Biology 3315-110. Advanced Physiology  
CRN 10116  
Spring 2021  
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

Course dates: January 20-May 14  
Meetings through WebEx this semester  
2:30-3:45pm, Mondays and Wednesdays  
This course meets virtually in WebEx two times a week, and students are expected to be prepared for class by reading the chapter and doing the required homework to be submitted into Canvas for each chapter.

This course uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com].

To access WebEx, in Canvas there will be a list on the left, such as Modules, Assignments, Syllabus, etc. WebEx is one of the choices. Click on that to get into WebEx.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor: Angela Parsons  
Office: None this semester  
Phone: 512-695-1612  
Email: aparsons@tamuct.edu

Office Hours  
I will be available by cell phone, or through WebEx or Facetime if you want to make an appointment for a face-to-face talk. I will also sign in 15-20 minutes before class and stay around after class in case anyone has questions.

Student-instructor interaction  
I will check my email once or twice a day, but if you have an urgent question or would like to schedule a time for help, call my cell phone or text me. Make sure you identify yourself if you text me. I will not respond to calls or texts between the hours of 9 pm and 7 am.

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] 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
An integrated study of human physiology at the biochemical, cellular, tissue and organ level. Designed primarily for upper division science and nursing majors. Prereq Biol 1406

Course Objective
To learn the physiological processes of all the systems of the human body and be able to recognize when and why these processes are not functioning properly, leading to changes in human health.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Students will:

a. Use quantitative information to evaluate and understand physiological processes.
b. Describe the interactive functions of key homeostatic mechanisms.
c. Describe cellular activity using chemical and physical principles.
d. Relate cellular activity to the functioning of specific body tissues and organs.
e. Distinguish between normal physiological changes and common pathological changes in the body

Required Reading and Textbook(s)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Four lecture exams 45% 100 points each
Exam 1, Chapters 1-3 will include SLOs a-e
Exam 2, Chapters 4-6 will include SLOs a-e
Exam 3 Chapters 7-9 will include SLOs a-e
Exam 4 Chapters 10-11 will include SLOs a-e

Final comprehensive exam 20% 100 points
Will include SLOs a-e

Chapter HW questions 20% 100 points
Will include SLOs a-e
These will be submitted online into Canvas before the start of class the day they are due. Students must thoroughly answer questions to receive full credit for the HW. These must be handwritten and will not be accepted if computer generated or emailed.
Presentation 10% 100 points
Will include SLOs a-e
Rubric is below

Participation in class 5% 100 points

Note: The Modules section of Canvas will have all HW questions, all Power Points, Video Clips from each chapter to help you understand the material, Review Sheets, and helpful supplemental figures for some chapters. Lots of resources there!

Advanced Physiology Presentation Rubric 10% of grade
Due April 26, 2021
You will be expected to present using Studio in Canvas a talk that includes at least 10 slides filled with interesting information and good diagrams, photos on your topic. Your presentation must include the following with these headings and in this order (at minimum, but you can have more slides):

Slide 1 Name and definition of disorder or topic, and Incidence, how often it occurs and what populations most affected, if any
Slide 2 What It Is (subheadings should be: Causes, Risk Factors, Symptoms). Include citations.
Slide 3 History. Include citations.
Slide 4 Physiological effects, and be specific (organs, systems, cells, etc). Include citations
Slide 5 Treatments. Include citations.
Slide 6 Prognosis. Include citations.
Slide 7 Research—which is going on and who is doing it where? Any results?Include citations.
Slide 8 Other Interesting Facts. Include citations.
Slide 9 Case Study Find a case study about your topic and devote this slide to explaining the case and how it was diagnosed. Include citations. Call on volunteer student to explain what is going on with the patient.
Slide 10 List of at least 4 reputable peer-reviewed sources you used for your citations.

How you will be graded: Each slide is worth 10 points. So if you include everything in the rubric, you present with confidence and enthusiasm and do not just read us what is on the slide, you get 10 points for that slide.

