



QMBS 2301:901 Quantitative Skills-Business, Spring 2026, CRN: 22911

Department of Accounting and Finance, College of Business

Course Syllabus

Class Modality:	Hybrid
Class Meeting Time and Place:	Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:15pm, Hall 319
Class Duration:	1/20/2026 - 5/12/2026
Instructor:	George Murray Office: BLH 441D Telephone: (210) 784-2696 E-Mail: gmurray@tamusa.edu Student emails will receive a reply within two business days.
Course Website:	http://tamusa.blackboard.com/
Office Hours:	E-mail for appointment

Catalog Course Description: This course is designed to give students a business-oriented review of the basic computational math skills and a working knowledge of its mathematical applications and procedures. The course focuses on the quantitative and analytical methods in the context of practical business applications to enhance essential problem solving skills of business students. This course will provide students with solid preparation and foundation for going on to courses and careers in accounting, marketing, retailing, banking, finance, and business administration. Formerly QMBS 2310/BUAD 2310.

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

- 1) Understand how basic problems in an array of business applications are formulated,
- 2) Apply basic problem solving methods in business applications,
- 3) Explain the basic decision analysis processes applied in business,
- 4) Use and interpret information/data organization related to business applications.
- 5) Apply critical thinking methods in interpreting business application presentations related to business concepts.
- 6) Perform quantitative financial computations using a range of resources to include software tools.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 1324 or 1314, CISA 1305 or CSCI 1336.

TSI Restriction(s): Reading, Math, and Writing

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.

COVID-19 Safety Protocol

Due to the current pandemic environment, all university personnel (faculty, students and staff, etc.) are required to adhere to mandated procedures and guidelines as communicated through university communications. For details and updated information on COVID-19 safety protocol please visit <https://www.tamusa.edu/community-safety-together/index.html>.

Required Materials

Textbook

Contemporary Mathematics for Business and Consumers, Custom Ebook with WebAssign, 9th Ed., by Brechner & Bergeman, Cengage. Students can purchase Cengage Unlimited, which allows you to bundle all of your text and supplemental resources if you are taking more than one course that require Cengage text for a discounted price. Students can purchase Cengage Unlimited with a WebAssign access code from the TAMUSA bookstore. The access code is required when registering for Cengage's online platform called WebAssign. Registering for WebAssign will grant students access to resources required for this course including the eBook, homework and quiz assignments. After registering for WebAssign, students will be able to access homework and quizzes through the Course Content link in Blackboard for this course. Also, after registering for WebAssign, students will be able to access the eBook in Blackboard through the Course Content link. Follow the steps for purchasing Cengage Unlimited that was sent to your TAMUSA email accounts. If you have questions, contact the TAMUSA bookstore at <https://www.bkstr.com/texasamsanantoniostore/home> or (210)784-1070.

Cengage WebAssign

WebAssign is the book publisher's online platform that will be used for homework and/or quizzes. These assignments are to be accessed through the Course Content link in Blackboard.

Blackboard

Connect to <http://tamusa.blackboard.com>. You will have lecture notes, and other supplementary materials in Blackboard. It is used for communication, and to access assignments, quizzes and exams. Students should monitor announcements and messages in Blackboard several times a day.

Calculator

A calculator is required for this course. While a basic calculator will suffice, financial or scientific calculators may also be used. Calculators are to be set to six decimal places for this course. *No cell phone calculators for exams.*

Computer Hardware

In order to participate in online sessions, you will need a computer with an internet connection, a microphone and speakers/headphones. To complete the class work, you will need appropriate software installed on the computer.

Time Expectation for coursework

You are expected to spend 4-8 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.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools

While AI technology can be used as a tool to help with written assignments, writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning experience. Developing strong competencies in this area will prepare you for a competitive workplace. AI technology may be used as a resource for written assignments, as long as the University's academic misconduct policy is not violated, e.g., no plagiarism.

Technology Issues

If you experience technology problems with WebAssign, there is a link to Cengage's tech support under the Course Content link in Blackboard or contact support.cengage.com. If you have technology problems with Blackboard, contact the ITS department at HelpDesk@tamusa.edu, or (210) 784-4357.

