

COUN 548: Advanced Counseling Skills

Course Syllabus: Fall 2020 Online Course

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Required Textbook

Corsini, R.J. & Wedding, D. (Eds.). (2005). *Current psychotherapies* (7th ed.). Belmont, CA: Thomson Brooks/Cole.

Yalom, I. (2013). *Love's executioner and other tales of psychotherapy*. Peguin Press Books. ISBN-13: 978-0141975443

Note: This course will use D2L as it Learning Management System

**Other readings as assigned

Required Supplemental Readings

- Balmsforth, J. (2009). "The weight of class: Clients' experiences of how perceived differences in social class between counsellor and client affect the therapeutic relationship. *Brittish Jounral of Guidance & Counselling*, 37(3), p. 375-386.
- Polanski, P.J. & Hinkle, J.S. (2011). The mental status exam: Its use by professional counselors. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 78 (3), pp.357-364.
- Ray, D. C., Armstrong, S. A., Balkin, R. S., & Jayne, K. M. (2015). Child centered play therapy in the schools: Review and meta-analysis. *Psychology in the Schools*, 52(2), 107-123, DOI: 10.1002/pits.21798



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Catalogue Description of the Course

548. *Advanced Counseling Skills*. 3 Semester Hours. A laboratory-based, experiential course, Advanced Counseling Skills will merge the continued development of basic skills with theoretically based conceptualization skills and techniques. Students will examine their intrapersonal alignments with chosen theoretical orientations. Students will practice theoretically consistent conceptualization skills and techniques. Students will be expected to adhere to ACA Ethical Standards. A grade of "B" or higher must be earned in COUN 516. Prerequisites: COUN 501, 510, 528 and 516.

General Course Information

Advanced Skills is designed to develop students' counseling skills beyond the basic level required in Pre-Practicum. The primary emphasis is on merging basic skills acquired in COUN 516-Pre-Paracticum and COUN 510- Counseling Theories. Advanced Skills is a course based on didactic learning, discussion and demonstration of theoretically consistent skills and techniques. Students will learn and practice a variety of counseling strategies. Students are expected to have completed and maintained the performance competencies specified for Pre-Practicum.

2016 CACREP Standards Addressed in COUN 548				
Core Standard	Learning Activity	Assignment	Assessment	Benchmark
			Rubric	
2.F.1.k.	Lecture, Readings; Corsini	1. Skills	1. Skills	1. & 2. ≥
strategies for	& Wedding, 2005, Chapter	Recording &	Recording &	80% of
personal and	1; Balmsforth (2009);	Critique	Critique	average rubric
professional	Yalom (2013)	2. Personal	Rubric	scores will
self-evaluation		Counseling	2. Personal	either meet
and implications		Style Paper	Counseling	(2) or exceed
for practice			Style Paper	(3)
			Rubric	expectation
2.F.5.h.	Lecture, Readings: Corsini	1. 1. Skills	1. Skills	$1. \ge 80\%$ of
developmentally	and Wedding, 2005	Recording &	Recording &	average rubric
relevant		Critique	Critique	scores will
counseling			Rubric	either meet
treatment or				(2) or exceed
intervention				(3)
plans				expectation
2.F.5.i.	Lecture, Readings: Corsini	1. Skills	1. Skills	$1.\& 2. \ge 80\%$
development of	& Wedding Chapters 6, 7	Recording &	Recording &	of average
measurable	& 8 (2005); Polanski &	Critique	Critique	rubric scores
outcomes for	Hingle (2011); Ray et al.,	2. Personal	Rubric	will either
clients	(2015)	Counseling	2. Personal	meet (2) or

Student Learning Outcomes:



		Style Paper	Counseling Style Paper Rubric	exceed (3) expectation
2.F.5.j. evidence-based counseling strategies and techniques for prevention and intervention	Lecture, Readings: Corsini & Wedding Chapters 6, 7 & 8 (2005); Polanski & Hingle (2011); Ray et al., (2015)	1. Skills Recording & Critique	1. Skills Recording & Critique Rubric	$1. \ge 80\%$ of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation
2.F.5.k. strategies to promote client understanding of and access to a variety of community- based resources	https://www.nih.gov/about- nih/what-we-do/nih- almanac/national-institute- mental-health-nimh	2. Personal Counseling Style Paper	2. Personal Counseling Style Paper Rubric	$2. \ge 80\%$ of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation
2.F.5.n. processes for aiding students in developing a personal model of counseling	Lecture, Readings: Corsini & Wedding, 2005; Yalom (2013)	 Skills Recording & Critique Personal Counseling Style Paper 	 Skills Recording & Critique Rubric Personal Counseling Style Paper Rubric 	1.& $2. \ge 80\%$ of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

In this class, you will utilize the Learning Management System (LMS) entitled D2L for portions of instructional and learning methods, submitting assignments, participating in online discussions, and completing quizzes. You will need to utilize other technologies such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, etc. If you have issues with this system, it is your responsibility to contact the help desk immediately.

