

COLLEGE of BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MGMT 5315-130, 80362 International Management for Sustainability Online 16 Week Course

Fall 2021 Semester: Aug 23- Dec 10, 2021,

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mode of instruction and course access:

This course meets *online*. The TAMUCT Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com] will be used for instruction and assessment.

Student-instructor interaction:

TAMUCT Canvas messaging system is the preferred communication method. I check messages regularly and usually respond within 24h during week days (48h during weekend and holidays). I can meet online using web-conference tools.

Occasionally, a University meeting or Conference travel will preempt my prompt responses to your message; should this happen I will post an announcement via Canvas.

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

COURSE INFORMATION

1. Course Overview and Description:

This course will focus on international business management through a sustainability lens. Seminal and current research along with relevant real-world examples will be used to expose students to theories and frameworks pertinent to international business functions and cross-

cultural management. The course will sensitize students to global business environment opportunities and stimulate generation of team-based international business solutions contributing to sustainable development and consistent with the triple bottom line approach.

- **1.1. Course Objective:** This course is designed to facilitate students' learning of the fundamentals of international business strategies and cross-cultural management to achieve the organizational outcome of sustainable development. Throughout the course, students are expected to develop a sense of ease to manage business in a multicultural environment which will contribute to an organization's success in the social, ecological, and economic dimensions of sustainability.
- **1.2. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):** Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
 - SLO 1. Identify the impacts of globalization on a firm's internationalization process.
 - SLO 2. Apply the principles of sustainability in global business environment.
 - SLO 3. Analyze different cross-national institutional forces that influence international businesses.
 - SLO 4. Discuss cultural dimensions based on cultural frameworks and apply them to global business settings.
 - SLO 5. Discuss ethics and corporate social responsibility issues in the global business environment.
 - SLO 6. Evaluate the tension between pressures for global integration and national responsiveness and identify an effective international strategy and entry mode.
 - SLO 7. Develop cultural intelligence to interact and manage people from different cultures.
 - SLO8. Identify sustainability problems across different local contexts and propose global business solutions to them
- 2. Prerequisites: MGMT 5301 Organizational Behavior
- 3. Textbook and Assigned Readings:
- 3.1. Required Reading and Textbook(s)
- 3.1.1. International Business: Competing in the Global Marketplace (12th Edition) by Charles W. L. Hill Dr, G. Tomas M. Hult

Publisher: McGraw-Hill; ISBN: 9781259929441

3.1.2. Supplemental readings will be provided via TAMUCT Library e-reserve.

3.2. Reference Guide for Professional Writing

American Psychological Association. (2010). Publication manual of American Psychological Association (6th ed.). Washington, D.C.: Author. ISBN-13: 978-1-4338- 0561-5. Both in-text citation and a list of reference in the end of the write-up are required in all written

assignments.

All students are expected to keep abreast of contemporary developments in global business by reading quality press such as, for example, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, The Economist, Forbes, Fortune, Business Week, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, etc.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Individual assignments</u>

Student introduction forum (1@10): Students will introduce themselves in a discussion forum to allow the instructor and fellow classmates to learn more about them. Additionally, students will use this introduction to share their preferences for the GSE project in order to allow a seamless team formation based on common interests.

Self-check quizzes (7 quizzes @30 points, 1 quiz @ 15 points): learning activity supports SLO 1-6 This course has Self-check quizzes for all learning material covered in this course. The Self-check quizzes challenge your mastery of the content in each module. Self-check quizzes are open book and open notes. There is no provision for making up missed quizzes as each quiz will be opened during one whole week.

Academic literature review presentation (40 points): learning activity supports SLO 3 & 6. Each student will write a review of academic literature covering a specific area of research relevant to the International Management and focusing specifically on relevant managerial implications. A selection of topics will be distributed in class and posted in Canvas. Students will post a video presentation synthesizing their academic literature review to the discussion forum to share their findings with the class allowing student-to-student learning. Classmates will comment on each other's presentations in a Reply post. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Initial post in World Events Digest Discussion forum (2@40 points): learning activity supports SLO 1-3.

