Online Course MGMT 4321 – 115 Production and Operations (CRN:60058)
Summer 2023 – June 05 – July 28
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION
This course runs from June 05 to July 28. This is an online course and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com/]. The course requires students to watch video lectures asynchronously, i.e., watch recorded video lectures.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION
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Office Hours: My office hours will be on Monday 1:00PM to 4:00PM and Tuesday 9:00AM – 12:00PM. Office hours will be conducted in online modality. For online meetings, I will be available through Microsoft Teams. However, students are required to schedule an appointment by sending a meeting request through “Canvas Inbox to avoid congestions in scheduling. In addition, students can send me questions related to this course to my “Canvas Inbox”. I will try to respond to the student’s questions within 24 hours. It is to be noted that I will be as flexible as possible in terms of meeting with you online. Therefore, feel free to request Microsoft Teams meeting, if you are struggling with this course. Any questions or suggestions unrelated to this course can be directed to my email: vinay.gonela@tamuct.edu. Any deviations in office hours and correspondence due to meetings and conferences will be communicated to students through instructor announcements.

Student-instructor interaction: As suggested in office hours, students can contact me through canvas for two ways in relation to this course: (1) schedule a Microsoft Teams meeting; and (2) ask questions in relation to the course through “canvas Inbox”. I usually check my “Canvas Inbox” twice a day. Therefore, I will respond to your questions with 24 hours. Student engagement and success is very important to me; therefore, I suggest you contact me as soon as you realize that you have a question or struggling with course content.

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3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description
This course provides an introduction to the principles, problems, and practices of production and operations management. Managerial emphasis will be placed on effectively conducting operations and services for both service-based and manufacturing-based industries. All the three strategic, tactical, and operational aspects of decision making in businesses will be discussed. Topics such as forecasting, operations strategy, process design, capacity planning, location analysis, layout design, quality management, Just-in-time (JIT), lean manufacturing, inventory management, queuing theory, and optimization modelling will be covered.

Course Learning Objective (CLO): All the course objectives can be achieved by mastering weekly objectives. At the end of the course, students meet the CLOs by achieving acceptable grade of 70% or above for the entire course.

CLO1: Understand the dynamics of operations strategy and be able to develop one for a company.
CLO2: Understand key POM concepts, principles, and practices related both manufacturing and service-based businesses.
CLO3: Understand the interrelationship of various function areas and the role of POM for the success of business.
CLO4: Develop decision making and analytical skills that are necessary to solve POM problems.
CLO5: Gain knowledge of effective strategic, tactical and operational planning for both manufacturing and service-based companies.

Relationship between CLOs and Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs): The following presents the relationship between the CLOs and PLOs:
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P – Practice; R – Reinforce

**Chapter based Student Learning Outcomes (CH_SLO):** CH_SLO enable students to master the skills in each chapter. Gaining proficiency in each of the chapters will enable students achieve CLOs. Students gain proficiency by achieving an acceptable grade of 518 points (70%) or above for the entire course.

Chapter 1 (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:

CH_SLO 1.1: Define the terms operations management and supply chain management.

CH_SLO 1.2: Identify the similarities and dissimilarities between production and service operations.

CH_SLO 1.3: Explain the three functional areas of organizations and describe how they interrelate.

CH_SLO 1.4: Summarize the two major aspects of process management.

CH_SLO 1.5: Define the operations function and the nature of the operations manager’s job.

CH_SLO 1.7: Briefly describe the historical evolution of operations management.

CH_SLO 1.8: Explain the need to manage supply chain.

Chapter 2(CLO1, CLO2, CLO4): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:

CH_SLO 2.1: List several ways that business organizations compete.

CH_SLO 2.2: Name several reasons that business organizations fail.

CH_SLO 2.3: Define the terms mission and strategy and explain why they are important.

CH_SLO 2.4: Discuss and compare organizations strategy and operations strategy and explain why it is important to link the two.

CH_SLO 2.5: Describe the term productivity and explain why it is important to organizations and to countries.

CH_SLO 2.7: Describe several factors that affect productivity.