Instructional Methods

This course consists of lecture and didactic learning methods, small group discussions, and inclass assignments, coupled with experiential learning and practical application. When we are not meeting face to face, you will be expected to participate and complete all online tasks via D2L In addition to this, small lecture, discussion, activities, and workshops may be utilized during this course.



Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

As a student in this course, you are responsible for the active learning process. Expectations of this course include the following:

- 1. You are expected to display professionalism at all times. Be respectful of your professor and peers. Be open to feedback, as you will receive this throughout the program.
- 2. Prepare for classes. Complete any and all readings prior to class time.
- 3. Complete all assignments by the deadline.
- 4. Adhere to the university student code of conduct.
- 5. Participate. During face-to-face classes, you are expected to actively participate in all activities and discussion. In the online format, you are expected to participate in all online discussions/activities. This is crucial to your learning.
- 6. All writing assignments must be done according to APA 6th edition.
- 7. Regularly check your University email. My suggestion is to check this at least once a day as your instructors and others from the department and University may contact you.
- 8. Begin your readings ASAP. Sometimes it may take more than one attempt to digest the material.
- 9. Deadlines are the last possible moment something is due—not the first moment to start. Work ahead. I realize this may not always be possible; however, when you can, do so.
- 10. Be open to the process. This degree takes time, work, effort, and growth.

Assignments/Assessments

1. Zoom Class Participation & Attendance (80 points)

Due to the nature of this class, attendance and participation are essential. Participation is credited to all activities related to this course. Please be aware that being consistently late to class can also constitute as an absence, particularly when a pattern of lateness emerges without justification. The following criteria will be used to determine participation & attendance points:

Class Participation Rubric

3 – Exceeds Expectations (72-80 points)	Proactive participation: leading, originating, informing, challenging contributions that reflect in-depth study, thought, and analysis of the topic under consideration. This does not mean dominating discussion or self-disclosure inappropriate to the circumstances. No more than one absence/no evident pattern of lateness
2 – Meets Expectations (64-71 points)	Reactive participation: supportive, follow-up contributions that are relevant and of value, but rely on the leadership and study of others, or reflect opinion/personal self-disclosure rather than study, contemplation, synthesis, and evaluation. Two or less absences/no evident pattern of lateness



1 – Does Not Meet Expectations (0-63 points) Passive participation: present, awake, alert, attentive, but not actively involved or invested; Or Uninvolved: absent, present but not attentive, sleeping, texting/surfing, irrelevant contributions. More than two absences/pattern of lateness evident

2. Skills Recording & Critique (80 points each) The student will record two 40-minute mock counseling sessions with a classmate. The primary task of this exercise is to demonstrate and integrate the skills and concepts the student has learned during this class, COUN 548, and the skills learned in COUN 516 regarding basic skills. Within the recording, the student will choose the best 15 consecutive responses of the recording to transcribe. The student will prepare a verbatim typed script of the best 15 consecutive responses of the mock session, noting both counselor and client responses including nonverbal responses and incidental sounds. Also include an alternative response on five exchanges (see below for example).

Then, the student will complete a 2-3 page critique of the counseling session as evaluated it in its totality. The student will add this critique to the end of the transcript.

The critique will address the following questions:

-What did I do well?

-What area(s) do I need improvement?

-How many reflections of feeling did I complete?

- -Identify each of them.
- -How many questions did I ask? Identify them.

-Overall reaction to the interaction. How was I feeling? (i.e. nervous, confident)

The recording, a copy of the transcript, and summary are due as a package. Please turn all of these items to the instructor through D2L. A format will be provided for how to submit these items into a dropbox for grading. An example of the transcript follows:

- Cl: I am so excited to see him and can't wait.
 CO: You are really looking forward to this. You really have missed seeing him.
 AR: You are so happy about this reunion.
- Cl: I want to talk to him, but I'm afraid of how he might respond when I tell him.
 CO: You have mixed feelings. You want to see him, but you also have to tell him something painful.

AR: You feel really anxious about seeing him because you're afraid he might get angry.



