



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE

## RDG 360.01W Word Analysis Skills

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2024

### INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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**Communication Response Time:** *Emails will be answered within 24-48 hours; all emails sent after 5:00 pm on Fridays will be answered the following week.*

### Important Dates:

#### Academic Calendar 2023-2024

[TAMUC 2023-2024 Academic Calendar December July 2023 September August October November](#)

### COURSE INFORMATION

#### Materials

This course has been designed using Open Educational Resources (OER) and/or materials that are available through the [Waters Library](#). All materials are embedded within the course or are accessible via the internet or accessible through the Waters Library resource portal. These resources can also be located by looking at the content list in D2L and then finding the course reading list. Students are encouraged to bookmark, download, or save materials provided via the internet for use with assignments in this class.

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**On-Line Resources:**

TEKS for Language Arts and Reading available on-line at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/index.html>

English Language Arts and Reading Information from the Texas Education Agency available on-line at [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4434&menu\\_id=720](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4434&menu_id=720)

Science of Teaching Reading Standards:  
<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch235e.pdf>

English Language Proficiency Standards available on-line at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074a.html>

Dyslexia Handbook  
[http://www.decodingdyslexiatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/TEA\\_DyslexiaHandbook\\_2014-DRAFT-5-12-14.pdf](http://www.decodingdyslexiatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/TEA_DyslexiaHandbook_2014-DRAFT-5-12-14.pdf)

All teacher candidates should be familiar with the Texas Teacher Standards in Chapter 149 which can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch149aa.pdf>

## Course Description

This course examines word examination of word identification within the context of language. The focus of this course is an examination of how to implement TEKS when facilitating children's development of the phonological system through writing. Specific attention is given to strategies that are useful to readers in the areas of word knowledge and word analysis. Prerequisites: ELED 300, RDG 350; minimum overall GPA of 2.75

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic linguistic terminology and concepts used in reading and writing instruction. (*STR Standards*)
2. Demonstrate knowledge and use of EC-6 English Language Arts TEKS and Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines for vertical alignment and lesson planning. (*TEKS, PK Guidelines, STR Standards*)
3. Demonstrate understanding that decoding and encoding skills are reciprocal and develop synchronously as part of a recursive model of literacy instruction that involves the interconnected skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking. (*PK Guidelines, STR Standards*)
4. Prepare effective, research-based teaching activities that support the study of word identification skills within the framework of developmental reading and spelling stages. (*TEKS, PK Guidelines, STR Standards*)

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5. Identify characteristics of students at various stages of spelling and reading development and explain effective, research-based teaching strategies and activities for fostering a child's progress through these stages. *(PK Guidelines, STR Standards)*
6. Demonstrate an understanding of how student and class assessment data can be analyzed and used to make differentiated instructional decisions. *(PK Guidelines, STR Standards)*
7. Demonstrate an understanding of how language assets emergent bilingual and multilingual students bring to the classroom facilitate word knowledge development in English. *(STR Standards)*
8. Demonstrate familiarity with evidence-based instructional strategies and best practices that general education teachers in can use to help support the literacy development of students with dyslexia. *(STR Standards)*

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING GENERALIST EC-6 STANDARDS**

***Standard II. Phonological and Phonemic Awareness:*** Teachers of young students understand the components of phonological and phonemic awareness and utilize a variety of approaches to help young students develop this awareness and its relationship to written language.

***Standard III. Alphabetic Principle:*** Teachers of young students understand the importance of the alphabetic principle to reading English, know the elements of the alphabetic principle, and provide instruction that helps students understand that printed words consist of graphic representations that relate to the sounds of spoken language in conventional and intentional ways.

***Standard V. Word Analysis and Decoding:*** Teachers understand the importance of word analysis and decoding to reading and provide many opportunities for students to improve word analysis and decoding abilities.

***Standard IX. Writing Conventions:*** Teachers understand conventions of writing in English and provide instruction that helps students develop proficiency in applying writing conventions.

RDG 360 course content is aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Language Arts and Reading for grades EC-6. The specific TEKS headings are:

READING/ Beginning Reading Skills/ Print Awareness/ Phonological Awareness/ Phonics/ Vocabulary Development

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## ORAL AND WRITTEN CONVENTIONS/ Conventions/ Handwriting, Capitalization, and Punctuation/ Spelling

The critical components of THE STANDARDS that can be measured with an examination are known as the TExES COMPETENCIES. While Competencies 001 Oral Language, 004 Literacy Development and Practice, 008 Writing Conventions, and 012 Assessment of Developing Literacy will be studied during this course the competencies that are aligned specifically and primarily with this course and the related Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are:

**Competency 002: (Phonological and Phonemic Awareness).** The teacher understands phonological and phonemic awareness and employs a variety of approaches to help students develop phonological and phonemic awareness.