Chapter 3 (CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:

CH_SLO 3.1: List features common to all forecasts

CH_SLO 3.2: Explain why forecasts are generally wrong.

CH_SLO 3.3: List the elements of a good forecast.

CH_SLO 3.4: Outline the steps in the forecasting process.
CH_SLO 3.5: Summarize the forecast errors and use summaries to make decisions.
CH_SLO 3.6: Describe four qualitative forecasting techniques.
CH_SLO 3.7: Prepare a moving average, weighted moving average, exponential smoothing, linear trend, trend adjusted exponential smoothing forecasts.
CH_SLO 3.8: Compute and use seasonal relatives.
CH_SLO 3.9: Compute and use regression and correlation coefficient.
CH_SLO 3.10: Construct control charts and use them to monitor forecast errors.
CH_SLO 3.11: Describe the key factors and trade-offs to consider when choosing a forecasting technique.

Chapter 4/4S (CLO1, CLO2, CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 4.1: Explain the strategic importance of product and process design.
CH_SLO 4.2: Describe what product and service design does.
CH_SLO 4.3: Name the key questions of product and service design.
CH_SLO 4.4: Identify some reasons for design or redesign.
CH_SLO 4.4: List some of the main sources of design ideas
CH_SLO 4.5: Discuss the importance of legal, ethical, and sustainability considerations in product and service designs.
CH_SLO 4.6: Explain the purpose and goal of life cycle assessment.
CH_SLO 4.7: Explain the phrase 3R’s.
CH_SLO 4.8: Briefly describe the key issues in product or service design.
CH_SLO 4.9: Discuss several key issues in product or service design.
CH_SLO 4.10: List the characteristics of well-designed service systems.
CH_SLO 4.11: List some guidelines for successful service design.
CH_SLO 4.12: Define Reliability
CH_SLO 4.13: Perform simple reliability computations.

Chapter 5(CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 5.1: Name the three key questions in capacity planning.
CH_SLO 5.2: Explain the importance of capacity planning.
CH_SLO 5.3: Describe the ways of defining and measuring capacity.
CH_SLO 5.4: Name several determinants of effective capacity.
CH_SLO 5.5: Discuss factors to consider when deciding whether to operate in-house or outsource.
CH_SLO 5.6: Discuss the major considerations related to developing capacity alternatives.
CH_SLO 5.7: Describe the steps that are used to resolve constraint issues.
CH_SLO 5.8: Briefly describe approaches that are useful for evaluating capacity alternatives.
CH_SLO 5.9: Outline the steps in the decision process.
CH_SLO 5.10: Name some causes of poor decisions.
CH_SLO 5.11: Describe and use techniques that apply to decision making under uncertainty.
CH_SLO 5.12: Describe and use the expected value approach.
CH_SLO 5.13: Construct a decision tree and use it to analyze a problem.

Chapter 6 (CLO1, CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 6.1: Explain the strategic importance of process selection and the influence it has on the organization and its supply chain.
CH_SLO 6.2: Name the two main factors that influence process selection.
CH_SLO 6.3: Compare the four basic processing types.
CH_SLO 6.4: Explain the need for management of technology.
CH_SLO 6.5: List some for resign of layouts.
CH_SLO 6.6: Describe product layouts and their main advantages and disadvantages.
CH_SLO 6.7: Solve simple line-balancing problems.
CH_SLO 6.8: Develop simple process layouts.

Chapter 8 (CLO1, CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 8.1: Identify some of the main reasons organizations need to make location decisions.
CH_SLO 8.2: Explain why location decisions are important.
CH_SLO 8.3: Discuss the options that are available for location decisions.
CH_SLO 8.4: Discuss key considerations related to global location decisions.
CH_SLO 8.5: Outline the decision process for making location decisions.
CH_SLO 8.6: Describe some of the key factors that guide service and retail location decisions.
CH_SLO 8.7: Use the techniques presented to evaluate location alternatives.

