AVSC 4309-120 AVIATION SECURITY Texas A&M University-Central Texas Fall 2022

### **COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

August 22, 2022, to December 09, 2022.

This is a 100% online course and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com/].

### INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### Office Hours:

Readily accessible through Canvas Message, which is checked daily during the week and once a day on weekends. Will respond within 24-36 hours during the week and within 36 hours on the weekend. Be sure to allow plenty of lead time before the due date if you ask about an assignment.

## **Authorship Acknowledgment**

You will notice that most of this course of instruction was constructed by Dr. Prather and Mr. Carson Pearce. In the best interests of professional continuity and course integrity, you will see Dr. Prather, Mr. Pearce's presentations, and mine. Where present, please view both.

#### Mode of instruction and course access:

This course uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com]. It is 100% online.

## Student-instructor interaction:

All contact and assignment submissions will be made via Canvas. Mail is checked several times during a day. Weekend response may take longer, so allow extra time for me to reply to your emails.

# Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas SAFEZONE.

SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to

communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.

Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.

You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the <u>SafeZone</u> website [www.safezoneapp.com].

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
  - <u>iPhone/iPad</u>: [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]
  - Android Phone / Tablet
     [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp]
- 2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g., {name}@tamuct.edu)
- Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

For updates on COVID information, please monitor the University website [https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/]

#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

#### **Course Overview and description:**

A detailed analysis of effective procedures and policies to prevent the intentional actions of humans to cause harm or disruption through aviation. The use of situational awareness, teamwork, effective communication to recognize and thwart security threats in the aviation environment.

## **Course Objectives:**

- Describe and evaluate the types of security issues related to aviation.
- Describe how the implementation of aviation guidelines and regulations and FAA ACs can prevent security breaches.
- Describe how personal ethics relate to aviation security.
- As a group, select a current or recent event related to aviation security and describe its impact on present and future aviation.
- Given a security breach scenario, describe three possible outcomes and analyze the outcomes.

# **Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's 1-5):**

- 1. Evaluate the post 9/11 aviation industry and security world.
- 2. Analyze security and policies as regards crime and terrorism in aviation.
- 3. Explain the role of government in commercial and general aviation security.

- 4. Understand air cargo security and security operations.
- 5. Utilize and assess the threat matrix.

## **Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards)**

The course will be considered successfully completed when the student has demonstrated through posted written assignments and exams that they have developed an increased knowledge of the major issues associated with aviation security.

## Required Reading and Textbook(s):

- Price, J. & Forrest, J. (2016). Practical Aviation Security: Predicting and Preventing Future
   Threats. ISBN-13: 978-0128042939 ISBN-10: 0128042931
- American Psychological Association Publication Manual, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

# **COURSE REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS**

Weekly Discussion Post: – There will be one weekly discussion post to be submitted over topics presented by instructor. Check in daily for instructor notes, updates and the posting of audio/video topics. Posts will be graded for writing ability and original content. Required two main paragraphs for your post, with a minimum of two hundred words. A minimum of 100 words in your well composed paragraph response to each of two classmate's post.

#### **AVSC 4309 Discussion Post Rubric**

Points	10	7	3	0
<b>Quality of Post</b>	Appropriate	Appropriate	Responds, with	No posting.
	comments; is	comments and	minimum effort.	
	thoughtful,	responds	Does not follow	
	reflective, and	respectfully to	APA format.	
	respectful of	other's postings.	Many errors in	
	other's postings.	Follows APA	both mechanics	
	Proper citing of	format with few	and sentence	
	references and	errors but	structure. Very	
	APA style;	sentence	poorly written.	
	proper	structure could	Needs major	
	punctuation,	be improved.	overhaul. Posts	
	sentence	Editing would	are less than 200	
	structure and	improve the	words and	
	spelling. No	assignment.	responses are	