**Competency 003: (Alphabetic Principle).** The teacher understands the importance of the alphabetic principle for reading English and provides instruction that helps students understand the relationship between spoken language and printed words.

**Competency 005: (Word analysis and identification skills).** The teacher understands the importance of word identification skills (including decoding, blending, structural analysis, sight word vocabulary, and contextual analysis) and provides many opportunities for students to practice and improve word identification skills.

Reading/Vocabulary Development

English Language Arts and Reading Essential Knowledge and Skills

**Related to Competency 007 (Reading Comprehension And Applications)**

**The beginning teacher: B. Knows how to provide instruction to help students increase their reading vocabulary. C. Understands factors affecting students' reading comprehension (e.g., oral language development, word analysis skills, prior knowledge, language background, previous reading experiences, fluency, vocabulary development, ability to monitor understanding, characteristics of specific texts).**

### **Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards:**

*Standard I. Domain I.*

***The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.***

1.7k the importance of the state content and performance standards as outlined in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS);

1.8k relevant content of the discipline being taught, including concepts, principle relationships, methods of inquiry, and key issues;

1.10 k how lesson content and skills connect with other disciplines and within the discipline;

1.11 k current research on best pedagogical practices.

1.12 k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are clear, relevant, meaningful, and age-appropriate;

1.13 k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that can be assessed

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- 1.14 k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are suitable for students with varied learning needs; and
- 1.15 k the importance of aligning instructional goals with campus and district goals.
- 1.16 k the use of appropriate materials and resources for preparing instruction, presenting lessons, and assessing learning;
- 1.21k the importance of planning lessons and structuring units so that activities progress in a logical sequence;
- 1.24 k the importance of engaging in continuous monitoring and self-assessment of instructional effectiveness.
- 1.25 k the role of assessment in guiding instructional planning;
- 1.26 k the importance of creating assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives;
- 1.30 k the connection between the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS, and instruction; and
- 1.31 k how to analyze data from local, state, and other assessments using common statistical measures.
- 1.4 s plan instruction that motivates students to want to learn and achieve; and
- 1.5 s acknowledge and respect cultural and socioeconomic differences among students when planning instruction.
- 1.7 s exhibit appropriate knowledge of a subject to promote student learning;
- 1.8 s demonstrate awareness of common student misconceptions or likely sources of student error in relation to particular content;
- 1.9 s plan instruction that reflects an understanding of important prerequisites relationships;
- 1.11s use a variety of pedagogical techniques to convey information and teach skills.
- 1.16 s use various types of materials and other resources to aid in preparing and implementing instruction;
- 1.17 s use technological tools to promote learning and expand instructional options; and
- 1.18 s use resources available outside the school (e.g., museums, businesses, community members) to enhance students' learning opportunities
- 1.20 s select instructional resources that support instructional goals, enhance student achievement, and engage students in learning;
- 1.21 s use varied activities and instructional groupings to engage students in instructional content and meet instructional goals and objectives;
- 1.22 s allocate time appropriately within lessons and units, including providing adequate opportunities for students to engage in reflection and closure; and
- 1.23 s provide students with opportunities to explore content from many perspectives.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Knowledge and familiarity with Microsoft Word and D2L Brightspace.

### **Instructional Methods**

The course includes the following: modeling instruction, videos, word-sorting activities for guided practice and implementation of course content, and, as appropriate, lecture-type instruction. **This virtual course is mostly asynchronous, but there will be regular scheduled synchronous learning sessions.** The course consists of guided modules that

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are designed to build background knowledge in order to facilitate comprehension of the course. Students' questions and reflections upon their study are encouraged. Students are expected to read the course resources carefully and study the required resources.

## **Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course**

**Congratulations on your progress in your education! This is an exciting opportunity. You are preparing for an important profession and certain expectations for your continued success are listed here.**

**1. Read the required resources** and any other assigned material and complete assigned modules in D2L Brightspace. You are expected to complete all modules and assignments in this course. (STR Standard 19 TAC §235.101(c) Reading Pedagogy (b)2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Tech Standards 2.2s-2.10s, 5.3k, 5.3s)

**It is your responsibility as an adult to make contact with your instructor if at any time you need support or assistance with accessing course content.**

### **2. Scarborough's Rope Project**

This activity requires you to explore the theoretical models explaining the Science of Teaching Reading. (Scarborough's Rope and Simple View)