Chapter 9/Chapter 10 (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 9/10.1: Discuss the philosophies of quality gurus.
CH_SLO 9/10.2: Define the term quality as it relates to products and services.
CH_SLO 9/10.3: Identify the determinants of quality.
CH_SLO 9/10.4: Explain why quality is important and the consequences of poor quality.
CH_SLO 9/10.5: Describe and give examples of the costs associated with quality.
CH_SLO 9/10.6: Discuss the importance of ethics in managing quality.
CH_SLO 9/10.7: Compare the quality awards.
CH_SLO 9/10.8: Discuss quality certification and its importance.
CH_SLO 9/10.9: Describe TQM
CH_SLO 9/10.10: Give an overview of problem solving.
CH_SLO 9/10.11: Give an overview of process improvement.
CH_SLO 9/10.12: Describe the six-sigma methodology.
CH_SLO 9/10.13: Describe and use various quality tools.
CH_SLO 9/10.14: Explain the need for quality control.
CH_SLO 9/10.15: Discuss the basic issues of inspection.
CH_SLO 9/10.16: List and briefly explain the elements of the control process.
CH_SLO 9/10.17: Explain how control charts used to monitor a process and the concepts that underlie their use.
CH_SLO 9/10.18: Use and interpret control charts.
CH_SLO 9/10.19: Assess process capability.

Chapter 12(CLO1, CLO2, CLO4, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 12.1: Describe the conditions under which MRP is most appropriate.
CH_SLO 12.2: Describe the inputs, outputs, and nature of MRP processing.
CH_SLO 12.3: Explain how requirements in a master production schedule are translated into material requirements for lower level items
CH_SLO 12.4: Discuss the benefits and requirements of MRP.
CH_SLO 12.5: Describe some of the difficulties users have encountered with MRP.
CH_SLO 12.6: Describe MRP 2 and its benefits.
CH_SLO 12.7: Explain how an MRP system is useful in capacity requirements planning.
CH_SLO 12.8: Describe ERP, what it provides, and its hidden cost.

Chapter 13(CLO1, CLO4): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 13.1: Define the term inventory.
CH_SLO 13.2: Describe the different types of inventories.
CH_SLO 13.3: Describe the main functions of inventories.
CH_SLO 13.4: Discuss the main requirements for effective inventory management.
CH_SLO 13.5: Explain periodic and perpetual review systems.
CH_SLO 13.6: Describe the costs that are relevant to inventory management.
CH_SLO 13.7: Describe A-B-C approach and how it is useful.
CH_SLO 13.8: Describe the basic EOQ model and its assumption and solve typical problems.
CH_SLO 13.9: Describe the quantity discount model and solve typical problems.
CH_SLO 13.10: Describe reorder point models and solve the typical problems.

Chapter 14(CLO1, CLO2, CLO3): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 14.1: Explain the terms lean operations and JIT.
CH_SLO 14.2: Describe the main characteristics of lean systems.
CH_SLO 14.3: List the five principles of the way lean systems function.
CH_SLO 14.4: List some of the benefits and some of the risks of lean operation
CH_SLO 14.5: Describe the Toyota Production System (TPS).
CH_SLO 14.6: List the three goals of a lean system and explain the importance of each.
CH_SLO 14.7: List the eight wastes according to lean philosophy.
CH_SLO 14.8: Identify and briefly discuss the four building blocks of a lean production system.
CH_SLO 14.9: Describe key lean improvement tools.
CH_SLO 14.10: Outline considerations for successful conversion from a traditional system to a lean system
CH_SLO 14.11: Describe some of the obstacles to lean success.

Chapter 15(CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO5): After completing this chapter, students should be able to:
CH_SLO 15.1: Explain the terms supply chain and logistics.
CH_SLO 15.2: Name the key aspects of supply chain management.
CH_SLO 15.3: List, and briefly explain, current trends in supply chain management.
CH_SLO 15.4: Outline the benefits and risks related to outsourcing.
CH_SLO 15.5: Explain what the main supply chain risks are and what businesses can do to minimize those risks.
CH_SLO 15.6: Describe some of the complexities related to global supply chains.
CH_SLO 15.7: Briefly describe ethical issues in supply chains and the key steps companies can take to avoid ethical problems.
CH_SLO 15.8: Describe the three concerns of small businesses related to the supply chain and suggest ways to manage those concerns.
CH_SLO 15.9: List several strategic, tactical and operational responsibilities related to managing the supply chain.
CH_SLO 15.10: Discuss procurement in terms of the purchasing interfaces, the purchasing cycle, ethics, and centralized versus decentralized decision making.
CH_SLO 15.11: Briefly describe the key aspects of supplier management.
CH_SLO 15.12: Discuss the logistic aspects of supply chain management including RFID technology.
CH_SLO 15.13: Discuss the issues involved in managing returns.
CH_SLO 15.14: Describe some of the challenges in creating an effective supply chain and some of the trade-offs involved.