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 online.
5. For all classwork, exams, quizzes etc., students are responsible for availability of internet connectivity.
Extensions will not be granted for lack of availability of internet connections.
6. For online courses, students should keep current on class recordings
7. Students should remember that online courses assume greater responsibility and independent learning skills by the student for their own learning outcomes.
8. For online asynchronous courses, there will be no online class sessions. All materials will be made available through Blackboard or through online links.

Grading Policy and Assessments

Grading Policy

The final course grade will be based on attendance, and your performance on the homework, quizzes and exams using the following weights:

Attendance	10%
Homework	15%
Quizzes	15%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%

The final letter grades will be assigned as follows: Above 90% $\Rightarrow$ A; 80-89.99% $\Rightarrow$ B; 70-79.99% $\Rightarrow$ C; 60-69.99% $\Rightarrow$ D; Below 60% $\Rightarrow$ F.

Examinations

The exams will consist of terms, definitions, conceptual application and problem solving questions. Not taking an exam will result in a grade of zero for that exam and may result in a fail grade in the course. The only exceptions to this policy can be found under the Makeup and Late Assignment/Exam/Quiz Policy section heading of this syllabus. The exam questions will come from lectures, lecture notes, the text, and class discussions. Questions and problems will emphasize understanding and application of concepts and topics covered for the course. Exams will be administered in classroom and will require an 882-E scantron sheet (not an 882-E compatible scantron), a #2 pencil and a non programmable calculator. No cell phone calculators. Students are responsible for answers on scantrons. Remember to erase well if you change an answer.

Proctored Exams

Exams will be proctored in classroom.

Homework Assignments and Quizzes

Homework assignments and quizzes will be through Cengage's online platform, WebAssign. The homework assignments and quizzes will be accessible through the Course Content link in Blackboard.

Assignments/ Research Papers

There is no research paper for this course.

Online Individual / Group Activities

N/A.

Extra Credit

There will not be any extra credit assignments.

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. Class participation is highly encouraged as it makes class more interesting and enhances the learning experience. Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions and participate in class discussions and problem solving. Good attendance and participation will be rewarded when final grades are assigned. At the start of the course, every student will be given the presumption of full credit (10% of the total final grade for the course) for attendance and participation. The full credit can only decrease based on the number of in classroom meetings missed and/or lack of participation. Any student that arrives to class after their name has been called for attendance will need to see the instructor *after* class is over to receive credit for attendance. Notifications of attendance later than the immediate end of the class are not acceptable. Students who arrive to class after their name has been called for attendance will only receive half credit for attendance. In order to encourage students to stay until the end of class, attendance may be taken at the end of class. ***Any student that arrives to class after their name has been called for attendance and leaves before class is dismissed, will not receive credit for attendance, even if the student informs the instructor that they are leaving early. Students that arrive to class more than fifteen minutes after the start of class will not receive credit for attendance.***

This is a hybrid course. In classroom time will be used for current chapter lectures and exams. In addition to the usually activities (i.e., assigned textbook reading and study), outside of classroom time will include completing homework and quizzes in WebAssign.

While lecture notes may be provided, the lectures may include additional explanations by the instructor not included in the lecture notes provided to students. The explanations and demonstrations will be relevant to the subject matter. Therefore, it is incumbent upon students to take notes during the lectures.

Make up and Late Assignment/Exam/Quiz Policy

Students are responsible for checking for assignment due dates and times in WebAssign. Make up of assignments and exams will only be allowed in the case of emergencies or extra-ordinary circumstances such as a medical emergency or an excused official university activity, with documentation to corroborate the emergency or activity. The documentation should be congruous with the type of activity or emergency (e.g., University flyer or location on the TAMUSA website naming you as a participant in the activity, a letter from the doctor or hospital admittance form for a medical emergency with the name of the authorizer clearly printed or typed and phone number, an obituary for a funeral, a police accident or incident report for an accident or incident, tow truck or repair receipt for an auto mechanical failure, etc.).

Make ups must be completed before the next assignment or exam is due. The only exception to making up assignments or exams after the next assignment or exam is due will be for extenuating circumstances related to an emergency, with commensurate documentation for the extension of time.