You will be also expected to submit this presentation online by the April 26th deadline as I have to have the plagiarism check done on it. I will assign you a date to speak, and we will go in
backwards alphabetical order. Instructions on how to use Studio are found in Canvas. Click on Pages on the left. Then click on View All Pages, and when you get there, look for the heading that says Arc Resources for Students. There is a helpful video for students.

DO NOT READ out loud. Practice ahead to make sure you stay in the time frame of **10-15 minutes** and do not go over as points will be deducted if under or over time. Five students need to present each period, so if you go over on time, we will all have to stay late, and no one will be happy about that. Talk with confidence and be ready to answer any questions we will have for you, and we will have some. Proofread your slides as points will be deducted for spelling, grammar errors, incorrect information. I will take questions right off these talks and put them on the final exam, so take notes as your classmates talk.

Topics are listed below. First one to email me the topic gets it, so choose the one you want as well as your second choice and let me know as soon as you can. I will email me you back and let you know your topic.

**Topics for Advanced Physiology Presentation**

1. Celiac Disease
2. Coronary artery disease/ atherosclerosis
3. Alzheimer’s
4. Diabetes Type 2
5. Anxiety disorders
6. Infertility
7. Obesity
8. Physical inactivity
9. Lung cancer
10. Age related macular degeneration
11. Thyroid problems
12. Superbugs—Viruses (do not include Covid 19)
13. Superbugs—Bacteria
14. Pneumonia
15. Substance abuse (or opioid epidemic)
16. Irritable Bowel Syndrome
17. Influenza
18. Diseases caused by air pollution/poor air quality
19. Septicemia
20. Lack of good nutrition
21. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)
22. Depression/Suicide
23. Hypertension/ stroke
24. Covid 19
Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

A 4.00 (90+) Achievement that is outstanding relative to the level necessary to meet course requirements.

B 3.00 (80-89%) Achievement that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course requirements.

C 2.00 (70-79%) Achievement that meets the course requirements in every respect.

D 1.00 (60-69%) Achievement that is worthy of credit even though it fails to meet fully course requirements.

F 0.00 (<60%) Represents failure and signifies that the work was either (1) completed but at a level of achievement that is not worthy of credit or (2) was not completed and there was no agreement between the instructor and the student that the student would be awarded an “I” (incomplete).

Posting of Grades
Grades will be posted in a timely manner, so check Canvas to see your grades.

Grading Policies

Grading Policy and Point Breakdown. Grades in this course will be criteria-based on a number of activities including exams, homework, participation and a presentation. This means that grades will not be curved and anyone achieving a 90% or above will receive an A in this course.

Grade Dispute Policy. Grading disputes must be put in writing (with justification such as supporting statements from the text or another credible source) and given to me no earlier than 24 hours after the assignment has been returned. I will consider your request carefully, but reserve the right to adjust your grade up or down.

Assignments. These will consist of the answers to all of the questions from each chapter as well as assigned questions from the chapters that students will be called onto discuss as part of their participation grade. All HW assignments are to be turned in to Canvas by the start of class listed on the calendar in this syllabus. They should be done completely and in your own words. They must be handwritten and not computer generated. I will not accept e-mailed assignments of any kind. Be prepared to lead the discussion of each question when asked in class, or emailed ahead of time about.

Late Assignments. I expect all assignments to be turned in on time. Late assignments interfere with my ability to provide timely, detailed feedback, as well as with your ability to learn and process new material. Accordingly, any unauthorized late assignment will receive a 10% reduction in grade if submitted after the start of class, but on the same day, 20% the next day or class day, 50% if turned in two class days late, and no credit after that. No assignments will be accepted after the exam has been given over the material.

Exams. The exams will be a mixture of multiple choice and short and long answer,
designed to provoke reflection, critical thought, and application of knowledge. You will receive a review guide in Canvas before every exam. You are encouraged to prepare for the exam by reviewing reading materials, outlining a draft of a response, and discussing these thoughts with your peers. You will then demonstrate your individual, integrated thoughts on the topic in a closed-book exam during the class period.