Each student will present a World Event Digest for 2 out of 6 weekly geographic areas discussion forums in weeks 4-13 of the semester. The geographic areas cover most regions of the world (e.g., Asia Pacific, Latin America, North America, European Union, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa, and Middle East). You will research the world events occurred in that area since the beginning of the semester and will post a write-up including a summary of at least 3 major events, and a detailed analysis of the implications of 1 of these events for international business referring to the concepts from the textbook. Format: 2 page single-spaced, 12-pt font. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Reply post for World Events Digest (2@10)

Each student will post 2 replies to other students' event digest in weeks 4-13. The reply posts will substantially add to the discussion and make use of concepts studied throughout the

semester. Note: The reply posts and the initial posts do not have to be posted in the same week as your own digests. The 2 reply posts must be in different weeks covering 2 different regions.

Mini cases (3@40): learning activity supports SLO 1-6 & 8.

Each student will complete mini cases from real world examples answering to IB related questions by apply concepts from Modules to generation of business solutions. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Team assignments

Global Sustainable Enterprise (GSE) Team Charter (5 points): Each team will submit a team charter. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Global Sustainable Enterprise (GSE) Proposal (50 points): learning activity supports SLO 1-4.

Each team will write a proposal for a firm's effort in building a global sustainable enterprise. You will select an already existing American company that is not part of the 100 Most sustainable companies^a and would presumably have lots of room for improvement in terms of sustainability. After conducting an internal analysis, you will study external environment scanning for opportunities and identify a new country for the company to expand to for a global business venture and consider cultural and ethical issues that could impact the firm. The proposal should identify 2-3 alternatives and formulate a clear argument in favor of the selected country. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Global Sustainable Enterprise (GSE) Final Team Presentation (10): Each team will share the recommendations of its Final GSE paper in a video recording using a PPT presentation. Students are expected to deliver their presentation in a professional manner. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Global Sustainable Enterprise (GSE) Final Paper (70 points): learning activity supports SLO 2, 6, 7.

Incorporating the feedback provided for the GSE Proposal and Presentation, the final paper will propose a firm strategy, structure, and entry mode for the venture; estimate a timeline and required financial resources; discuss human resource systems to be used in the new venture; and recommend levels of product/service adaptation as well as marketing methods. The paper should rely on pertinent, reliable data about the country and the firm (e.g. annual reports, quality business press, well-known and reputable international organizations' websites, NO Wikipedia). Your recommendations should make use of frameworks discussed in class, account for central issues and problems facing the firm in the proposed venture, critical analysis of the

^a https://www.corporateknights.com/reports/2020-global-100/2020-global-100-ranking-15795648/

situation, and appear realistic (no science fiction) and presentable to the firm as a viable option for global expansion. Detailed guidelines will be provided via Canvas.

Peer evaluation: Students' involvement in team activities will be evaluated by peers using a collective Peer Evaluation process. Each team project component will be accompanied with a collective peer evaluation. Based on the grade awarded by peers, a student will either receive the full points associated with the team grade on a relevant team assignment or only a portion of the points.

NOTE 1: No later than 24 hours after a peer evaluation due date, any team member may request that the instructor arbitrate team ratings. If arbitration is requested, and conducted, the decision of the instructor will be final. The Peer Evaluation will be submitted with each of the team assignments.

NOTE 2: A student "fired" from his or her team in accordance with conditions outlined in the team's charter will have to complete the remaining team project parts on his own with a maximum possible grade capped at 79%. Furthermore, a student fired from a team won't be able to earn points for the Team presentation.

Grading Polices/Guidelines

- Required Studying: Instructor-Created/Provided Materials and Book Chapters: Modules are used for instruction in this online course. While Module Forum Discussions (detailed next in the Assessments section of the syllabus) are the equivalent of face-to-face discussions, studying the materials in each module as instructed is the equivalent of attending a lecture. You are required to study the material as instructed if you want to succeed in the class. Studying for a module may include: listening/watching to instructor-created audio and/or video content (e.g., narrated presentation), listening/watching instructor-provided audio and/or video content (e.g., a news segment about an event that impacts business strategy), reading instructor-created notes and PDFs, reading instructor-created slides, reading-instructor provided slides, and lastly, reading book chapters as instructed.
- Individual Performance: It is vital that you are active in the course and complete all
 work in a professional fashion. You are expected to read the chapters as assigned in the
 syllabus as well as all the relevant supplemental resources that may be found in the
 Module content folders for that period before attempting any quiz or submitting any
 written assignment.
- Quality Work: All work submitted for grading shall be of upper level quality: demonstrate understanding and effort put into it, depth of analysis, grammatical structure, professionalism, etc.
- Spelling, Grammar, and Writing Skills for reports: The content of all written assignments is what you will be evaluated on, provided that your spelling and grammar does not have major issues. While a few spelling and grammar mistakes are acceptable

and will not affect your grade, I reserve the right to remove of up 10% of the points of a written assignment for excessively bad grammar and spelling mistakes. Students who proofread their work, use spelling and grammar checking tools, or obtain help from the University Writing Center (described above) should not be affected by this policy.