**3. Background Building Activities:** There are several activities in this course to develop teaching skills needed for each of the developmental stages. More details will be discussed in class and can be found in D2L. (STR Standard 19 TAC §235.101(c) Reading Pedagogy; Tech Standards 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.5s, 2.8s)

- a. Interactive Writing Lesson (Virtual Observation & Analysis)
- b. Alphabetic Principal/Phonological Awareness & Phonics Activities (Virtual Observation & Analysis)
- c. Understanding Dyslexia Graphic Organizer
- d. Activities Reinforcing both Spelling Stages (WTW) and Ehri's Phases of Learning Words
- e. Learning Consonant & Vowel Features and Rules
- f. Constructing Sound Walls (Consonant & Vowel-Articulation & Placement)

### **4. Spelling Inventory – Looking at class data & planning for small group instruction**

This 2-part assignment includes a ***synchronous learning-class session*** led by the instructor. For Part 1, the instructor will guide you through the process of using student work samples to record individual student data and analyze whole class data from a spelling inventory.

For Part 2, you will design a short (20-minute) lesson for small-group targeted instruction based on the students' needs in that group (**DECODABLE READERS & Words Their Way Sorting Experience**). (More detailed information and instructions will be provided in D2L.)

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(STR Standard 19 TAC §235.101(c) Reading Pedagogy (b)2, 3, 4, 5, 6; STR Standard 19 TAC §235.101(c) Reading Pedagogy; Tech Standards 4.3s, 4.9s)

**5. Writing Stage Analysis and Instructional Decision-Making Assignments**

Analyze writing samples provided by the instructor and complete individual intervention plans for each student sample. (details found in D2L)  
(STR Standard 19 TAC §235.101(c) Reading Pedagogy; Tech Standards 4.3s, 4.9s)

**6. STR (Science of Teaching Reading) Module Quizzes**

Complete module quizzes with questions covering module topics and formatted similarly to the STR Certification Exam

**GRADING**

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A=90%-100%
- B=80%-89%
- C=70%-79%
- D=60%-69%
- F=59%-or Below

Assignments will be weighted using the following scale in determining the final grade.

**Grading Weights**

Class Attendance & Participation	30%
Module Application Activities	35%
Module Quizzes	15%
Final Project	20%

**Assessments**

There are quizzes at the end of each module. The quizzes cover content and pedagogy throughout the semester. The format will be similar to the Core Subjects EC-6 English Language Arts/Reading and the Science of Teaching Reading certification exam so that students can see how the content from the course is represented on the certification exams.

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# 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:

- 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.

## Desktop Support

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

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Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

### 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 <b>point</b> release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or <b>point</b> release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2L supports 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
- 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.

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- 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: [JAVA web site http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp](http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp)
- 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:
  - [Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/](https://get.adobe.com/reader/)
  - [Adobe Flash Player \(version 17 or later\) https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/)
  - [Adobe Shockwave Player https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/](https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/)
  - [Apple Quick Time http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/)
- 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 [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**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.

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## 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

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

***Emails will be answered within 24 hours; all emails sent after 5:00pm on Fridays will be answered on Monday.***

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### Course Specific Procedures/Policies

You are expected to attend all class meetings and pay attention to the instructor or presenter, participate as appropriate in class discussions, and be involved in group activities. Attendance is expected and does not earn extra points. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS RDG 360 WITH MORE THAN 1 ABSENCE.** TAMU-Commerce considers 3 absences (for a biweekly class) to be excessive. The only excused absences are for (a) participation in a required university or school activity; (b) verified illness, (c) legal proceedings in fulfilling responsibility as a citizen (see Student's Guidebook). Excused absences are only allowed provided the student notifies the instructor prior to the absence. Students are encouraged to contact the instructor by e-mail if possible when absent. Failure to contact the instructor could result in an unexcused absence.

**I will not bring additional copies of handouts from previous classes, nor will I provide notes from a previous class. Please notify me if you anticipate an absence.** Select a buddy, and exchange telephone numbers and email addresses with him or her. In the event of your buddy's absence, please pick up extra handouts and take notes for that person.

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## **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 [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](#)

<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedure/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

**A&M-Commerce requires the use of face-coverings in all instructional and research classrooms/laboratories. Exceptions may be made by faculty where warranted. Faculty have management over their classrooms. Students not using face-coverings can be required to leave class. Repetitive refusal to comply can be reported to the Office of Students' Rights and Responsibilities as a violation of the student Code of Conduct.**

**Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.**

### **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:

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[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

## **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: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<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.

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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 [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedure/s/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.

**The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)**

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