

CISA 4358: 001, **Senior Project and Seminar**, Fall 2024, CRN: 11224 Department of Finance and Accounting, College of Business

# **Course Syllabus**

Class Modality: On campus (Face to face meeting)
Class Meeting Time and Place: Thu 05:30 PM-08:15 PM, STEM 263

**Class Duration:** 08/26-12/13

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Student emails will receive a reply within two business days.

**Course Website:** https://tamusa.blackboard.com/ **Online Office Hours:** Mon 10:00 - 1:00 pm

Tue 10:00 - 1:00 pm and by appointment

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Catalog Course Description: This course will introduce the student to the concepts, principles, and applications of information systems technology in the business environment, including a study of organizational structure, management and personnel of a data center, and the planning, organizing, and control activities necessary for good management of the information systems resource. Students will also complete an information system development project.

**Course Objectives:** The objective of this course is to provide students with experiential learning. Students in this course will learn how to solve a practical data analytics problem by using real-world data.

**Prerequisites:** CISA 3351, CISA 3356. Students who do not meet the pre-requisites must contact the instructor immediately.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Define a practical data analytic problem
- 2. Use real-world data
- 3. Solve the problem using knowledge learnt from this course
- 4. Test and evaluate their solution/model

#### **AACSB Assessment:**

The College of Business is in the process of applying for AACSB accreditation. As part of that process, students will be assessed on program level outcomes based on course outcomes from various courses. The materials from this course may be used for assessing such program level outcomes, and hence students must follow the necessary rigor to ensure mastery and retention of the above course outcomes.

#### **Required Materials:**

- **Textbook:** None
- Blackboard: Connect to <a href="http://tamusa.blackboard.com">http://tamusa.blackboard.com</a>. You will have lecture notes, solutions to problems, multimedia materials and other supplementary materials in Blackboard.
- **Software:** You will be required to use Anaconda Python 3 to solve the problem.
- **Computer Hardware:** In order to participate in the tutoring sessions you will need a computer with an internet connection, a microphone and speakers/headphones.
- **Time**: You are expected to spend 15-20 hours per week for the course. Based on the background, some student may require more time. Time spent may be longer when assignment/exams are due.

**Other Recommended / Reading Materials:** Additional reading materials are available on the course website as recommended by the instructor.

# Course Requirements every student must fulfill in order to succeed in course:

- 1. Students should check the Course Calendar, Announcements, and Messages (e-mail) systems in Blackboard on a regular basis.
- 2. Students should keep current with all course assignments, quizzes, and examinations.
- 3. If the course uses remote proctoring for exams, students must schedule their exam early in the semester.
- 4. Students should ask questions and communicate with the instructor either in class, online, off-line or during office hours.
- 5. For all classwork, exams, quizzes etc., if a student is completing it off-campus, then they are responsible for availability of internet connectivity. Extensions will not be granted for lack of availability of internet connections.
- 6. Students should remember that online and hybrid courses assume greater responsibility and independent learning skills by the student for their own learning outcomes.
- 7. For online courses, students should keep current on class recordings, if not attending the live class (either in person or online).
- 8. For online synchronous courses, there will be online class sessions as indicated. Students are expected to attend the online session at the given time. If a student is unable to attend a session, instructor will make the recording of the session available for the student to view. All materials will be made available through Blackboard or through online links.

**Grading Policy:** The final course grade will be based on your performance on the quizzes, exams, assignments and class participation using the following weights:

Assignments 40%
Project 60%
(progress reports, final report/paper, presentation)
Total 100%.

The project will include progress reports (written reports), final report/paper and presentations. Your final report/paper should include the following:

- 1. Introduction (Motivation, Problem definition and description)
- 2. Literature review/related work
- 3. Experiments
  - a) Data collection and description
  - b) Data preparation
  - c) Model description (the predictive model description)
  - d) Model evaluation

- e) Results
- 4. Discussion/Findings
- 5. Appendix (e.g. technical details)/code should be submitted as a separate file Use diagrams, figures, pseudo codes, tables if applicable.

The final letter grades will be assigned as follows: Above 90%  $\Rightarrow$  A;  $80 - 89\% \Rightarrow$  B;  $70 - 79\% \Rightarrow$  C;  $60 - 69\% \Rightarrow$  D; Below  $60\% \Rightarrow$  F.

This course has a requirement of a grade of C as a minimal grade for satisfactory completion of this course. Add this statement if the course has such a requirement. Please check current course catalog/Dept head.