- Identifying Submissions: Submissions' title should follow the format as specified Title_of_the_assisgnement_Student Last Name or Team number
- **Submission Style Requirements**: Submissions will be in accordance with The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th ed. <u>All written work must be</u> submitted utilizing Microsoft Word in either a .doc or .docx format.
- **Due Dates and Late Submissions:** The assignment instructions and deadlines are clearly laid out in the syllabus. As such, it is expected that all work will be submitted on time, as timeliness is an important aspect of professional communications and behavior. If you encounter an issue, please let me know before the due date. Late submissions of written assignments will cost -20% of the grade per day.
- Changes to Syllabus: This syllabus serves as an instructional and study planning
 document. Although every effort will be made to maintain the schedule and activities
 presented herein, it may become necessary during the semester to make changes to the
 syllabus. In such events, changes will be announced, and students will receive written
 notice as soon as possible.
- **Sundown rule:** You have one (1) week (from the date the grade is released) to inquire about your grade on an exam, quiz or any other assignment. The exception to this is the last round of assignments, and your Final Letter Grade when inquiries need to be taken care of as soon as possible before I submit grades to the Registrar. The purpose is to resolve any issue during the term and not wait until the last week of the term. Check your grades every week!

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

A detailed grading rubric will be available with the assignment instructions at the submission link in Canvas. Minimum points required for a specific course grade are noted on the table under Grade Computation in the next section. Minimum points required for a specific course grade will NOT be revised for any reason. There are 645 grading points available in this class, assigned as follows:

<u>Individual</u>	Points	% of total	
Student introduction forum (1@10)	10	2%	
Self-check quizzes (7@30, 1@15)	225	36%	79%
Academic literature review presentation (1@40)	40	6%	
Initial post World Events Digest (2@40)	80	13%	
Reply post for World Events Digest (2@10)	20	3%	
Mini cases (3@40)	120	19%	
<u>Team</u>			
GSE Team Charter	5	1%	21%
GSE Proposal	50	8%	
GSE Final Paper	70	11%	
GSE Final Team Presentation	10	2%	
Total points	630		100%

Grade Computation

Final grades will be calculated using a traditional scale. Final grade consists of points earned. Students should not expect rounding or individual extra credit at the end of the semester.

POINTS	LETTER GRADE	%
567-630	Α	90≤
504-566	В	80≤90
441-503	С	70≤80
378-440	D	60≤70
Below 378	F	<60

Posting of Grades

All student grades will be posted on the Canvas Grade book and students should regularly monitor their grading status through this tool. I will attempt to post grades for all assignments within 7 days after the due date, unless I let you know otherwise.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Complete Course Calendar

The modules will open on Mondays and will remain open till the end of the semester All written assignments are due on Sundays of a corresponding week by 11:59pm All Initial posts for discussions should be submitted no later than by 11:59pm on Friday to allow enough time for meaningful Reply posts by 11:59pm on Sunday Quizzes will open on Mondays of a corresponding week and will remain open through the following Sunday till 11:59pm (Note: Considering the large availability window for Quizzes, no make-ups will be allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances)