	1 – Does Not Meet	2 - Meets	3 – Exceeds
	Expectation	Expectation	Expectation
	0-15 pts.	16-17 pts.	18-20 pts.
Relational skills (20	Student did not	Student	Student
points)	demonstrate the	demonstrated	demonstrated
	ability to make	adequate relational	above average
	contact with the	skills and showed	relational skills
	"client"	potential to make	and was able to
		contact with	make good
		"client"	contact with
			"client"
Basic and advanced	Student's	Student's	Student's
skills (20 points)	demonstration of	demonstration of	demonstration of
	basic skills was	basic skills was	basic and
	limited and	appropriate and	advanced skills
	advanced skills	advanced skills	was advanced
	were inadequate	were adequate	
15 Consecutive	Consecutive	Consecutive	Consecutive
Exchanges	exchanges were	exchanges were	exchanges were
(20 points)	incomplete or	complete and	complete and
	missing; quality of	student's responses	student's
	the student's	to "client" were	responses to
	responses were not	adequate	"client" were
	representative of		facilitative and
	graduate level work		skillful
Critique	Critique was not	Critique was mostly	Critique
(20 points)	complete or not	complete or	indicated insight
	completed in the	completed in the	and
	method described in the instruction	method described in the instructions	understanding of
			therapeutic relationship and
	for the assignment	for the assignment; missing one or two	essential skills
		items.	Cooliniai okiiio

3. Counseling Student Competency Evaluation (CSCE)

The Counseling Program is obligated by professional ethics (see ACA Code of Ethics, 2014) and University procedure to assess students as to their potential for meeting the expectations of *professional practice* in the professional counseling field. The competencies outlined in this document (CSCE) are specific to professional counseling and are in addition to academic requirements. The Counseling Program may suspend from the program any students judged



incapable of meeting these expectations. Procedures regarding potential dismissal are outlined in the Program's Retention/Dismissal Procedure.

The CSCE may be used by any faculty member with any student enrolled in a Counseling course to provide that student with feedback regarding their potential for meeting the expectations of the professional counseling field and the Department. Completion of a CSCE is required in the following courses: COUN 551, COUN 552, COUN 620, and COUN 660 (i.e., Clinical Supervision, Advanced Practicum, Advanced Internship, Advanced Supervision, Advanced Teaching). **The course instructor in COUN 516 and COUN 548 may choose to implement the CSCE at his/her discretion.** Each use of the CSCE must be placed in the student's Department file along with any remediation plan developed by the faculty in conference with the student.

The Counseling Program has elected to use the CSCE to monitor student's progress in *professional practice*. As a requirement in this course, a final CSCE evaluation will be completed by the course instructor, in consultation with the student, to assess your professionalism, general competency, social and emotional maturity, integrity and ethical conduct, and clinical competency. Please note that the instructor of the course may choose to administer the CSCE at different time intervals throughout the semester (e.g., initial, mid) at his/her discretion. The CSCE can yield an overall average composite score or an average subscale score for each domain. The Department utilizes both overall average composite score and average subscale scores to monitor students' *professional practice*. See rubric below.

_	Counsening Student Competency Evaluation (CSCE) Rubite				
		1- Does Not Meet	2 - Meets	3 - Exceed Expectations	
		Expectations	Expectations		
	Professionalism	Mean score $\geq .63$	Mean score of .33	Mean score of 0 to .30	
	subscale	across	to .60 across	across Professionalism	
	(7-items)	Professionalism	Professionalism	items	
		items	items		
	General	Mean score $\geq .63$	Mean score of .33	Mean score of 0 to .30	
	Competency	across General	to .60 across	across General	
	subscale	Competency items	General	Competency items	
e	(7-items)		Competency items		
Subscale	Social &	Mean score $\geq .63$	Mean score of .33	Mean score of 0 to .30	
nbe	Emotional	across Social &	to .60 across	across Social & Emotional	
S	Maturity subscale	Emotional	Social &	Maturity items	
	(7-items)	Maturity items	Emotional		
			Maturity items		
	Integrity &	Mean score $\geq .63$	Mean score of .33	Mean score of 0 to .30	
	Ethical Conduct	across Integrity &	to .60 across	across Integrity & Ethical	
	subscale	Ethical Conduct	Integrity &	Conduct items	
	(6-items)	items	Ethical Conduct		
			items		

Counseling Student Competency Evaluation (CSCE) Rubric



Clinical Competency subscale (6-items)	Mean score ≥ .63 across Clinical Competency items	Mean score of .33 to .60 across Clinical Competency items	Mean score of 0 to .30 across Clinical Competency items
Overall average score	Mean score ≥ .63 across all CSCE items	Mean score of .33 to .60 across all CSCE items	Mean score of 0 to .30 across all CSCE items

4. **Personal Counseling Style Paper (60 points):** The student will develop a paper that describes one's personal style of counseling. This paper will include the student's perceived style of working with clients, an understanding of their personal counseling theory, and possible populations with which the student believes their personal style would be most effective. The paper needs to be 6 pages, double-spaced and adhere to APA 6th edition standards including a title page and a reference page (use a minimum of five empirical sources). See rubric below.

