** within our Canvas online course classroom (a Canvas Message) and do not hear back from me soon, then please e-mail me ([blnowell@tamuct.edu](mailto:blnowell@tamuct.edu)). I have family and other important community responsibilities every Saturday and Sunday, and so I am most likely to be unavailable to answer e-mails on those days..

## **Required Course Progress Meetings**

Our required course progress meetings at TAMUCT, Founders Hall 207 are every Tuesday, either from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. or from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., depending on your schedule. There are 300 points associated with your active participation in these meetings.

## **Warrior Shield App (911 Cellular)**

**911 Cellular:** This is our new Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University – Central Texas 911Cellular 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 911 Cellular through their myCT email account.

- **Warrior Shield AP (for iPhone and iPad at Apple App Store):** The Warrior Shield safety application, developed by 911 Cellular, not only connects the user to the proper 9-1-1 center, but also provides the user's location through an internal positioning system or geographic locator. Once the application is opened, the user hits the "911" button and if they take no further action within three seconds the

application summons help. The dispatcher can then forward the information including the user's location to first responders. In addition to connecting the user to 911, the app has several other features: iReports Safe Walk Friend Watch Personal Profile <https://apps.apple.com/us/developer/texas-a-m-university-central-texas-police-department/id1465791523>

- Connect at [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management) [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, 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 REQUIREMENTS

### Course Learning and Evaluation Requirements:

**In-Class Learning Participation—Active In-Class Discussion** (30% of final course grade) [Total 300 points]

**15 Weekly Internship Reaction Journals** (40 points each) [Total 600 points]

**End of Semester Internship Supervisor Report** (100 points) [Total 100 points]

**Dr. Nowell will accept late assignments. After an assignment deadline has passed, there is a 10% earned-grade reduction per day that an assignment is late. Any missed assignments can still be submitted after being 5 days late (until midnight of the last day of this course), for 50% of the grade points that would have been earned if the assignment were submitted before its deadline.**

**Please do not submit any writing that you have previously submitted for any course, for any of your writing assignments for this course. A grade of zero will be earned for any writing assignments of this sort.**

***Total Possible Points for Entire Course: 1000 points***

### **Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion**

**Online Research/Writing/Discussion Assignments, Class Meeting Discussion Participation, In-Class Research/Writing Assignments, Major Writing Assignments, Course Progress Meeting, SONA Research Participation, MFT Exam = Final Course Grade**

A = 90-100% (900-1000 points) (Outstanding Course Scholarship)

B = 80-89.99% (800-899.99 points) (Good Course Scholarship)

C = 70-79.99% (700-799.99 points) (Satisfactory Course Scholarship)

D = 60-69.99% (600-699.99 points) (Marginal Course Scholarship)

F = below 60% (0-599.99 points) (Course Failure)

(In rare/valid instances an Incomplete (I) will be given if the appropriate conditions are met. The missing work must be completed in 30 days or the (I) will automatically become an F).

***I do not round grades up to the next grade at the end of the semester. Any requests for “bumping up” grades will not be given a reply.***

### **Posting of Grades:**

*Writing Assignment Grades will mainly post 72 hours after the due date has passed, or before that time when possible.*

*Final Course Grades will be submitted to the registrar usually within 48 hours after the course end date.*

## **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> ].

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

**Password:** Your MyCT password

**We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**

## **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.*

For issues with **Canvas**, select “chat with Canvas support,” submit a support request to Canvas Tier 1, or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953, links to all are found inside of Canvas using the “Help” link.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor (Dr. Nowell).

***Technology issues are not an excuse for missing a course requirement – make sure your computer is configured correctly and address issues well in advance of assignment and evaluation deadlines.***

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**

### **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-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2Fsubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty (Dr. Nowell) 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](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](mailto: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](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].

**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.**

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## 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/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.

### **The Course Operation and Being a Disciplined Learner**

Effective course learning requires class members to be very self-disciplined; be sure you understand and are prepared to comply with all required class assignments and deadlines. For this course, the Weekly Assignments will be posted on the Course Schedule with corresponding due dates listed within the Course Schedule. All graded weekly assignments are due by Sunday, 11:59 p.m. of the associated week, except for Week 16 which ends for our course on Friday of that week.

If a class member experiences a technical problem that prevents submitting an assignment by the due date, the student should contact the instructor (Dr. Nowell) immediately. All assignments in this course are due by the listed due dates found on the Course Schedule and at our course Canvas pages for each specific assignment.

It is the class member's responsibility to read any e-mails, messages, and announcements posted by the instructor (Dr. Nowell) under the Announcements section of our Canvas homepage, Canvas Inbox, or in TAMUCT e-mail. Students are expected to follow all instructions provided by the instructor (Dr. Nowell) for each specific assignment, precisely.

