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"Behind every uncomfortable syllabus clause lies an even more uncomfortable teaching experience." – @AcademicSay (April 22, 2016)

ACADEMIC ACCOMODATIONS

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]

STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The University has adopted a policy on the Disruption of University Activities (Policy # 10.4.13), which can be accessed in the Student Code of Conduct through the following link:

<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>

***** Disclaimer: Syllabus may be revised later if needed *****

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is an introduction to the remarkable world of methods of criminological and criminal justice research, with an emphasis on understanding research ethics, research design, and methods of data collection.

Course Objectives

- 1) Students will become acquainted with the wonders of research in Criminal Justice.
- 2) Students will learn the ethical considerations in conducting research.

- 3) Students will learn how to read research articles.
- 4) Students will learn how to conduct a literature search and write a literature review.
- 5) Students will learn how to design a research study, including:
 - a) Develop a research question and hypotheses
 - b) Operationalize and conceptualize variables
 - c) Select a sample and design a sampling plan
 - d) Design a method for data collection
 - e) Determine the implications of their proposed research study
- 6) Students will learn how to improve their writing skills.

This is a Writing Instructive (WI) course so writing will be an integral part of my instruction and our interactions. Writing will also be a fundamental way that I measure student mastery of course content. WI means that you will have several opportunities to work on improving your writing skills.

In this course, students will write assignments related to a research scenario, in which they will apply course content. Students will also write a literature review. Students will have the opportunity to revise and resubmit these assignments. Additionally, students will complete an annotated bibliography.

REQUIRED TEXT

Withrow, B. L. (2016). *Research Methods in Crime and Justice* (2nd ed.). New York: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-88443-3

Additional readings will be provided on Canvas under Modules.

RECOMMENDED READING

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

Osmond A. (2016) *Academic Writing and Grammar for Students* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. ISBN: 978-1473919365.

Ridley, D. (2012). *The Literature Review: A Step-by-Step Guide for Students* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. ISBN: 978-1446201435.

Shon, P. C. H. (2016). *How to Read Journal Articles in the Social Sciences: A Very Practical Guide for Students* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. ISBN: 978-1473918795.

COURSE POLICIES

Respect

This course will be fully online and you are encouraged to participate. All students learn in a variety of ways and at varying paces. I expect everyone to treat one another with respect and help cultivate an environment in which everyone feels free to ask and answer questions respectfully.

Netiquette

All students must abide by the following core rules of netiquette (excerpted from Shea, 1994¹) for the duration of the course on discussion boards and email.

Rule 1: Remember the human - Do unto others as you'd have others do unto you. Imagine how you'd feel if you were in the other person's shoes. Stand up for yourself, but try not to hurt people's feelings.

Rule 2: Adhere to the same standards of behavior online - Standards of behavior may be different in some areas of cyberspace, but they are not lower than in real life.

Rule 3: Know where you are in cyberspace - When you enter a domain of cyberspace that's new to you, take a look around. Spend a while listening to the chat or reading the archives. Get a sense of how the people who are already there act. Then go ahead and participate.

Rule 4: Respect other people's time and bandwidth - ...don't expect instant responses to all your questions, and don't assume that all readers will agree with -- or care about -- your passionate arguments.

Rule 5: Make yourself look good online - As in the world at large, most people who communicate online just want to be liked. Networks -- particularly discussion groups -- let you reach out to people you'd otherwise never meet. And none of them can see you. You won't be judged by the color of your skin, eyes, or hair, your weight, your age, or your clothing.

Rule 6: Share expert knowledge - Don't be afraid to share what you know.

Rule 7: Help keep flame wars under control - ...Netiquette does forbid the perpetuation of flame wars -- series of angry letters, most of them from two or three people directed toward each other, that can dominate the tone and destroy the camaraderie of a discussion group. It's unfair to the other members of the group.

¹ Shea, V. (1994). Core Rules of Netiquette. In *Netiquette*, (pp. 32-46). Vancouver: Albion Books.

Rule 8: Respect other people's privacy

Rule 9: Don't abuse your power - Some people in cyberspace have more power than others...Knowing more than others, or having more power than they do, does not give you the right to take advantage of them.

Rule 10: Be forgiving of other people's mistakes - ... when someone makes a mistake -- whether it's a spelling error or a spelling flame, a stupid question or an unnecessarily long answer -- be kind about it. If it's a minor error, you may not need to say anything. Even if you feel strongly about it, think twice before reacting. Having good manners yourself doesn't give you license to correct everyone else. If you do decide to inform someone of a mistake, point it out politely, and preferably by private email rather than in public. Give people the benefit of the doubt; assume they just don't know any better. And never be arrogant or self-righteous about it. Just as it's a law of nature that spelling flames always contain spelling errors, notes pointing out Netiquette violations are often examples of poor Netiquette.

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. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. 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].