Module	Dates	Topic	Readings & Assignments
	Week 1 Aug 23-29	Course introduction	Post to the "Student Introduction" forum (required to show that you are active in the course and for team formation). Read the syllabus. Buy the textbook
	Week 2 Aug 30-Sept 5	Globalization	Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 1 "Globalization" Watch Instructor video commentary Complete mini case 1 Review "Student Introduction" forum and reach out to 2 classmates with whom you would like to form a team. Submit team members list; Start working on the Team Charter
1 SLO 1, 2 & 5	Week 3 Sept 6-12	Ethics, CSR and Sustainability in IB	Review lecture slides; Read 5 "Ethics, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Sustainability"; Watch Instructor video commentary Required E-reserve readings: Cuervo-Cazurra, A. (2016). Corruption in international business. Journal of World Business, 51(1), 35–49. Jeanrenaud S., Jeanrenaud J., Gosling (2017). Chapter 1 in Sustainable Business: A One Planet Approach Optional readings: Bricker, D., & Ibbitson, J. (2019). What lies ahead. Empty Planet: The Shock of Global Population Decline (pp. 225–240). The Economist. (2019, February). The best way to solve
			the world's water woes is to use less of it. Study all relevant content provided in the Module Take Quiz 1 Team Charter due on Sunday;
2 SLO 3, 4, & 7	Week 4 Sept 13-19	National differences	Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 2 "National differences in political, economic, and legal systems", 3 "National differences in economic development", Watch video commentary

			Required E-reserve readings: Chipman, J. (2016). Why Your Company Needs a foreign policy. Harvard Business Review, (September), 36–43. Optional readings: The Economist. (2018, September). Exit the dragon: A Chinese ban on rubbish imports is shaking up the global junk trade. Post to the "World Event Digest" discussion forum 1 (Region of the week: Asia Pacific & Central Asia) *By Friday submit annotated bibliography for the Academic literature review for feedback (ungraded)
	Week 5 Sept 20-26		Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 4 "Differences in culture", Watch video commentary Required E-reserve readings: House, R., Javidan, M., Hanges, P., & Dorfman, P. (2002). Understanding cultures and implicit theories across the globe: an introduction to project GLOBE. Journal of World Business, 37, 3–10. Study all relevant content provided in the Module Take Quiz 2
	Week 6 Sept 27-Oct 3	Global trade and investment environment	Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 6 "International trade theory", 7 "Government policy and international trade"; Watch video commentary Post to the "World Event Digest" discussion forum 2 (Region of the week: Latin America)
3	Week 7 Oct 4-10		Review lecture slides; Read Ch.8 "Foreign direct investment", 9 "Regional economic integration"; Watch video commentary Required E-reserve readings: Shapiro, D., Hobdari, B., & Oh, C. H. (2018). Natural resources, multinational enterprises and sustainable development. Journal of World Business, 53(1), 1–14. Walter, R. M. (2018, Sep 17). Imperialism will be dangerous for china; being risks blowback as it exports surplus economic capacity to Africa and Asia. Wall Street Journal (Online)
			Study all relevant content provided in the Module Take Quiz 3
4	Week 8 Oct 11-17	Global Monetary System	Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 10 "The foreign exchange market", 11 "The international monetary system", 12 "The global capital market"; Watch video commentary
		SLO 3	Study all relevant content provided in the Module

5	Week 9 Oct 18-24	Strategy and Structure of IB	Post to the "World Event Digest" discussion forum 3 (Region of the week: European Union) Study all relevant content provided in the Module Take Quiz 4 Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 13 "The strategy of international business", 14 "The organization of international business"; Review lecture slides; Study all relevant content provided in the Module Required E-reserve readings: The Economist. (2016, November). Breaking the habit: the future of oil. Take Quiz 5 Complete mini case 2
SLO 6	Week 10 Oct 25-31	Foreign market entry modes	Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 15 "Entry strategy and strategic alliances" Required E-reserve readings: Ritvala, T., Salmi, A., & Andersson, P. (2014). MNCs and local cross-sector partnerships: The case of a smarter Baltic Sea. International Business Review, 23(5), 942–951. Take Quiz 6 Complete mini case 3 Submit GSE Proposal
6 SLO 6	Week 11 Nov 1-7	International business functions	Review lecture slides; Read Ch. 17 "Global production and supply chain management" Required E-reserve readings: Jaffee, D. (2014). Chapter 5: A sustainable cup? Faire trade, shade-grown coffee, and organic production. In Brewing justice: Fair trade coffee, sustainability, and survival (Updated., pp. 133–164 in a hard copy book). Renard, MC. (2010). In the name of conservation: CAFE practices and Fair Trade in Mexico. Journal of Business Ethics, 92, 287–299. Post to the "World Event Digest" discussion forum 5 (Region of the week: Eastern Europe) Study all relevant content provided in the Module
7 SLO 4,	Week 12 Nov 8-14 Nov 11 Veteran's Day (University Closed)	International business functions cont'd	Review lecture slides; Read 18 "Global marketing and R&D" Post to the "World Event Digest" discussion forum 6 (Region of the week: Middle East)
6, & 7	Week 13 Nov 15-21		Review lecture slides; Read Ch.19 "Global human resource management". Study all relevant content provided in the Module Take Quiz 7

