

SOW 3300, Introduction to Social Work

Spring 2023

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

CLASS MEETING : Tuesday and Thursday 11:00- 12:15 PM

LOCATION: Warrior Hall 304

MODALITY: This course is web-enhanced meaning that it will combine a variety of online components, mostly through the use of canvas. In addition we will be meeting in person campus weekly for lectures.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Professor

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays 4:00PM-6:00 PM (or by appointment via WebEx)

Student-instructor interaction

Canvas

Portions of this course are delivered via Canvas. Please ensure you have access to Canvas. For concerns, please contact the Online Learning department at <http://www.ct.tamus.edu/departments/online/learners.php> (Links to an external site.)

Email

The social work program, as well at TAMU-CT, corresponds frequently with students via your student email. Personal email addresses should be connected to your TAMUCT email address.

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 [SafeZone](http://www.safezoneapp.com) 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:
 - o [iPhone/iPad](https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756): [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]
 - o [Android Phone / Tablet](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp) [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)
3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

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

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description

This course provides an overview of professional social work. It examines the historical development of the profession of social work; introduces the profession's values, ethics, and practice principles; examines the major interventive methods of social work practice; identifies the generalist base of social work practice; and explores the social service delivery networks which comprise the social welfare system in urban environments. Social work's historic commitment to social justice and to the elimination of poverty is integrated throughout the course. Ecological social systems framework is also introduced and integrated as diversity and global impacts are introduced. The course format includes lecture presentations, discussion, guest presentations, reading assignments, examinations, student volunteer service, and visits to social agencies.

Prerequisites: None

Nature of Course

Introduction to social work focuses on the profession of social work: historical development, values, ethics, and various aspects of practice with an emphasis on the generalist perspective and populations at risk. Students experience aspects of the profession by identifying and responding to community/neighborhood challenges through volunteer, service-learning work with local non-profit community agencies. There, students engage in individual service activities, which are designed to help them gain an understanding of community problems and the social work skills necessary for a professional response. The course also assists students in developing professional writing with a focus on American Psychological

Association (APA) format of writing, as well as helping students to determine their desire to enter the field of social work or other helping professions.

Teaching Method

The primary teaching approach in this course will be collaborative learning. Material in the course will be presented through class discussions on readings, videotapes, and in-class group exercises. Guest presenters and field trips will provide an in depth view of the current challenges and services.

Program Mission

The mission of the BSW Program at Texas A&M University - Central Texas is to prepare high quality graduates for entry-level generalist social work practice and advanced education. This education is delivered in a rigorous and student-centered learning environment that promotes professional behavior, values and ethics, human and community well-being, respect for human diversity, and a global perspective, and is guided by a person-in-environment framework, knowledge based on scientific inquiry, and social work competencies.

Program Framework

The Social Work Program curriculum is rooted in a framework established by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Specifically, the program endeavors to develop social workers who promote human and community well-being by being able to demonstrate the following 9 core competencies upon graduation:

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
2. Engage diversity and difference in practice
3. Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice
4. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
5. Engage in policy practice
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

Each core competency has specific, measurable practice behaviors that help students and their professors determine if the competency has been achieved. There are 31 total practice behaviors. The complete list of practice behaviors can be found at the end of this syllabus or by reviewing the student handbook.

Course Objectives & Related CSWE Practice Behaviors

The objectives for this course, that support the CSWE related practice behaviors, are:

1. Students will understand the development of the social work profession, recognize the methodologies used in the social work profession, and become familiar with the multiplicity of settings in which social workers practice and the diversity of roles and function they perform.
2. Students will be able to understand the scope of the social challenges facing individuals, organizations, and communities in the Central Texas Region and explore solutions to community problems through volunteer service and reflection on that service, thereby understanding the importance of individual and group volunteer action in solving community problems and that there are a variety of approaches to solving community problems.
3. Through volunteer work with local agencies, students will work to conduct themselves as professional social workers, understand the importance of professional written communication, and become more aware of his/her personal beliefs about the individual's relationship to the community through exploring personal values, individual action, and social values.

The following table shows the relationship between: A) the course objectives, B) the CSWE related practice behaviors, and C) the assignments used to assess your ability to fulfill the objective related to the practice behavior:

A. Objectives	B. CSWE Related Practice Behaviors	C. Course Assignments
<i>(By the completion of the course, it is expected that you will be able to...)</i>	<i>(This is the practice behavior that objective supports)</i>	<i>(This is the assignment used to assess your ability to fulfill the objective related to the practice behavior)</i>
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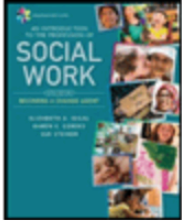
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- Presentation
- Evaluation of Student Performance
- Course Engagement

- Journals
- Prep Writing Assignments

- 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3
- Presentation
 - Evaluation of Student Performance
 - Course Engagement

Required Reading and Textbook(s)



REQUIRED **Introduction to the Profession of Social Work**

By Segal, Elizabeth A.