Criteria for meeting all course objectives and outcomes: Students meet course requirements for this course by achieving a minimum aggregate score of 70% or C and above grade in the entire course.

Required Reading and Textbook(s)

Required textbook: Operations Management (w/out Connect Plus)
Author: Stevenson
Edition: 14th
ISBN: 9781260238891

Note 1: A Student of A&M University – Central Texas is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university – affiliated bookstore.
**Video lectures:** There will be YouTube video lectures that will be posted for the problem sets or analytical portion of the textbook. Students are required to watch them ahead of class in order to be successful in the course. Consequently, students are required to have a browser that will allow them to watch the posted video lectures.

**Microsoft Excel:** This course recommends students to complete assignments in excel such that the student’s excel skills can be improved. Therefore, several class practices will use excel and assignments can be solved by using excel.

**Other required materials:** Apart from the required textbook, students should have access to computer with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and PDF reader along with proper internet service. Students can obtain a free PDF reader at http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html. All the materials related to the course will be available in electronic format (lecture slides, video lectures, homework assignments, exams, and solutions) in canvas: https://tamuct.instructure.com. Students will also be required to submit the scanned copies or images of the assignments and exams. Therefore, students are required to have scanner and/or camera to take pictures. Students are recommended to have a handheld calculator (should be able to perform square roots and above apart from addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division – at a minimum) for calculations. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have difficulty in accessing the material.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The assessments in this section will measure the CLOs and CH_SLOs stated in the course information section. In this course, some of the outcomes will be measured several times using Quizzes, Assignments, case studies, and exams.

**Meet and Greet:** There will be one meet & greet discussion which is worth 10 points. In this discussion, students are required to introduce about themselves.

**Quizzes (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4, and CLO5):** There will be 12 quizzes. Each quiz will be worth 10 points adding up to 120 points. Each quiz will consist of 10 multiple choice questions. Each quiz will assess CLOs and CH_SLOs pertaining to the chapter (see course information). However, all the quizzes together will assess all the CLOs.

**Assignments (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4, and CLO5):** There will be 12 assignments. Each Assignment is worth 20 points adding up to 240 points. Each assignment will have several discussions and problem-solving questions. The rubric for the assignment discussion question and problem-solving questions are available in page 20 and page 21, respectively. For Assignments, students must show the work (according to the rubric in grading criteria and rubric and conversion) to receive full credit. Points will be awarded based on the correctness and quality of the work. Each assignment will assess CLOs and CH_SLOs pertaining to the chapter (see course information). However, all the assignments together will assess all the CLOs.

**Note 2:** For assignments, Students have to upload the assignment submissions at canvas website: https://tamuct.instructure.com/. Students can handwrite or type the answers. However, make sure
to be readable when you handwrite the assignments. If you choose to handwrite, scan or take picture and submit the assignment to canvas submission.

**Note 3:** For assignments, students can solve the problems in Microsoft Excel and submit it to canvas website: https://tamuct.instructure.com/. If you solve by using Microsoft Excel, make sure to submit the Microsoft Excel work sheet. I will not accept copy and paste of Microsoft Excel work on to the word document or scanned copy as it will not allow be to see the formula you used.

**Note 4:** Canvas submissions accept multiple documents in various formats that include word, pdf, jpeg images, and Microsoft Excel. Therefore, I suggest you submit all your work for assignments. Students can submit multiple documents showing the work. Submitting only answers will be equivalent to no submission for this course resulting in zero grade. In addition, I will not be able to accept HEIC format. This format is happening when you take picture from IPhone. In this case insert your pictures in word document and submit it as word document.