	Week 14	Advanced topics	Post to the Academic Literature Review presentation
	Nov 22-28	in International	discussion forum (Initial post) & reply to 1 classmate's
	Nov 25-26	Management	presentation in a discussion forum
	Thanksgiving		Take <mark>Quiz 8</mark>
	(University		
	Closed)		
	Week 15		GSE Final team presentation PPT due Tue, Nov 30, at
	Nov 29-Dec 5		11:59pm
8	Week 16	Course wrap-up	GSE Final paper due Mo, Dec 6, at 11:59pm
	Dec 6-10	©	

Important August 23, 2021	University Dates: Add, Drop, and Late Registration Begins for 16- and First 8-week Classes \$25 Fee assessed for late registrants
August 23, 2021	Classes Begin for Fall Semester
August 25, 2021	Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for 16- and First 8- Week Classes
August 30, 2021	Deadline to Drop First 8-week Classes with No Record
September 6, 2021	Labor Day (University open and classes will be held)
September 7, 2021	Deadline to drop 16-week Classes with No Record
October 4, 2021	Deadline for Teacher Education Program Applications
October 1, 2021	Deadline to Drop First 8-week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)
October 15, 2021	Deadline for Clinical Teaching/Practicum Applications
October 15, 2021	Classes End for First 8-week Session
October 15, 2021	Deadline to Withdraw from University for First 8-Week Classes (WF)
October 18, 2021	Add, Drop, and Late Registration Begins for Second 8-Week Classes \$25 Fee assessed for late registrants
October 18, 2021	Classes Begin for Second 8-Week Session
October 18, 2021	Class Schedule Published for Spring Semester
October 19, 2021	Deadline for Faculty Submission of First 8-Week Class Final Grades (due by 3pm)
October 20, 2021	Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for Second 8-Week Classes
October 25, 2021	Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with No Record

October 19, 2021	Deadline for Graduation Application for Fall Ceremony Participation
November 1, 2021	Deadline for GRE/GMAT Scores to Graduate School Office
November 1, 2021	Registration Opens for Spring Semester
November 5, 2021	Deadline to Drop 16-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)
November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day (University Closed)
November 20, 2021	Deadline for Final Committee-Edited Theses Fall Semester with Committee Approval Signatures to Graduate School Office
November 25- 26, 2021	Thanksgiving (University Closed)
November 29, 2021	Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)
December 10, 2021	Deadline to Withdraw from University for 16- and Second 8- Week Classes
December 10, 2021	Fall Semester Ends
December 10, 2021	Deadline for Applications for Tuition Rebate for Fall Graduation (5pm)
December 10, 2021	Deadline for Fall Degree Conferral Applications to the Registrar's Office \$20 Late Application Fee
December 10, 2021	Fall Commencement Ceremony Bell County Expo 7 pm
December 14, 2021	Deadline for Faculty Submission of 16-Week and Second 8-Week Final Class Grades (due by 3pm)
December 14, 2021	Deadline for Theses to Clear Graduate School Office for Fall Semester
December 24- 31, 2021	Winter Break (University Closed)

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology requirements

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.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com/] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [https://tamuct.onecampus.com/]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

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

Canvas Support

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

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

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]

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

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the <u>Drop Request</u> 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 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 <u>information regarding the Student Conduct process</u>, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html]. If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may <u>submit a report</u>, [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 <u>Access & Inclusion</u> 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. 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

6tutoring 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

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University—Central Texas (A&M—Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M—Central Texas students. For the Fall 2021 semester, the hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday in Warrior Hall 416 (with online tutoring available every hour as well) with satellite hours available online only Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas,

organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WCOnline at 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, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor by making an appointment via WCOnline at https://tamuct.mywconline.com/. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

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 400,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 96,000 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 virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams 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].

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 <u>Title IX webpage</u> [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 online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the <u>Behavioral Intervention Team</u> 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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