**Examinations:** There will be a mandatory final exam (as per university schedule). Being absent for an exam will result in a grade of zero for that exam and may result in a fail grade in the course. The exam/quiz materials will come from lecture notes, the text, and class discussions. Questions will emphasize understanding and applications of concepts and topics covered in class.

**Proctored Exams:** Examinations in this class may/will be administered using secure online testing services. Details regarding proctored test sign up and administration will be provided at least 2 weeks prior to the exam.

**Assignments/ Project progress reports, final report and presentation:** There will be several assignments and Projects reports and presentation during the course. Individual assignment statements and due dates will be posted through Blackboard. For all assignment and reports, ALL intermediate work of the problem solution steps MUST be shown.

## Make up and Late Assignment/exam/quiz policy:

<u>Exams/quizzes:</u> As a general rule, Late submission or make-ups will NOT be offered or accepted for any missed exams/quizzes. Late submissions or make-ups may be accepted/administered only in extraordinary circumstances such as an excused official university activity, a severe illness, or a dire emergency. However, you must provide comprehensive documentation either before or within a few days of the missed exam.

Assignments/project reports: late submissions will be offered or accepted for any missed assignment/project report given that there is 2% points penalty per late day. However, in extra-ordinary circumstances such as an excused official university activity, a severe illness, or a dire emergency, no points will be deducted. However, you must provide comprehensive documentation either before or within a few days of the missed assignment.

### **IMPORTANT POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

Academic Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities: Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to providing all students with reasonable access to learning opportunities and accommodations in accordance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you experience barriers to your education due to a disability or think you may have a disability, Disability Support Services is located in the Central Academic Building, Suite 210. You can also contact us via phone at (210) 784-1335, visit us <a href="https://www.tamusa.edu/Disability-Support-Services/index.html">https://www.tamusa.edu/Disability-Support-Services/index.html</a> or email us at <a href="mailto:dss@tamusa.edu">dss@tamusa.edu</a>. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to, attentional, learning, mental health, sensory, physical, or chronic health conditions. All

students are encouraged to discuss their disability-related needs with Disability Support Services and their instructors as soon as possible.

Academic Learning Center: The Academic Learning Center provides free course-based tutoring to all currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Students wishing to work with a tutor can make appointments through the Brainfuse online tutoring platform. Brainfuse can be accessed in the *Tools* section of Blackboard. You can contact the Academic Learning Center by emailing tutoring@tamusa.edu, calling (210) 784-1307, or visiting the Central Academic Building, room 202. Counseling/Mental Health Resources: As a college student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and negatively impact your daily functioning. If you are experiencing emotional difficulties or mental health concerns, support is available to you through the Student Counseling Center (SCC). To schedule an appointment, call 210-784-1331 or visit Madla 120.

All mental health services provided by the SCC are free and confidential (as the law allows). The Student Counseling Center provides brief individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, case management, and prevention services. For more information on SCC services visit <a href="mailto:tamusa.edu/studentcounseling">tamusa.edu/studentcounseling</a>

Crisis support is available 24/7 by calling the SCC at 210-784-1331 (after-hours select option '2').

Additionally, the TELUS Student Support App provides a variety of mental health resources to including support for in the moment distress, an anonymous peer to peer support network, mental health screenings, podcasts, and articles to improve your mental wellbeing.



<u>Emergency Preparedness:</u> JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio's mass notification. In the event of an emergency, such as inclement weather, students, staff and faculty, who are registered, will have the option to receive a text message, email with instructions and updates. To register or update your information visit: https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/.

More information about Emergency Operations Plan and the Emergency Action Plan can be found here: <a href="https://www.tamusa.edu/about-us/emergency-management/">https://www.tamusa.edu/about-us/emergency-management/</a>.

Download the SafeZone App (<a href="https://safezoneapp.com/">https://safezoneapp.com/</a>) for emergencies or call (210) 784-1911. Non-Emergency (210) 784-1900.

<u>Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance</u>: According to the following federal regulation, 34 CFR 668.21: U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title IV regulation, a student can only receive Title IV funds based on Title IV eligibility criteria which include class attendance. If Title IV funds are disbursed to

ineligible students (including students who fail to begin attendance), the institution must return these funds to the U.S. DoE within 30 days of becoming aware that the student will not or has not begun attendance. Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend by the census date will have their financial aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester, a Care report will be submitted, and you will possibly be dropped from the class. Your financial aid may have to be recalculated and a portion of your federal aid may have to be returned to the DoE.

Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center: The Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center supports graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges as well as faculty and staff. Tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, and plan, draft, and revise their written assignments. Our language tutors support students enrolled in Spanish courses and students composing in Spanish for any assignment. Our digital studio tutors support students working on digital projects such as eportfolios, class presentations, or other digital multimedia projects. Students can schedule appointments through JagWire under the Student Services tab. Click on "Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center" to make your appointment. The Center offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. More information about what services we offer, how to make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/">https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/</a>.

<u>Meeting Basic Needs:</u> Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient food to eat every day or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is urged to submit a CARE referral (<a href="https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/Student-Rights-and-Responsibilities/file-a-report.html">https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/Student-Rights-and-Responsibilities/file-a-report.html</a>) for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to direct you to available resources.

<u>Military Affairs:</u> Veterans and active-duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to visit the Office of Military Affairs for any question involving federal or state VA Education Benefits. Visit the Patriots' Casa building, room 202, or to contact the Office of Military Affairs with any questions at military.va@tamusa.edu or (210)784-1397.

Religious Observances: Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or course work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes.

<u>The Six-Drop Rule:</u> Students are subject to the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007. SB 1231 limits students to a maximum of six (6) non-punitive course drops (i.e., courses a student chooses to drop) during their undergraduate careers. A non-punitive drop does not affect the student's GPA. However, course drops that exceed the maximum allowed by SB 1231 will be treated as "F" grades and will impact the student's GPA.

Statement of Harassment and Discrimination: Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equal opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, A&M-San Antonio encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation, and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law

and individual merit. Texas A&M University-San Antonio, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or pregnancy/parenting status. Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices within their respective units.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio faculty are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and for the university as a whole. If you have experienced any form of sex- or genderbased discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available. A&M-San Antonio's Title IX Coordinator can support those impacted by such conduct in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. The university strongly encourages all students to report any such incidents to the Title IX Coordinator. Please be aware that all A&M-San Antonio employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as counselors and trained victim advocates) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the university. This means that if you tell a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment, sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the university's Title IX Coordinator (titleix@tamusa.edu, 210-784-2061, CAB 439K). If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting requirement, you can contact the Student Counseling Center at (210) 784-1331 or visit them in Madla 120. Pregnant/Parenting Students: Texas A&M-San Antonio does not require a pregnant or parenting student, solely because of that status or issues related to that status, to (1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from their degree or certificate program; (2) limit the student's studies; (3) participate in an alternative program; (4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or (5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the University. The university will provide such reasonable accommodations to pregnant students as would be provided to a student with a temporary medical condition that are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child. These could include maintaining a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities known to be hazardous to pregnant individuals and their unborn child; excused absences because of illness or medical appointments; modified due dates for assignments; rescheduled tests/exams; taking a leave of absence; and being provided access to instructional materials and video recordings of lectures for excused absences, if these would be provided to any other student with an excused absence. Pregnant/parenting students are encouraged to contact the Title IX Coordinator with any questions or concerns related to their status (titleix@tamusa.edu; 210-784-2061; CAB 439K).

Texas A&M-San Antonio has also designated the Title IX Coordinator as the liaison officer for current or incoming students who are the parent or guardian of a child younger than 18 years of age. The Title IX Coordinator can provide students with information regarding support services and other resources.

<u>Students' Rights and Responsibilities:</u> The following statement of students' rights and responsibilities is intended to reflect the philosophical base upon which University Student Rules are built. This

philosophy acknowledges the existence of both rights and responsibilities, which is inherent to an individual not only as a student at Texas A&M University-San Antonio but also as a citizen of this country.

# Students' Rights

- 1. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no University rule or administrative rule that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.
- Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the University, free
  from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or
  ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender
  expression, and pregnancy/parenting or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal
  and state laws.
- 3. A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.
- 4. Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of university student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process.

#### Students' Responsibilities

- 1. A student has the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, the faculty, and administration.
- 2. A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published University Student Rules found in the Student Handbook, <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>, on our website, and University Catalog, and to comply with them, as well as with federal, state, and local laws.
- 3. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire University community.
- 4. A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide a safe environment for learning.
- 5. A student has the responsibility to check their university email for any updates or official university notifications.