	editing or		less than 100	
	revisions		words to	
	required.		classmates.	
Relevance of	Posts positions	Begins to	Posts positions	No posting.
Post	related to	address areas	which do not	
	discussion topic;	that are	relate to the	
	prompts further	somewhat	discussion	
	discussion of	related to the	content; makes	
	topic. Takes	discussion	short or	
	clear position	content.	irrelevant	
	that captures	Position, and	remarks. Off-	
	the issue.	argument for	topic.	
	Supports	that position is		
	position with	plausible, but		
	well-articulated	not totally clear.		
	arguments.			
Contribution to	Aware of needs	Attempts to	Does not make	No feedback
the Learning	of community;	direct the	effort to	provided to
Community	attempts to	discussion and	participate in	fellow student.
	motivate the	to present	the learning	
	group	relevant	community with	
	discussion;	viewpoints.	relevancy;	
	presents	Concepts	position,	
	creative	integrate	concepts, and	
	approaches to	partially, but not	responses are	
	topic.	completely.	vague.	

**Module essays** – Students will prepare and submit an essay each week in this writing intensive course. All essays are to adhere to APA style (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) formatting, with page numbers, section headings, and proper citation of references. **Do NOT plagiarize**. Use quotes sparingly. There will likely be an in-text citation after each paragraph (either due to paraphrase or quotes). (See Rubric below.)

This is an "Intensive Writing (WI) Course." The purpose of this designation is to develop communication skills needed by those preparing to enter the aviation world as well as those who are already part of that world. The course will focus on continuous improvement in written and spoken correspondence. The instructor will provide ongoing feedback of the individuals written, verbal and nonverbal skills. It will be the student's responsibility to make the instructional adjustments and corrections throughout the semester. If you can communicate effectively (written, verbal and nonverbal), you have a highly valued and marketable skill. Surveys have shown that the ability to communicate well is ranked by aviation personnel as first

among the personal factors necessary for promotion. *Students must pass, with a 70% or higher, the writing components of a WI course in order to pass the course*. The WI portion is designated as your weekly essays and your research paper.

**AVSC 4309 Research Rubric** 

Points	10	7	3	0
<b>Quality of Case</b>	Full use of APA	Partial use of	Does not follow	No paper.
Research	formatting,	APA formatting	APA formatting	
	clearly	with some detail	criteria. Many	
	communicated,	and some	errors in both	
	thoughtful detail	support	mechanics and	
	and points.	material.	sentence	
	Proper citation	Sentence	structure. Very	
	and attribution.	structure could	poorly written.	
	Proper	be improved.	Needs major	
	punctuation,	Editing would	overhaul. Does	
	sentence	improve the	not meet	
	structure and	assignment.	required page	
	spelling. No		count or format	
	editing or		guidelines.	
	revisions			
	required.			
Relevance of	Submitted case	Submitted case	Submitted case	No paper.
Case Research	materials and	materials and	materials and	If a paper is
Conclusions	narrative shows	narrative are	narrative shows	late, the grade
	logical linkage to	somewhat	little to no	will be reduced
	the topic.	linked to the	linkage to the	per the posted
	Captures the	research paper	research topic.	research paper
	issue. Supports	topic. Position,	Unclear	guidelines in
	positions with	and argument	direction and	the course.
	well-articulated	for that position	conclusion.	
	insights.	is plausible, but		
		not totally clear.		

NOTE: All students submitting research papers, must have at least one documented session with the University Writing Center before submission for grade. Check the course Module instructions for guidelines and information.

**Module quizzes** – Students will complete a quiz on chapter material each week.

**Research/Term Paper** – Students are required to write a term paper on a security topic of their choosing. The topic MUST be approved by the instructor in advance. **NOTE: Failure to deliver** a research/term paper is failure of the entire course, irrespective of overall grade.

#### Requirements:

Must have 10 pages minimum (not including title page, table of content, abstract, and references). Double-space. Full APA format (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) with page numbers and section headings. Must have at least three high-quality, scholarly references.