Violations in academic integrity will result in score of zero on the assignment for which it is suspected. Any suspected violations of academic integrity will also be reported to TAMUCT's Office of Student Conduct:

<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>

Note: If you submit papers or sections from a paper from another class or previous semester, that counts as a violation of academic integrity.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENT AND SUPPORT

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.

Log on 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.

COURSE COMMUNICATION

Course announcements will be posted to the Announcements page on Canvas.

I will send correspondence to your Canvas Inbox. Make sure you have access to and regularly check it. I recommend you adjust your Canvas Settings so you receive a notification when I post an announcement, you receive a course message, etc.

Do not send Canvas messages/emails about things stated in the syllabus/guidelines or where things are located on Canvas *unless* you are requesting clarification or additional information.

STUDENT-PROFESSOR INTERACTION

Students may speak with me via Canvas Inbox or by appointment. I will answer (most) messages within 72 hours. Students who would like to speak to me via WebEx must make an appointment. For appointments the student and I must confirm the date and time via Canvas Inbox. There is a link for WebEx available on Canvas.

PARTICIPATION POLICIES

Participation will not count towards your grade. However, it is in your best interest to regularly check Canvas and complete all the assignments. If you do not your grade is likely to suffer. Participation will aid in understanding in the material, which can ultimately improve your grade. If you have a question, I strongly suggest you email me or make an appointment to speak with me.

ASSIGNMENTS

Grading Policies

The assignments in this course have flexible deadlines (see the course schedule). As such, there are no late penalties. You are not required to meet these flexible deadlines, though it is in your best interest to do so. However, all assignments must be submitted via the appropriate Canvas link by the end of the semester: August 13 at 11:59p.

Reading Assignments

The reading assignments are selected chapters from the required textbook and other sources (which are on Canvas under Modules/Week #). It is important to have the textbook when class begins so you can keep up with the assigned readings. I recommend you purchase the book as soon as possible so you are adequately prepared for class. You should complete the reading assignments no later than the week listed on the Class Schedule. PowerPoints will be provided on each topic as well. These will be posted under the appropriate week on Canvas (for example: Modules/Week 2/The Research Process.pptx). I suggest that you reread the chapters/articles and PowerPoints throughout the semester.

Homework Assignments

Homework assignments are designed to help you apply the concepts you learn in the course and think through your research proposal. The weekly assignments will have a flexible due date. The assignment(s) are all available under Canvas/Modules. I recommend you complete them by Sunday at 11:59p for the week they are posted. I placed a link to each assignment under the appropriate week, i.e., Modules/Week 4/Assignment 4. However, if you need more time, you may submit it later without a late penalty. It is in your best interest to submit it by the recommended Sunday due date, as this will allow more time for me to grade it and provide you feedback you can use to

study. **The latest I will accept the homework assignments is August 13 at 11:59p.**

Research Scenario (RS; 150 points)

Throughout this semester you will use the Research Scenario I provide and apply the concepts learned in class. The assignments for the Research Scenario will be submitted via discussion board posts and assignment submission links.

Literature Review (75 points)

A literature review is a summary of the research on a specific topic. It is intended to compile the relevant research and build the case for a research study. For this project, students will write a literature review for the topic of the Research Scenario. This literature review is intended to build the case for The Honorable Joseph Dredd's research study. Students will begin their literature review with an introduction to the review and conclude it providing the rationale for the study and stating the research question, research hypothesis, and null hypothesis.

The assignment deadlines are flexible submission deadlines, which are the due dates by which I recommend you submit your assignment. But I will accept submissions after those deadlines and grade them on a rolling basis (after the recommended deadlines). I will not administer late penalties for those who submit after those deadlines. Please keep in mind, if you meet the recommended deadlines, you'll have more time for revisions (after I post the grades).

You are only allowed one submission for the initial submission. Make sure the version you submit is your final version. I will not allow you to resubmit your paper. If you submit this assignment multiple times, I will grade your first submission.

The Final Literature Review is due Friday, August 13 via Canvas by 11:59p. The submission link is under Modules/Research Scenario/Literature Review. I will not accept papers via email, course message, or in hardcopy. Papers submitted via these proscribed methods will need to be resubmitted via the assignment submission link by the final deadline.

I will start grading literature review submissions *no sooner* than July 19 at 12a. Students who want to be able to resubmit their literature review for a regrade may do so any time after I start grading them. If you want to be able to revise and resubmit your literature review for a regrade, use the assignment submission link. To do this, type a detailed explanation of the changes you made on your graded rubric (in the sections labeled "R&R Comments"). Upload your graded rubric with your revision comments and your revised literature review through the submission link.

The latest you can submit these assignments and receive detailed feedback for revision is August 1 at 11:59p.

Late final proposal submissions will not be accepted after August 13 at 11:59p. No exceptions.

Annotated Bibliography (40 points)

An annotated bibliography provides a summary of research articles on a research topic. For this assignment, you will read two assigned peer-reviewed journal articles related to the Research Scenario. Once you read the articles, you will summarize them succinctly in one page each (each page is called an annotation). Each annotation (which includes the reference in APA style, rationale and summary) will be submitted separately. You will not need to include a cover page, reference page, or abstract.