Edition: 6TH 19

Publisher: CENGAGE L

ISBN 13: 9781337567046

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements: (include point values for each- not just a percentage)

1. Service Learning Volunteer Work (30 Points) 25 hours required

Students experience aspects of the profession by identifying and responding to community/neighborhood challenges through volunteer, service learning work with local non-profit community agencies. The service learning work allows students to engage in individual service activities that are designed to help them gain an understanding of community problems and the social work skills necessary for a professional response. I will provide an outline for the paper is in canvas under the top section of the canvas page. This paper should be in APA format. The paper ***MUST be a minimum of 2-3 pages and a maximum of 5 pages (NOT including the title page).***

2. Self-Awareness Paper (15 Points)

This paper will consist of three different parts: Autobiographical information, Social Work Values and a Conclusion. Within each of these sections, you will be required to answer multiple questions to complete each section thoroughly. I will provide an outline for the paper is in canvas under the top section of the canvas page. This paper should be in APA format. The paper ***MUST be a minimum of 4-6 pages and a maximum of 7 pages (NOT including the title page).***

4. Film Reflection Paper = 10 Points

Throughout class we will watch a social work related film called Instant Family. Upon completion of this video students will be expected to write a 2-3 page reflection paper. This paper will be double spaced and answer the following questions:

1. Identify the people, places, events, or aspects of people, society or nature that are the focus of this film. Describe and clarify the significance of each.
2. Did you learn anything from this movie? What was it?
3. Describe the progression of the film: how it begins, what stages it passes through, and how it concludes.
4. Did the film change your mind about any aspect of the subject that it presents? What information, argument or persuasive technique caused you to change your mind?
5. What did you like best about the movie? Why?

4. Quizzes 5 @ 5 points=(Total(25 Point)

Quizzes will consist on materials used from the chapter readings. They will contain multiple choice and true/false questions; fill in the blank and essay questions. Quizzes will be available to complete on Canvas and will remain open Monday 9:00 am-Friday at 11:59PM. You will have one week to complete quizzes, therefore there will be no make ups allowed for missed quizzes.

5. Final Exam – (20 Points)

The final exam will be worth 20 points and will be cumulative, meaning covering all chapters utilized in this course so far. It will be available on Canvas the last week of class and open Monday 9:00 AM through Friday 11:59 PM. There will be no make ups allowed. Questions will consist of multiple choice and true/false and fill in the blank/essay.

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Service Learning Volunteer Work= 30 Points

Self-Awareness Paper = 15 Points

Film Reflection Paper= 10 Points

Quizzes (5 @ 5 points each) = 25 Points

Final Exam = 20 Points

Total= 100 Points

Final Class Grades are based on the following: A: 90 to 100 B: 89 to 80
C: 79 to 70 D: 69 to 60 F: 59 or less

Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted on CANVAS. Please allow up to 10 days for assignments to be graded. Although, they are typically posted much quicker there are times throughout the semester that become more challenging than others.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLASSROOMS

Social work practitioners respect others. Unfortunately, we have had extreme problems with disruptive and disrespectful behavior by students in classes, leading to the development of this code of conduct, which all students are required to follow. Please see the Rubric for Assessing Profession Behaviors.

1. Students are expected to be present for every scheduled class session (with camera's on for virtual classes) to enrich the learning experience.
2. Once class has begun, students are expected to remain for the duration of the class. It is expected that all students will take care of personal affairs (i.e., get beverages, take care of phone calls, meeting with students and other professors, use the restroom, etc.) before class begins. Students who have a medical/physical condition for which they need to request an exception to this policy need to discuss this with the professor to see if an exception can be granted. Students leaving the class outside of these parameters should not attempt to re-enter the class and will receive a 0 for class participation and/or attendance that day. Students are expected to display professional decorum at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, respecting classmates and the instructor. In this regard, it is expected that students will not speak to/hold conversations with/pass notes to other students once class has begun without recognition by the professor to do so. Talking during lecture, out of turn, or while other students are talking is disruptive to the learning environment, disrespectful to peers, and unprofessional in demeanor. Students are strongly encouraged to engage in discussion in respectful and appropriate manners; hence, it is expected that students apply classroom etiquette and raise a hand if there is something to share or to answer a question. It is also expected that students will display patience in raising a hand and recognize that the professor will eventually call on the student and/or may attempt to vary responses from peers and not call on the student in an effort to do so. Shouting out answers, making loud noises, and/or waving a hand vigorously to capture attention is unprofessional and inappropriate behavior. Consistent display of such behavior will result in consultation by the professor and can potentially impact the attendance/participation grade.