### Active Class Discussion Participation and Class Attendance

Regular classroom attendance, active participation in class discussion (asking questions and providing answers), is required. A class member may receive a significant grade reduction in the course when his/her lack of attendance/active discussion participation prohibits him/her from meeting the course objectives, or when a class member accumulates excessive absences that prevent his or her active discussion participation, as well as completing and submitting assignments by the listed due dates. For every 100 points that a student misses in this course, the student's final grade will drop one letter. In addition to active classroom activity and discussion, it is a very good idea to **login on to our course at Canvas to check for new announcements, reminders, and/or assignments.**

The following schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion, to facilitate class members' learning needs/pace. You will be notified of any grade affecting changes prior to the changes.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

**Weekly graded assignments are due in a Canvas dropbox by specific days and times that may vary. Be sure to remain aware when each graded assignment is due**

MODULE DATES	DISCUSS./ASSIGN./ACTIV.	READINGS/GRADED ASSIGNMENTS
<p><b>Week 1</b>  <b>24 August-30 August</b></p>	<p><b>Orientation &amp; Internship Guidance</b></p>	
<p><b>Week 2</b>  <b>31 August-6 September</b></p>	<p><b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b></p>	<p><b>1. Week-2 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)</p>
<p><b>Week 3</b>  <b>7-13 September</b>  <b>7 September-Labor Day</b>  <b>Campus Closed</b></p>	<p><b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences Readings</b></p>	<p><b>1. Week-3 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)</p>
<p><b>Week 4</b>  <b>14-20 September</b></p>	<p><b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b></p>	<p><b>1. Week-4 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)</p>
<p><b>Week 5</b>  <b>21-27 September</b></p>	<p><b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b></p>	<p><b>1. Week-5 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)</p>
<p><b>Week 6</b>  <b>28 September-4 October</b></p>	<p><b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b></p>	<p><b>1. Week-6 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)</p>



<b>Week 7</b> <b>5-11 October</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-7 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 8</b> <b>12-18 October</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-8 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 9</b> <b>19-25 October</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-9 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 10</b> <b>26 October-1 November</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-10 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 11</b> <b>2-8 November</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-11 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 12</b> <b>9-15 November</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-12 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 13</b> <b>16-22 November</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-13 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 14</b> <b>23-29 November</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-14 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>26-27 November</b> <b>Campus Closed</b>		
<b>Week 15</b> <b>30 November- 6 December</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-15 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Sunday)
<b>Week 16</b> <b>7-11 December</b> <b>(Course Ends Friday)</b>	<b>Report on and Discuss Previous Week's Internship Experiences</b>	<b>1. Week-16 Internship Reaction Journal</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Friday)  <b>2. Internship Supervisor Report</b> (due in its Canvas dropbox by 11:59 Friday)

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## Important Fall Semester 2020 Dates & Deadlines

**August 24, First day of classes**

**August 26, Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for 16- and First 8-Week Classes**

**September 7, Labor Day, CAMPUS CLOSED**

**September 9, Last day to drop 16-week classes with no record**

**October 2, Last day to drop a 1st 8-week class with a Q or withdraw with a W**

**October 7, Last day to register to vote this year**

**October 16, Last day to withdraw from the University (1st 8-week classes WF)**

**October 16, End of 1st 8-week classes**

**October 19, First day of 2nd 8-week classes**

**October 19, Add/Drop/Late Registration begins, 2nd 8-week classes**

**October 21, Add/Drop/Late Registration ends, 2nd 8-week classes**

**October 26, Last day to drop 2nd 8-week classes with no record**

**November 6, Last day to drop with a Q or withdraw with a W (16-week classes)**

**November 26-27, Thanksgiving, CAMPUS CLOSED**

**November 27, Last day to drop a 2nd 8-week class with a Q or withdraw with a W**

**December 11, Last day to withdraw from the University (16-week and 2nd 8-week classes)**

**December 11, Last day to file for Degree Conferral (Registrar's Office)**

**December 7-11 Finals Week**

**December 11, Commencement (End of Fall Term)**

**December 24-January 1, WINTER BREAK, CAMPUS CLOSED**

## How to find Peer Reviewed Articles

Psychological journal articles are the best source of Subject Matter Expert (SME) information to use to support what you write in your Reaction Journal Assignments. If you choose to include that sort of SME information in your RJ Assignments, be sure to use the most pertinent information from the peer reviewed article, if you choose to do this. If you choose to include peer-reviewed material, you can use the following guideline to retrieve peer-reviewed articles from the online library at TAMU-CT.

1. **University Library Online:** Click or use this URL in your browser <http://tamuct.libguides.com/index>
2. Click: A-Z Databases (left side of page)
3. Choose your database. For example, scroll way down to "P" and choose Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
4. The next step may ask you to login using normal log in credentials, if you are off campus.
5. Type in search topic in top box just under the name of the data base. For example for Module 1, you may type in: Premarital Sex
6. It is VERY IMPORTANT that before you hit search that you check the box that says: **Peer Reviewed** AND the box that says: **Full Text** under the section called Limit Results
7. Click Search. This should bring up various peer-reviewed articles for your review.
8. If you don't find any relevant articles, try a different search word.
9. Please keep a copy of the article on your desktop or at least know how to retrieve it again should I ask you to provide the article to me through e-mail when I begin grading.

10. Cite the article in your reference list as you compose your discussion using APA formatting. If you don't already know APA formatting, view the information found to the left in this link about **in-text citations** (within the body of your discussion) and **Reference List: Articles in Periodicals**:  
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>