We expect that students will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or disability. Conduct that infringes on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Students are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education. Students engaging in an act that violates the standards of academic integrity will find themselves facing academic and/or disciplinary sanctions. Academic misconduct is any act, or attempt, which gives an unfair advantage to the student. Additionally, any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion may be considered as academic misconduct. For more information on academic misconduct policies and procedures please review the Student Code of Conduct (https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/student-rights-and-

<u>responsibilities/documents/Student-Handbook-2022-23.pdf</u>) or visit the resources available in the OSRR website (<a href="https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/student-rights-and-responsibilities/academic-integrity.html">https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/student-rights-and-responsibilities/academic-integrity.html</a>).

## Syllabus AI Policy

#### No Use of Generative AI Permitted

CISA 4313 assumes that all work submitted by students will be generated by the students themselves, working individually or in groups. Students should not have another person/entity do the writing of any portion of an assignment for them, which includes hiring a person or a company to write assignments and/or using artificial intelligence (AI) tools like ChatGPT. Use of any AI-generated content in this course qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Texas A&M-San Antonio's standards of academic integrity.

#### **Violations of Academic Conduct (Section 14.5 Student Handbook)**

As a member in an academic community, students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education, be mature, be self-directed and be able to manage their own affairs. Students who are unwilling to abide by these basic expectations will find themselves facing academic and/or disciplinary sanctions. Students are expected to share in the responsibility and authority with faculty and staff to challenge and make known acts that violate the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Code of Conduct. For more information please visit the Office of Student Rights &Responsibilities website <a href="http://bit.ly/TAMUSAStudentRR">http://bit.ly/TAMUSAStudentRR</a>.

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Faculty members are required to report such serious breaches of academic honesty to their chair, their dean and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. In cases of academic misconduct, students may be subject not only to grade sanctions in courses but to disciplinary action. Grade sanctions may be imposed only by faculty members, but suspension or expulsion may be imposed only by the Vice President for Student Affairs. If a student wishes to appeal the decision of suspension or expulsion due to violations of academic misconduct, they must initiate their appeal as outlined within the Student Code of Conduct. Extenuating circumstances may cause the University to deviate from the defined time frames.

All student term papers, and other written assignments are subject to analysis by anti-plagiarism and anti-Al software. Posting of any class work given to student, or solutions, or discussion, on publicly accessible forums, social media, or artificial intelligence is not permissible.

Considering the potential consequences of academic misconduct, it is obviously in students' best interests to avoid even the appearance of such behavior. If a student is unclear whether a specific act might constitute academic misconduct, please she/he should contact the instructor for an assessment of the situation.

Class conduct and civility code: Everyone in class is expected to follow all rules in the student handbook, as well as common courtesy during classroom lectures and discussions in class and online, including the following:

- 1. Attendance may be taken at the beginning or the end of the class.
- 2. It is the students' responsibility to obtain and be able to use the required materials and software for this class.
- 3. Student must retain copies of all assignments and graded work for verification purposes and provide it to the instructor, if necessary. Keep own copies of all computer files and e-mails till final grade is received.
- 4. Talking while the instructor is lecturing is extremely disruptive and discourteous to the instructor and other students.
- 5. Using computers or phones (except for a valid urgent need) during class for a purpose not related to class is disruptive. All cell phones and gadgets should be turned OFF and headphones removed.
- 6. For any questions about the exams and assignments, a student should contact the instructor, well in advance of the day they are due, so the instructor may have enough time to provide feedback.
- 7. All communications will be via e-mail communications to the Texas A&M University e-mail account, and students are expected to use their school provided email account. The instructor will reply to a student e-mail messages and voice messages within 24 hours during week days (Monday-Friday).
- 8. All assignment submissions must be uploaded to Blackboard by the due date and time. Submission window may close or marked late, even if late by one second.

Anyone violating these policies may be subject to disciplinary actions.

Class attendance and Participation: A vital part of every student's education is regular attendance of class meetings. Any absences tend to lower the quality of a student's work, and frequent or persistent absences may result in a failing grade. Students are responsible for the materials covered in class. The course covers a lot of material and most students find at least some parts of it difficult. Class participation is highly encouraged as it makes the class more interesting and enhances the learning experience. Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions, participate in class discussions and problem solving, and visit/contact the instructor during office hours in case of questions or concerns. Good attendance and participation will be rewarded when final grades are assigned.

The course is intensive and challenging and you are expected to master the materials presented in class. The structure of the class makes your individual study and preparation outside of class extremely important, and may vary considerably based on student background. However, a **minimum** of three hours of work outside the class is expected for every one hour of class period per week. Reading the assigned chapter(s) and having some familiarity with them before class will be very useful for understanding lectures.