# Point based grade components:

Module discussions (100 points each)	20% (SLOs 1-5)
Module essays (100 points each)	30% (SLOs 1-5)
Module quizzes (100 points each)	20% (SLOs 1-5)
Research/Term Paper (100 points)	30% (SLOs 1-5)

## **Grading scheme**

- 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).
- "I" (Incomplete) The "I" shall be assigned at the discretion of the instructor when, due to extraordinary circumstances, the student was prevented from completing the work of the course on time. The assignment of an "I" requires a written agreement between the instructor and student specifying the time and manner in which the student will complete the course requirements. In no event may any such written agreement allow a period of longer than one year to complete the course requirements. For graduate and

professional students, an "I" is to remain on the transcript until changed by the instructor or department. For all other students, work to make up an "I" must be submitted within one year of the last day of final examinations of the term in which the "I" was given; if not submitted by that time, then the "I" will automatically change to an F. To obtain an incomplete you must have been doing passing work in the course.

# **Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion**

- The instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to the number of assignments, exams, and quizzes as needed to provide optimal student experience and participation to accomplish the course competencies.
- Quizzes and lesson presentations are not graded on a curve, but on individual results.
- Weekly discussion posts are evaluated by the instructor. If a student does not agree with
  the application of the discussion grading rubric to their post, the student may challenge
  the grade. The instructor may reevaluate the grade given or, he may offer for the
  student group to weigh in on the interpretation of the rubric and grade to the discussion
  posting in question.
- Dates are assigned for all material throughout the course. Postings, tests and the case-law research paper are due by midnight on the posted dates. Late submissions will have 5 points deducted per day late. There are no late submissions accepted for tests.

## **Posting of Grades:**

- All student grades should be posted using the Canvas Grade book and students should monitor their grade status through this tool.
- The instructor will return projects as soon as possible.

**Suggested Course Materials:** <u>Publication Manual of American Psychological Association (7th Ed.)</u>. American Psychological Association. ISBN 1433805618. It is highly advisable that that you keep this text following the course, as APA citations are the required citation method

**VIDEO LINKS:** There are posted video links throughout your weekly course modules. They correspond both directly and indirectly with the readings in your textbook and will bring to life the many aspects of aviation security.

#### **GRADING POLICIES**

**Individual Performance:** It is vital that you are active in the course and complete all work in a professional fashion. One of the biggest issues with student success in online courses is simply not submitting work on time. You are expected to read the chapters as assigned in the syllabus as well as read or view any supplemental resources that may be found in the Module content folders for that period.

**Quality Work:** All work submitted for grading shall be of upper-level quality: Depth of analysis, grammatical structure, etc. **Your work will be checked for plagiarism using online plagiarism assessment programs. Plagiarism will not be tolerated**.

**Identifying Submissions:** Submissions must clearly identify the student, course, and the title of the assignment (Last Name, Course Name, and Assignment) or (Smith GBK301 Essay1).

Written Assignment Requirements: Submissions will be in accordance with The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Ed. All written work must be submitted utilizing Microsoft Word in either a .doc or .docx format. Students whose assignment includes plagiarism will receive a 0 on the assignment and possible referral to Student Affairs. However, I reserve the right to reduce the penalty if I believe plagiarism was unintentional or very minor in impact.

**Due Dates and Late Submissions:** The assignment instructions and deadlines are clearly laid out in the syllabus. Your assignments are fairly involved, so please stay ahead and stay engaged with the material. 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 as soon as possible. **Ask for an extension as soon as you see you may need one prior to the due date.** It is much easier to discuss issues before due dates rather than after. Late work is not accepted.

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 course of 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.

## **COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**

The course is a 16-week course. Each week will have a corresponding module. Please see Canvas for assignment due dates.

# Week 1 Aug 22-28

- Read Syllabus
- View Lesson 1
- Research Paper Introduction
- Discussion Post #1 personal biography

## Week 2 Aug 29-Sep 04

Assigned Textbook Reading - Chapter 1

- View Lesson 2
- Complete module 2 discussion
- Complete and submit module #2 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #1

## Week 3 Sep 05-11

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 2
- View Lesson 3
- Complete module 3 discussion
- Complete and submit module #3 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #2

# Week 4 Sep 12-18

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 3
- View Lesson 4
- Complete module 4 discussion
- Complete and submit module #4 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #3

# Week 5 Sep 19-25

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 4
- View Lesson 5
- Complete module 5 discussion
- Complete and submit module #5 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #4

# Week 6 Sep 26-Oct 02

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 5
- View Lesson 6
- Complete module 6 discussion
- Complete and submit module #6 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #5