Missed exams. If you know you will miss an exam, please contact me BEFORE the exam. I will gladly give make-up exams if the student has an unavoidable reason for missing the exam (i.e. death in the family, severe illness). Keep in mind that I will expect documentation of your reason for missing the exam (e.g. doctor’s note, obituary notice). Exams must be made up within one week of the original scheduled date, no exceptions regardless of excuse. You will have to contact the Testing Center to schedule a time as soon as I determine that you will be allowed to take a make up exam.

What I expect of you. To get the most out of this class, you are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner, which includes contributing to class discussions, being punctual, and notifying me of absences in advance. You are expected to put your camera on and keep it on throughout the lecture, so I will know you are actually attending class.

Class Attendance. I expect that you attend each class session, arrive on time, and keep your camera on. If an unavoidable situation arises that prevents you from attending class, I expect that you watch the recorded lecture. The power points are from the text, and I will rely heavily on the study notes on the textbook website as they provide a good summary of the important points you need to know.

What you can expect of me. You can expect me to start and end class on time, be available through office hours, e-mail, and by appointment, be responsive to student suggestions for course improvement, answer questions to the fullest extent possible and/or direct you to appropriate resources, return graded assignments and exams within a reasonable timeframe, and treat you with respect as future colleagues.

Discussion. The topics in this class encompass a diversity of issues that merit in-depth thought and discussion. Since individuals will be expressing their opinions, I expect that will you respect others’ contributions, as you would want them to do for you. Your participation, your engagement in the class and your contributions to the discussion and review of the topic for that class period will all enable you to get the most out of the course.

Credits and Workload expectations. For undergraduate courses, one credit is defined as equivalent to an average of two hours of learning effort per week (over a full semester) necessary for an average student to receive an average grade for the course. A student taking a four-credit class that meets for four hours a week should expect to spend an additional eight hours a week outside the classroom in order to earn an average grade.

Class Structure. Classes will involve a balance of active lecture and engaging learning activities. I believe that students learn the theories and concepts much better when they have an active role. I know that this may be new to some of you, but please keep an open mind and I know that you will get more out of this class because of it.

Presentation. This is worth 10% of your grade and is due April 26, 2021. Rubric included in this syllabus. Failure to present to the class on your day earns no credit as we can have no more than 5 presenters in a class period. If you need to switch dates with another student, please let me know so I will know who is presenting when. Failure to submit your presentation in Canvas before class starts 4/26 has the same
percentage penalties as the homework submitted late. Plagiarized work will earn no credit.

**Participation. You are expected to have your camera on for the entire lecture.** You will receive an email prior to class with your assigned text question or HW question, and when we get to that question in class, you will get to turn your mic on, play the expert and tell us the answer. Also, anytime you want to go over a topic with the class instead of hearing me do it, please volunteer!

**NOTE! The following Science policies are now in effect.**

a. Lecture courses
   i. Exams
      1. There will be no bathroom breaks allowed during any exam. Be sure that you address this issue before beginning an exam.
      2. Any student needing to take an exam at a **different time** as rest of students due to sickness or other accommodations will receive a **different version of exam**. This includes sickness, special accommodations, etc....
      3. All students needing special accommodations must submit an accommodation form from the Office of Access and Inclusion listing the specific accommodations needed. Students are responsible for scheduling their own exam times with the TAMUCT Testing Center.
      4. Any student missing an exam in class for any other reason (i.e. illness, death in family, etc....) must provide documentation for missing the exam (e.g. doctor’s note, obituary notice, etc....). Exams must be made up within one week of original scheduled date, no exceptions.
      5. Cell phones, smart watches, backpacks, coats, jackets, sweaters, purses, headphones, air pods and all other personal items must be handed to the teacher to be placed in front of the room, to be picked up by students when they hand in the exam.
      6. No jackets or sweaters may be worn without discussing with the instructor, and no jackets, sweaters or other items may be placed over the student’s legs or any other body part while they are taking the test.
      7. Students will be required to use Proctorio to take their exams, and no books or other resources will be allowed.

**COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**

**Complete Course Calendar**

1/20 Chapter 1 Cellular Physiology, HW1 due (1-17)
1/25 Chapter 1 continued, HW2 due (18-24), go over text questions and pathophysiology
1/27 Chapter 2 Autonomic Nervous System Physiology, HW due (1-16), go over text questions
2/1  Chapter 3 Endocrine Physiology, HW1 due (1-10)
2/3  Chapter 3 continued, HW2 due (11-18), go over text questions and pathophysiology
2/8  TEST Chapters 1-3
2/10 Chapter 4 Immune System Physiology, HW due (1-12), go over text questions and pathophysiology
2/15 Chapter 5 Somatic Nervous System and Special Senses Physiology, HW1 due (1-11)
2/17 Chapter 5 continued, HW2 due (12-18)
2/22 Chapter 5 continued, go over text questions and pathophysiology
2/24 Chapter 6 Digestive System Physiology, HW due (1-9)
3/1  Chapter 6 continued, go over text questions and pathophysiology
3/3  TEST Chapters 4-6
3/8  Chapter 7 Cardiovascular Physiology, HW1 due (1-12)
3/10 Chapter 7 continued, HW2 due (13-22), go over text questions and pathophysiology
3/15-19 SPRING BREAK
3/22 Chapter 8 Respiratory Physiology, HW due (1-8)
3/24 Chapter 8 continued, go over text questions and pathophysiology
3/29 Chapter 9 Renal Physiology, HW1 due (1-7)
3/31 Chapter 9 continued, HW2 due (8-13), go over text questions and pathophysiology
4/5  TEST Chapters 7-9
4/7  Chapter 10 Exercise Physiology, HW due (1-10), go over text questions and pathophysiology
4/12 Chapter 11 Reproduction and Fetal Development Physiology, HW1 due (1-11)
4/14 Chapter 11 continued, HW2 due (12-20)
4/19 Chapter 11 continued, HW3 due (21-25), go over text questions and pathophysiology
4/21 TEST Chapters 10-11
4/26 Presentations due! Students present and class takes notes
4/28 continued
5/3  continued
5/5  continued
5/10 Final comprehensive exam

Important University Dates

https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html
PLEASE NOTE Dates for withdrawals right now, and put them in your planner.

January 19, 2021 Classes Begin for Spring Semester
January 26, 2021 Deadline to Drop First 8-Week Classes with No Record
February 3, 2021 Deadline to Drop 16-Week Classes with No Record
February 26, 2021 Deadline to Drop First 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)
March 1, 2021 Deadline for Teacher Education Program Applications
March 12, 2021 Classes end for 1st 8-Weeks Session
March 15, 2021 Deadline for Clinical Teaching/Practicum Applications
March 16, 2021 Deadline for Faculty Submission of First 8-Week Final Class Grades (due by 3pm)
March 15-19, 2021 Spring Break (No Classes - Administrative Offices Open)
March 22, 2021 Class Schedule Published for Summer Semester
March 22, 2021 Add, Drop, and Late Registration Begins for Second 8-Week Classes
$25 Fee assessed for late registrants
March 22, 2021 Classes Begin for Second 8-Week Session
March 24, 2021 Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for Second 8-Week Classes
March 26, 2021 Deadline for Spring Graduation Application for Ceremony Participation
March 29, 2021 Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with No Record
April 1, 2021 Deadline for GRE/GMAT Scores to Graduate School Office
April 5, 2021 Registration Opens for Summer Semester
April 16, 2021 Deadline for Final Committee-Edited Theses with Committee Approval Signatures for Spring Semester to Graduate School Office
   April 30, 2021 Deadline to drop Second 8-week Classes with a Quit(Q) or Withdraw (W).
May 14, 2021 Deadline to Withdraw from the University for 16- and Second 8-Week Classes
May 14, 2021 Spring semester ends

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.

All exams must use a proctoring service (Proctorio). For tutorials on how to use Proctorio, go to: https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/722/modules#module_47370

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 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 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].

**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. 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 Spring 2021 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 Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The UWC is also offering hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WCONline [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. 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].

For Spring 2021, all reference service will be conducted virtually. Please go to our Library website [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index] to access our virtual reference help and our current hours.

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].

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 Behavioral Intervention Team 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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