**Case studies (CLO1, CLO4):** There will be two case studies. Each case study is worth 50 points. The case studies consist of both discussion questions and problems. The case studies are required to be submitted in APA format. The rubric in page 20 will be used for discussion questions and the rubric in page 21 will be used for problems. Students must show the work (according to the rubric in grading criteria and rubric and conversion) to receive full credit. Students are required to follow APA format for case studies. Points will be awarded based on the correctness and quality of the work. Each case study will assess CLO 1 and CLO 4.

**Exams (CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4 and CLO5):** There will be two exams. Each exam is worth 130 points. Each exam consists of two parts: Exam: PT 1 and Exam: PT 2. Exam: PT 1 will consist 9 of multiple-choice questions adding up to 30 points. Exam: PT 2 consists of discussion and problem-solving questions adding up to 100 points. The rubrics for Exam: PT 2 discussion question and problems are provided in page 20 and page 21 of the syllabus. For Exam: PT 2, students must show the work (according to the rubric in grading criteria and rubric and conversion) in order to receive full credit. Points will be awarded based on the correctness and quality of the work.

**Note 5:** For exams: PT 2 students have to show the work in order to receive full credits. Consequently, students have to upload the assignment submissions at canvas website: https://tamuct.instructure.com/. Students can handwrite or type the answers. However, make sure to be readable when you handwrite the assignments. If you choose to handwrite, scan or take picture and submit the assignment to canvas submission.

**Note 6:** For exams: PT 2, students can solve the problems in Microsoft Excel and submit it to canvas website: https://tamuct.instructure.com/. If you solve by using Microsoft Excel, make sure to submit the Microsoft Excel work sheet. I will not accept copy and paste of Microsoft Excel work on to the word document or scanned copy as it will not allow be to see the formula you used.

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Note 8: Check the course outline and Calendar section for assessment due dates. All the quizzes, assignments, and case studies will be due on Sunday @ 11:59 PM.

Instructor Evaluation Survey: There will be an instructor evaluation survey at the end of the semester using Blue. Since instructor can know the only the response rate related to survey, all the students will receive 5 points if the overall class response rate is 80% or above. If the response rate is less than 80%, none of the students will receive 5 bonus points.

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Posting of Grades

All the grades will be available in canvas and students can monitor their grades in canvas grades page. I will try to grade and provide all weekly activities within a week. In addition, students will be given a week to ask questions or dispute my grading.

Grading Policy: Following is the grading policy that will be used for this course:

Course Evaluation: Table below presents the point scale for each of the activities performed in this class.

Activity scores and percentages

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Note: Please note that exams and case studies make up to 49% of the grades.

Grade computation: Below is the grading scale for the course. Students earn the grades by completing the scheduled activities. There will no bonus points. Failure to submit the appropriate activities will result in a failing grade.

Grading Scale:
A = 661.5 – 735 (90% - 100%)   B = 588 – 661.49 (80% – 89.99%)
C = 514.5 – 587.99 (70% - 79%)   D = 441 – 514.49 (60% - 69.99%)
F = 440.99 and below (59.99% and below)
Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion
The rubrics for discussion questions and problems are provided in page 20 and page 21 respectively. It should be noted that assignments, case studies and exams will contain discussion questions and problems. Therefore, discussion rubric (Page 20) will be used for discussion questions and problems rubric (Page 21) will be used for problems. Students can request regrade within 1 week of grading.