# Week 7 Oct 03-09

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 6
- View Lesson 7
- Complete module 7 discussion
- Complete and submit module #7 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #6

#### Week 8 Oct 10-16

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 7
- View Lesson 8
- Complete module 8 discussion
- Complete and submit module #8 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #7

#### Week 9 Oct 17-23

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 8
- View Lesson 9
- Complete module 9 discussion
- Complete and submit module #9 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #8

#### Week 10 Oct 24-Oct 30

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 9
- View Lesson 9
- Complete module 10 discussion
- Complete and submit module #10 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #9

## Week 11 Oct 31 - Nov 06

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 10
- View Lesson 10
- Complete module 10 discussion
- Complete and submit module #10 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #10

#### Week 12 Nov 07-13

- Assigned Textbook Reading Chapter 11
- View Lesson 12
- Complete module 12 discussion
- Complete and submit module #12 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #11

# Week 13 Nov 14-20

Assigned Textbook Reading – Chapter 12

- View Lesson 13
- Complete module 13 discussion
- Complete and submit module #13 essay assignment
- Complete quiz #12

## Week 14 Nov 21-27

- Thanksgiving Week
- Review course material and prep for term research paper turn-in
- Complete module 14 discussion

## Week 15 Nov 28-Dec 04

- Review course material and prep for term research paper turn-in
- Complete module 15 discussion

# Week 16 Dec 05-09

- Term research paper submit
- Complete end of course survey

# **Important University Dates**

August 22, 2022	Classes Begin for Fall Semester	August 22, 2022	Classes Begin for Fall Semester
September 7, 2022	Deadline to drop 16- week Classes with No Record (Census)	September 7, 2022	Deadline to drop 16- week Classes with No Record (Census)
October 17, 2022	Advising Begins for Spring Semester	October 17, 2022	Advising Begins for Spring Semester
October 31, 2022	Deadline for Graduation Application for Fall Ceremony Participation	October 31, 2022	Deadline for Graduation Application for Fall Ceremony Participation
October 31, 2022	Registration Opens for Spring Semester	October 31, 2022	Registration Opens for Spring Semester
November 24-25, 2022	Thanksgiving	November 24-25, 2022	Thanksgiving

November 25, 2022	Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)	November 25, 2022	Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)
November 25, 2022	Student End of Course Survey Opens (16- and Second 8-Week Classes)	November 25, 2022	Student End of Course Survey Opens (16- and Second 8-Week Classes)
December 2, 2022	Priority Deadline for VA Certification Request (Spring)	December 2, 2022	Priority Deadline for VA Certification Request (Spring)
December 9, 2022	Deadline to Withdraw from University for 16- and Second 8-Week Classes	December 9, 2022	Deadline to Withdraw from University for 16- and Second 8-Week Classes
December 9, 2022	Fall Semester Ends	December 9, 2022	Fall Semester Ends
December 9, 2022	Fall Commencement Ceremony Bell County Expo 7 pm	December 9, 2022	Fall Commencement Ceremony Bell County Expo 7 pm

# **Technology Requirements 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.

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

## **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.

## **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.

# **Other Technology Support**

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: <a href="mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu">helpdesk@tamu.edu</a> 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

### **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 Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity 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]

## **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].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may submit a referral, [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=0].

## **Drop Policy**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the Drop Request Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpId=https://eisprod.ec.tamuct.edu:443/samlsso&SpSessionAuthnAdapterId=tamuctDF&TargetResource=https %3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%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.

## Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, 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]. 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, both virtually and in-person. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question, are interested in becoming a tutor, or in need of success coaching contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, visit the Warrior Center at 212 Warrior Hall, or by emailing <a href="mailto:WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu">WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu</a>.

To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit <u>Tutor Matching</u> <u>Services</u> [https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT] or visit the Tutoring Center in 111 Warrior Hall.

Chat live with a remote 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**

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. 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 [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. Schedule an appointment here [https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments/?g=6956]. 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 workspaces, 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 <u>Library website</u>

[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 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 <a href="Ittle IX webpage"><u>Title IX webpage</u></a>
[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 <u>referral</u> online

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=2].

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