	1 – Does Not Meet	2 – Meets	3 – Exceeds
	Expectation	Expectation	Expectation
	0-23 pts.	24-26 pts.	27-30 pts.
Counseling style	Counseling style	Counseling style	Counseling style
(30 points)	was vague and	was fairly clear and	was clear and
	incomplete; no	missing one or two	complete with no
	empirical evidence	key points;	missing
	provided; not	empirical evidence	information;
	representative of	provided;	empirical evidence
	graduate level work	representative of	provided;
	(0-3.4 points)	graduate level work	representative of
		(3.5-4.6 points)	graduate level work
			(4.7-5 points)
Understanding of	Understanding of	Understanding of	Understanding of
theory (30 points)	theory was	theory was fairly	theory was
	incomplete or	complete or	complete with no
	missing; no	ing; no missing only one or	
	evidence of using	two key points;	information;
	previous literature	evidence of using	evidence of using
	to understand	previous literature	previous literature
	theoretical	to understand	to understand
	orientation; not	theoretical	theoretical
	representative of	orientation;	orientation;
	graduate level work	representative of	representative of
	(0-3.4 points)	graduate level work	graduate level work

Personal Counseling Style Rubric



	(3.5-4.6 points)	(4.7-5 points)
	GRADING	
Assignment/Assessment	Point Value	
Class Participation (Zoom)	80	
Skill recordings	160	

60

300

Your Final Grade is determined by adding the point values earned from each assignment and then dividing by 300. The resulting value is multiplied by 100 to yield a percentage. For example: (270 [points earned]/300) X 100 = 90%

This is a pass/fail course. To pass this course, students must get a minimum of 240 points out of a possible 300. For accreditation, instructors do calculate grades on assignments.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Browser support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

Personal Counseling Style paper

Total

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.



• The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google [®] Chrome [™]	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

Desktop Support

Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2Lsupports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.



- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
 - 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
 - Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
 - Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- For YouSeeU Sync Meeting sessions <u>8 Mbps</u> is required. Additional system requirements found here: <u>https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements</u>
- You must have a:
 - Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
 - Speakers or headphones.
 - *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: <u>JAVA web site</u> <u>http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp</u>
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.

Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

- Pop-ups are allowed. JavaScript is enabled. Cookies are enabled.
- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
 - <u>Adobe Reader</u> <u>https://get.adobe.com/reader/</u>
 - Adobe Flash Player (version 17 or later) <u>https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/</u>
 - <u>Adobe Shockwave Player</u> <u>https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/</u>
 - <u>Apple Quick Time</u> <u>http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/</u>
- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.



ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or <u>helpdesk@tamuc.edu</u>.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Brightspace Support

Need Help?

Student Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

LiveCha

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words "click here" to submit an issue via email.

System Maintenance

Please note that on the 4th Sunday of each month there will be System Maintenance which means the system will not be available 12 pm-6 am CST.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

Communication with your professors is key to your professional growth. I am here to support and guide you along your academic journey. With that being said, I cannot help you if you do not communicate with me. Please make an appointment if you have any concerns or questions. Because I teach in different locations, email is the best way to reach me. I will attempt to answer all emails within 24 hours, Monday-Friday, but at times will need up to 72 hours to do so. When emailing, please use your university email and address me with courtesy and respect.



COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Written assignments are due on the day noted in the syllabus. All papers are due at the beginning of the class period. Late papers will have 10% deduction per day late from the final score.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the <u>Student Guidebook</u>.

http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.as px

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <u>Netiquette</u> <u>http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html</u>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the <u>Attendance</u> webpage and <u>Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01</u>. <u>http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx</u>

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13stude nts/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03



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Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

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ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce Gee Library- Room 162 Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 Fax (903) 468-8148 Email: <u>studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu</u> Website: <u>Office of Student Disability Resources and Services</u> http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.



For a list of locations, please refer to the <u>Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus</u> document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

 $\label{eq:http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf$

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Course Calendar will be provided the first night of class.