3. To support the academic learning environment, students are asked to refrain from sharing personal information in class that will not support/add significantly to the class discussion. Sharing of personal stories and/or issues that are not related to the topic can distract class learning and limit knowledge sharing by the professor and other students. In this regard, please note that the professor reserves the right to redirect/limit such conversations in class unless students are expressly asked to share such information by the instructor.
4. Use of personal technology or gadgets during class period is prohibited. This includes laptop computers, cell phones, i-pads, kindles, e-readers (unless the student has purchased the class textbook for use in this way, in which case this needs to be discussed with the professor), or any other kind of equipment. Exceptions to this are use of audio recording devices during lecture (with permission) and aid of assisted technology as permitted via a disability accommodation. Failure to adhere to this rule can result in being asked to leave the class and receiving a 0 for class participation/attendance for the day.

5. Late work will not be accepted or graded unless this has been discussed with and approved by the professor BEFORE class on the due date of the assignment. *Being absent from class on a day when an assignment is due does NOT grant a student an extension to the due date*; the student must still arrange to get that assignment turned in to the professor before class starts. Allowing students to turn in assignments late for a grade is not fair to other students who got their work done on time, disrupts the grading process for the professors, and sends a message that such behavior is professionally “okay,” which it is not. This, as well as all other policies, will be held to strict code, and failure to adhere to this policy will result in a 0 for the assignment. This is inclusive of all assignments.

6. TAMU-CT expects all students to maintain high standards of personal and scholarly conduct and avoid any form of academic dishonesty, for which disciplinary sanctions exist. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (intentional or unintentional), copying another person's work, turning in someone else's work as your own, downloading material from the internet and inserting it into a paper as if it was your own work, taking ideas from classes or readings and putting them in a paper without citations/references, cheating on an examination or other academic work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. Any idea, even paraphrased ideas, used or borrowed must be given credit by showing the source with an appropriate citation or reference. **Any student who violates the university's policies regarding Academic Honesty will receive a failing grade in this course and will be reported to the Director of Student Affairs for additional university sanctions.** More information can be found at www.ct.tamus.edu/studentconduct.

1. Class discussions, oral presentations, and written materials must adhere to professional standards of expression and conform to the style described by the

American Psychological Association. This includes avoidance of the use of language that degrades women, people of color, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered, and other diverse and at-risk populations. All students are expected to display the utmost respect for all people, regardless of differences.

The aforementioned policies are designed to create and foster a positive and rewarding learning environment for all students. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned class policies, as well as university policies, demonstrates a potential inability to conduct oneself professionally in the field of study. These policies are applicable throughout the program and, as such, students who consistently fail to comply with this code of conduct will be considered inappropriate candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Social Work at TAMU-CT as their behavior is considered inappropriate for a social work practitioner.

Students need to understand that the way you behave in class and the degree of responsibility you demonstrate in approaching your school work are used by the professors as a measure of your readiness to be formally admitted to the social work major, accepted for a field agency placement, and allowed to graduate with a BSW degree. Students who consistently fail to comply with this code of conduct will be considered inappropriate candidates for any of these measures of success in social work education because their behavior is considered inappropriate for a social work practitioner.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Complete Course Calendar

WEEK	READINGS	ASSIGNMENTS DUE by 11:59 PM on Friday
Week 1	Review Syllabus	
Week 2	Chapter 1 : What is Social Work	
Week 3	Chapter 2: History of Social Welfare	Discussion Board
Week 4	Chapter 3: Poverty	Quiz 1 Due Chapters 1-2 Discussion Board Due
Week 5 9/19/22	Chapter 4: Human Rights	

Week 6	Chapter 5: Dimensions of Diversity	Quiz 2 Due Chapters 3 Discussion Board Due
Week 7	Chapter 6: Generalist Social Work	
Week 8	Chapter 7: Child Welfare	Quiz 3 Due Chapters 6 and 7 Discussion Board Due
Week 9		
Week 10	Chapter 8: Gerontology	<i>Discussion Board 4</i> <i>FILM REFLECTION PAPER DUE</i>
Week 11	Chapter 9: Health Care Services	Quiz 4 Due: Chapters 8
Week 12	Chapter 10: Mental Health	Discussion Board 5
Week 13 th	Chapter 11: School Social Work	<i>AWARENESS PAPER DUE</i>
Week 14	Chapter 12: Substance Abuse	Quiz 5 Due: Chapters 10 and Chapters 12
Week 15	Chapter 13 and Chapter 14 Criminal Justice and Trauma	
Week 16		FINAL EXAM CUMUMLATIVE

Important University Dates

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

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. **We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**

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

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

Canvas Support

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

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

Online Proctored Testing

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<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](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) 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), [<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), [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://eis-prod.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) [<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 WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu.

To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit [Tutor Matching Services](https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT) [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 Library & Archives

The University Library & Archives 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) [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 work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

University Writing Center

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (A&M–Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M–Central Texas students. 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/) [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.

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 [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](#) 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/bit]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