Unless the student is otherwise incapacitated, it is the responsibility of the student to provide the documentation and notify the instructor of the emergency before the next assignment or exam is due. The student must send the notification to the instructor via e-mail, with the documentation as an attachment to the e-mail. The same rules will apply as in a regular exam or assignment (e.g., length of time, prohibition of use of devices other than a calculator, closed book/note, etc.).

In the event that the student is incapacitated, an immediate family member, legal guardian, or other person legally authorized to speak on the behalf of the student should notify the University and the instructor. If the student is incapacitated, the notification and documentation should be submitted in person to the Department of Accounting and Finance by one of the aforementioned persons. Celebratory occasions (e.g., birthdays, Cinco de Mayo, etc.) or non work related travel are not considered emergencies and missed or late assignments because of celebratory occasions or non work related travel will not be allowed to be made up.

Students are responsible for using technology adequate for completing online assignments (e.g., computer, internet connection, browser). Ethernet Internet connections (with a wire) are more reliable than wireless connections. No additional attempts will be granted for online assessments resulting from technology failures. Students will have as much time as needed to complete homework and quizzes until due. Homework will have 5 attempts. Quizzes will have only one attempt. In order to save your answers if you leave a homework or quiz assignment before completing it, remember to click save before exiting to save your answers. As there will not be any resets for homework or quizzes, be sure not to accidentally submit an online assignment before completion.

Class Conduct and Civility Code

The University respects the rights of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires campus conditions that do not impede their exercise. Campus behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class and the inability of other students to profit from the instructional program, or that interferes with the rights of others will not be tolerated. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior may be subject to disciplinary action. Such incidents will be adjudicated by the Dean of Students under nonacademic procedures.

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. It is the students' responsibility to obtain and be able to use the required materials and software for this class.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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. It is the responsibility of the student to check their TAMUSA email regularly to receive updates on the logistics of the course. The instructor will reply to a student e-mail messages within 2 business days (Monday-Friday).
5. All assignment submissions must be uploaded as instructed 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.

Spring 2026 OMBS 2301 – 901: 16 Week Class 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	Date	Assigned Reading	Classroom Activity	Assignment Due
Week 1	1/21/2026	Chapter 4	Course Intro, Syllabus, Chapter 4 – Checking Accounts	Lecture Only
Week 2	1/28/2026	Chapter 6	Chapter 6 - Percents	Lecture, Chapter 4 Homework & Quiz
Week 3	2/4/2026	Chapter 7	Chapter 7 – Invoices, Trade Discounts, and Cash Discounts	Lecture, Chapter 6 Homework & Quiz
Week 4	2/11/2026	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 – Markups and Markdowns	Lecture, Chapter 7 Homework & Quiz
Week 5	2/18/2026	Chapter 9	Chapter 9 – Payroll	Lecture, Chapter 8 Homework & Quiz
Week 6	2/25/2026	Exam	MIDTERM EXAM – CHAPTERS 4,6,7,8,9	Chapter 9 Homework & Quiz
Week 7	3/4/2026	Chapter 10	Chapter 10 – Simple Interest	Lecture Only
Week 8	3/9 - 3/14	Break	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES	Break
Week 9	3/18/2026	Chapter 10	Chapter 10 – Simple Interest	Lecture Only
Week 10	3/25/2026	Chapter 11	Chapter 11 – Compound interest & Present Value	Lecture, Chapter 10 Homework & Quiz
Week 11	4/1/2026	Chapter 11	Chapter 11 – Compound interest & Present Value	Lecture Only
Week 12	4/8/2026	Chapter 18	Chapter 18 - Taxes	Lecture, Chapter 11 Homework & Quiz
Week 13	4/15/2026	Chapter 18	Chapter 18 - Taxes	Lecture Only
Week 14	4/22/2026	Chapter 21	Chapter 21 – Business Statistics	Lecture, Chapter 18 Homework & Quiz

Week 15	4/29/2026	Chapter 21	Chapter 21 – Business Statistics	Lecture Only
Week 16	5/4/2026	Chapter 21	Chapter 21 – Business Statistics	Lecture, Chapter 21 Homework & Quiz
Week 16	5/6/2026	Exam	FINAL EXAM – CHAPTERS 10,11,18,21	Final Exam

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND RESOURCES

University Email Policy and Course Communications

All correspondence between professors and students must occur via University email accounts. You must have your Jaguar email account ready and working. If it is not working, contact the help desk at helpdesk@tamusa.edu or at 210-784-HELP (4357). If you don't hear back within 48 hours, contact them again. They have many requests during the first part of the semester, so you may need to follow up with them.