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<td>06/26 – 07/02</td>
<td>Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6</td>
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| Week 5 | 07/03 – 07/09 | Chapter 8  
Chapter 9/Chapter 10 | Quiz 7 and Assignment 7(Chapter 8) due by 07/09 @ 11:59 PM  
(CLO1, CLO4, CLO5, CH_SLO 8.1 - CH_SLO 8.7)  
Quiz 8 and Assignment 8 (Chapter 9/10) due by 07/09 @ 11:59 PM |
| Week 6 | 07/10 – 07/16 | Chapter 12  
Chapter 13 | Quiz 9 and Assignment 9 (Chapter 12) due by 07/16 @ 11:59 PM  
(CLO1, CLO2, CLO4, CLO5, CH_SLO 12.1 - CH_SLO 12.8)  
Quiz 10 and Assignment 10 (Chapter 13) due by 07/16 @ 11:59 PM |
| Week 7 | 07/17 – 07/23 | Chapter 14  
Chapter 15 | Quiz 11 and Assignment 11 (Chapter 14) due by 07/23 @ 11:59 PM  
(CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CH_SLO 14.1 - CH_SLO 14.10)  
Quiz 12 and Assignment 12 (Chapter 15) due by 07/23 @ 11:59 PM  
(CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO5, CH_SLO 15.1 - CH_SLO 15.14) |
| Week 8 | 07/24 – 07/28 | Exam 2: PT 1 & PT 2 due by 07/28 @ 11:59 PM  
Chapters 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15  
(CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4, CLO5, CH_SLO 8.1-15.14)  
Case study 2 due by 07/28 @ 11:59 PM  
Note: This week assignments are due on Friday because of the semester end |

**Important University Dates**
The following link shows the important dates relevant to the student:  
[https://catalog.tamuct.edu/undergraduate_catalog/general-information/academic20calendars20and20final20exam20schedule/](https://catalog.tamuct.edu/undergraduate_catalog/general-information/academic20calendars20and20final20exam20schedule/)

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT**

You need to include information about Technology Requirements and Support. In addition, include a statement on the technology requirements for the successful completion of the course and when applicable, information on how to access these resources (for example, how to obtain certain software through University site license).
Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari browsers. Canvas will run on Windows, Mac, Linus, iOS, android, or any other device with a modern web browser. **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/] by clicking on the “TAMUCT Online Canvas” tile. You will then log in through our Microsoft portal.

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

Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help tab, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can search the support articles or use the Email, Call, or Chat buttons at the bottom of the support pop-up to contact the Canvas Help Desk.

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 requires use of the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in installed.

Other Technology Support

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

  Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
  Phone: (254) 519-5466
  Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]
  Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

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](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/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas](https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas).

**Drop Policy**

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


Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Records and Admissions Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Records and Admissions 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 Records and Admissions 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.

**Pregnant and/or Parenting Students Rights and Accommodations**

A&M-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](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf), the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs, (254) 501-5909, can assist students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting by provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodations. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible through the [Pregnancy & Parenting webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. 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](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html] specifically prohibits discrimination against a student based on pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery.
Title IX Rights and Reporting Responsibilities

A&M-Central Texas is committed to creating a safe and open learning environment for all students. If you or another student has experienced any form of gender discrimination or sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and/or sex-based stalking, help and support are available. Our university strongly encourages all members of our campus community to report incidents and seek support for gender discrimination and sexual misconduct through the Title IX Office. You may contact the Title IX Office at 254.519.5716, titleix@tamuct.edu, Founders Hall 317B, or learn more by visiting the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamu.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Please be aware that that under Title IX, Texas Senate Bill 212, and System Regulation 08.01.01, [https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf] all university employees are mandated reporters and are required to disclose information about suspected or alleged violations as listed above and defined in System Regulation 08.01.01. If the Title IX Office receives information about an incident, they will reach out to offer information about resources, rights, and procedural options as a member of the campus community. Although I have an obligation to report, you will, in most cases, control how your case will be handled. When working with the Title IX Office you will have access to resources and accommodations but also have the opportunity to express if you wish to move forward with an investigation. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of the options available to you as a student. Community members are not required to respond to this outreach.

If you or another student wishes to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact the Student Wellness & Counseling Center, [https://www.tamu.edu/student-affairs/student-counseling.html], 254.501.5955, or swacc@tamuct.edu, located in Warrior Hall Room 207L or the Student Support Advocate, 254.501.5978 or ssa@tamuct.edu, located in founder Hall Room 317D.

Tutoring and Success Coaching

Tutoring and success coaching services are available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both virtually and in-person.

To schedule tutoring sessions or view tutor availability, please contact Warriorcenter@tamuct.edu or visit Warrior Hall, 111.