#### Fall 2024 Class Schedule (Tentative schedule)

The provisions and information set forth in the schedule below are intended to be informational and not contractual in nature. The instructor reserves the right to amend, alter, change, delete or modify the provisions of the schedule.

Week	Dates	Chapter and Topic	
1	Aug 26	Syllabus, An Introduction to data analysis and	
		Python, Install Python, generic Python	
		programming	
2	Sep 2	Supervised learning classification	
3	Sep 9	Supervised learning classification, cross	
		validation and model parameter	
4	Sep 16	Supervised learning classification, cross	
		validation and model parameter	
5	Sep 23	Supervised learning regression	
6	Sep 30	Supervised learning regression	
7	Oct 7	Feature selection	
8	Oct 14	Textual Data Analysis with NLTK: Mining Text	
		Data and data preprocessing	
9	Oct 21	Textual Data Analysis with NLTK: Mining Text	
		Data and data preprocessing	
10	Oct 28	Unsupervised Learning	
11	Nov 4	Artificial Neural Networks with Keras	
12	Nov 11	Artificial Neural Networks with Keras	
13	Nov 18	Artificial Neural Networks with Keras	
14	Nov 25 (No classe)	November 28-November 30 <b>Thursday-</b>	
		Saturday Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes	
15	Dec 2	<b>Project Presentation</b>	
		<b>December 5</b> <u>Thursday</u> Last day of scheduled	
		classes for weekday classes	
		Last day to submit any missing assignments	
	December 6 Friday	Study Day-No classes	
	December 7-13	Final examinations	

#### **COVID-19 protocol**

Knowing your COVID-19 status can prevent you from spreading the virus to those around you by taking the necessary precaution of isolating or quarantining when appropriate.

- Please refrain from coming to campus if you are confirmed to have COVID-19 (by using a Rapid COVID-19
  Test or completing a laboratory test) and ensure to self-report using the online COVID-19 Reporting Portal
  found at: <a href="https://redcap.link/TAMUS\_COVID\_PORTAL">https://redcap.link/TAMUS\_COVID\_PORTAL</a>. Guidance will be provided on when to return to
  campus.
- Please refrain from coming to campus if you had an exposure to COVID-19 that resulted in close contact (you were within 6 feet of an individual positive for COVID-19 for an accumulated time of 15 minutes or greater over a 24-hour period) until you meet the return to campus criteria. Ensure to self-report using the online COVID-19 Reporting Portal found at:

https://redcap.link/TAMUS COVID PORTAL and please complete the RETURN TO CAMPUS FORM found at:

https://banner.tamusa.edu/ssomanager/c/SSB?pkg=zwtkjotf\_jira.p\_redirect?JotFormPage=220213195570044

• Please refrain from coming to campus if you have <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u> and consider testing immediately.

For additional guidance, please reference the Community.Safety.TOGETHER webpage at: https://www.tamusa.edu/community-safety-together/

### **Key Dates for Fall 2024 Semester**

August 26 First day of class September 2 Labor Day Holiday

November 11 Last day to drop with an automatic "W"

November 19 Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University

November 27 Study Day – No classes

November 28-30 Thanksgiving Holiday – No classes

December 5 Last day of classes

December 6 Study Day – No classes

December 7-13 Final exams

#### The complete academic calendar is available online:

https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/documents/AY2025-Academic-Calendar.pdf

Fall 2024 Regular 16-Week Session					
Monday	Registration opens				
Monday	Tuition & fee payment deadline				
Thursday	Drop for non-payment				
Friday	Last day for students withdrawing to receive 100% refund (0% responsibility) for tuition				
Monday	First class day				
Monday	Labor Day Holiday - No classes				
Tuesday	Last day to register				
Wednesday	Census Date				
	Monday Monday Thursday Friday Monday Monday Tuesday				

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September 12	Thursday	Drop for non-payment	
October 7-October 18	Monday-Friday	Midterm grading period	
November 11	Monday	Last day to drop with an automatic grade of "W"	
November 19	Tuesday	Last day to withdraw from the university	
November 27	Wednesday	Study day - No classes	
November 28-November 30	Thursday-Saturday	Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes	
December 5	Thursday	Last day of scheduled classes for weekday classes	
December 6	Friday	Study day - No classes	
December 7-December 13	Saturday-Friday	Final examinations	
December 13	Friday	End of term	
December 16	Monday	All grades due by noon	
December 17	Tuesday	Commencement	
December 19	Thursday	Grades available in JagWire	
December 24-January 1	Tuesday-Wednesday	Winter Break	