Make sure your submission is finalized, as I will not review drafts or incomplete submissions. You are only allowed one submission. Make sure the version you submit is your final version. I will not allow you to resubmit. If you submit this assignment multiple times, I will grade your first submission.

Annotations will not be accepted in hardcopy, email, or course message. Any submission via any of the proscribed methods must be submitted via the Canvas submission link. The final submission date is August 13 at 11:59p, but I suggest you submit by the recommended submission dates.

GRADING

Grades will be posted to the Grade Center on Canvas within approximately one week. Students will be notified if it will take longer to post the grades.

Your grade will be calculated as a weighted average:

Assignments	Number of Points	Percentage of Grade
Homework Assignments	~275 points	30%
Research Scenario Assignments	150 points	40%
Assignment 1	10 points	
Assignment 2	15 points	
Assignment 3	15 points	
Assignment 4	15 points	
Assignment 5	30 points	
Assignment 6	40 points	
Assignment 7	25 points	
Final Literature Review	115 points	30%
Literature Review	75 points	
Annotated Bibliography	40 points	
	Total: ~540 points	

EXTRA CREDIT

- A. Write a one- to two- page reaction essay on one city covered in the documentary, *The Prison in Twelve Landscapes*. Your reaction essay must include specific references to the documentary (**Note:** Reaction essays are not summaries). This submission is worth up to 5 points and must be submitted as Word document (.doc or .docx). You may turn in two essays (each essay covering a different city), for a total of 10 extra credit points, which will be applied to the research proposal assignments section of your grade. Essays submitted in a previous/different class will not be accepted. If plagiarism is detected, you will not receive points and I will report you to the Office of Student Conduct.

Formatting includes: Double-spaced, left aligned paragraph format (do not include bullet points or numbered lists), 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1" margins, 0.5" first line indentation, and black font. Your first paragraph should start on the first line of the essay (no title, headers, etc.). Also include a cover page with just your name, the date, and title of your essay. Failure to follow the formatting guidelines will result in a 2-point penalty.

Off-topic submissions and submissions that are summaries will not be graded. Extra credit submissions will be accepted no later than Friday, August 13 at 11:59p.

- B. Evaluate Blasko & Hiller's study using the evaluation question included in Pyrczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo's Appendix. Write your evaluation in one to two pages based on your answers. Exclude criterion that are not applicable. Since you have limited space, you will have to be selective in which criterion you address in your evaluation. Be sure to describe how the criterion apply to the study. Do not just answer yes or no for each one. This assignment is worth up to five points which will be applied to the homework section of your grade. If plagiarism is detected, you will not receive points and I will report you to the Office of Student Conduct.

Formatting includes: Double-spaced, left aligned paragraph format (do not include bullet points or numbered lists), 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1" margins, 0.5" first line indentation, and black font. Your first paragraph should start on the first line of the essay (no title, headers, etc.). Also include a cover page with just your name, the date, and title of your essay. Failure to follow the formatting guidelines will result in a 2-point penalty.

Off-topic submissions and submissions that are summaries will not be graded. Extra credit submissions will be accepted no later than Friday, August at 11:59p.

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Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Topic	Reading Due
Week 1	06/07-06/13	Intro to Research Variables, Research Questions, and Hypotheses	Withrow – Ch. 1 and 7 Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Ch. 1 RS 1 due 06/13 at 11:59p
Week 2	06/14-06/20	The Research Process Ethics in Research	Withrow – Ch. 2-3 Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Ch. 4 RS 2 due 06/20 at 11:59p
Week 3	06/21-06/27	Relationships Measurement	Withrow – Ch. 5-6 Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Ch. 5 RS 3 due 06/27 at 11:59p
Week 4	06/28-07/04	Sampling	Withrow – Ch. 8 Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Chs. 6-7 RS 4 due 07/04 at 11:59p
Week 5	07/05-07/11	Experimental Designs and Quasi-experimental Designs	Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Ch. 8 AB-Dakof due 07/11 at 11:59p RS 5 due 07/11 at 11:59p
Week 6	07/12-07/18	Survey Research Non-Reactive Research	Withrow – Ch. 10-11 Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Ch. 9, 15 AB-Mikytuck due 07/18 at 11:59p
Week 7	07/19-07/25	Evaluative Research Qualitative Research	Withrow – Ch. 12-13 Pyrzczak & Tcherni-Buzzeo – Ch. 11 RS 6 due 07/25 at 11:59p
Week 8	07/26-08/01	Reporting Results Research, Policy, and Practice	RS 7 due 08/01 at 11:59p
Week 9	08/02-08/08		
Week 10	08/09-08/13	<i>Final Literature Review due 08/13 at 11:59p</i>	

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://www.tamuct.edu/police/911cellular.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/police/911cellular.html>] 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.

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.

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.

THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER

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 Summer 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.-4:00 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 [WOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 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)

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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/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.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.

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 Wellness and 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.

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY DATES

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