If you have questions about these or other academic support services or are interested in becoming a tutor, please contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, email us at WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu. You are welcome to visit the Warrior Center at Warrior Hall, suite 212.

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 350 electronic databases containing approximately 631,525 eBooks and 75,149 journals, in addition to the 97,443 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]. 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 Library website [https://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

University Writing Center

University Writing Center: For the summer semesters, all University Writing Center (UWC) tutoring services are entirely online. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday with additional hours Monday through Thursday nights 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. 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.
OTHER 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].

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/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas].

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.

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES

Following are some of the instructor related policies. Students are required to follow them over the entire course period.

Class Policy: Instructor holds the right to change certain policies such as reading schedule, late submissions if the instructor feels it is necessary or beneficial for the class.

Late submissions: The instructor will not accept late submissions under any circumstances without appropriate documentation.

Emergency situation: It is the responsibility of the student to work with professor for assignment submissions under emergency. The student needs to contact the professor as soon as possible, i.e., within 15 days of emergency. The professor will not accept any reasoning for non-submission after 15 days of emergency. If the student fails to complete 30% of the course without notifying the professor, then the instructor will not accept any makeups or resubmissions. In that case, the student needs to either drop the course or receive the overall earned grade.

Academic Integrity: If the student violates any academic integrity (that include, but not limited
to cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student’s work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials), the student will receive the following penalty:

1st Offense: One downgrade and the student has to write a 1500 word paper on academic integrity. The due date for the submission of the paper will be 3 weeks from the day of realization of violation of academic integrity by the student.

2nd Offense: The student will receive failing grade.

Note 9: Under both offenses mentioned above, the student will be reported to university’s Office of Student Conduct.

Communication policy: Students are expected to have read the course content at least once before communicating with the professor for doubts. The faculty will not be able to teach the entire course or chapter content during the communications. Faculty can help students with the doubts, but not with the entire topic.

Netiquette: Online communication is a very critical component of any online environment, and in this course, you are expected to conduct yourself in the same respectful manner that would be followed in a face-to-face course. Be sure to abide by the following guidelines when participating in the various methods of communication with instructors and classmates:

- Think your response through before responding. Before you submit your comments, proofread your comments to prevent any misunderstandings from occurring.
- Do not capitalize everything. Capital letters may be used for the occasional EMPHASIS but avoid typing completely in capital letters AS IT MAY APPEAR AS THOUGH YOU'RE SHOUTING!
- Keep conversations clean from foul language. The online course is an environment for positive feedback and productive dialogue. Profanity will not be tolerated.
- Use correct spelling and proper grammar. Keep your responses on topic and concise. Do not write long responses, for it will not likely be read or take up too much of another person's time.
- Do not ramble. You are not the only person behind a keyboard. Be mindful of others' feelings and treat them with the same respect that everyone deserves.
- Communicate respectfully.

In this course, you are also expected to abide by the University's student code of conduct and the policies on classroom. View the University's Student Code of Conduct online (https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html). Visit the Office of Student Conduct Website here. (https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html)

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Rubric for discussion questions

*Note: This rubric will be used for discussion questions in Assignments, Case studies, and Exams

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<th>Criteria</th>
<th>No work (0%)</th>
<th>Missing work (25%)</th>
<th>Needs improvement (50%)</th>
<th>Met Expectations (75%)</th>
<th>Exceeds expectation (100%)</th>
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<td>Evidence/Content 65%</td>
<td>Work is not submitted</td>
<td>The answer has several errors in both conceptual level (textbook) and communication clarity.</td>
<td>The answer contains one or two basic facts that are correct (textbook), but may also have incorrect statements as well.</td>
<td>The answer contains most (75%) of the points that needed to be included.</td>
<td>The answer contains the main points and provides comprehensive understanding.</td>
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<td>Writing mechanics 35%</td>
<td>Work is not submitted</td>
<td>Writing mechanics are a major issue.</td>
<td>Problems with length, format, grammar, spelling, originality, or citations.</td>
<td>Only minor problems with length, format, grammar or spelling, or citations. No issues with originality</td>
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Rubric for Problems (Tied to Programmatic outcome 6)

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