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 at the [website](#) or email us at dss@tamusa.edu. 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 academic accommodations with Disability Support Services and their instructors as soon as possible.

Academic Learning Center

All currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio can utilize the Academic Learning Center for subject-area tutoring. 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. Online tutoring is also available for after hours and weekend assistance.

While tutoring hours may change based on tutor schedules and availability, the current tutoring hours for MATH in the ALC are as follows:

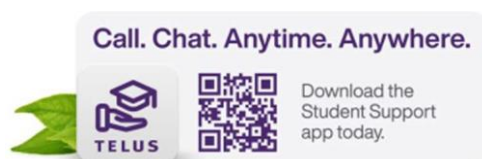
Day of Week	Appointments available	Walk in Tutoring – No appointment needed
MONDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
TUESDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
WEDNESDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
THURSDAY	8 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm
FRIDAY	8 am – 5 pm	11 am – 4 pm

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, visit our website, call 210-784-1331 or visit Madla 120 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

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. *Crisis support is available 24/7/365 by calling the SCC at 210-784-1331 or through the TELUS student support App.*

The TELUS Student Support App provides a variety of mental health resources to including 24/7/365 support for in the moment distress, crisis support, an anonymous peer-to-peer support network, mental health screenings, podcasts, and articles to improve your mental wellbeing.



Emergency Preparedness

JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio's mass notification system. 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](#). Download the SafeZone App (<https://safezoneapp.com/>) for emergencies or call (210) 784-1911. Non-Emergency (210) 784-1900.

Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance

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. Faculty will provide the Office of Financial Aid with an electronic

notification if a student has not attended by the published Census Date (the first week of class). Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend prior to the published Census Date (the first week of class) will have their aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester may also need to return a portion of their federal aid.

Jaguar Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center (WLDCC)

The Jaguar Writing Center provides writing support to graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges as well as faculty and staff. Writing 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. The Writing Center offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. Students can schedule appointments with the Writing Center in JagWire under the Student Services tab. Click on “Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center” to make your appointment.

Students wanting to work in realtime with a tutor can schedule an “Online Appointment.” Students wishing to receive asynchronous, written feedback from a tutor can schedule an “eTutoring” appointment. More information about what services we offer, how to make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our [website](#) . The Writing Center can also be reached by emailing writingcenter@tamusa.edu.

Meeting Basic Needs

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 report](#) for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to direct you to available resources. A food pantry is available on campus; click [here](#) for hours and contact information.

Military Affairs

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 wide variety 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 coursework 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.

The Six-Drop Rule

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 on our campus and within our state, nation, and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees are to 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, or pregnancy/parenting status. Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the University's Civil Rights Officer at 210-784-2061 or titleix@tamusa.edu.

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 discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking based on sex, 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 sex-based 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. Young Jaguars can support parenting students with daycare if students meet this criteria: (1) must be enrolled in classes at Texas A&M-San Antonio in the current semester, (2) must be Pell eligible or a single parent, (3) child(ren)

must be aged 3 to 12-years-old, and (4) child(ren) must be enrolled in Pre-K-3 through 6th grade. For more information, please contact Young Jaguars at youngjaguars@tamusa.edu or call (210) 784-2636.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

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.
2. 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, 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, [Student Code of Conduct](#), 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, 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](#) or visit the resources available in the [OSRR website](#)

Important Spring 2026 Dates:

Dates	Event
January 13	Tuition & Fee Payments deadline
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. – No Classes
January 20	First day of class
February 4	Census date
March 23-March 6	Midterm grading period
March 9-March 14	Spring Break
April 3	Study Day – No classes
April 17	Last day to drop with an automatic “W”
May 1	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University
May 4	Last day of classes
May 5	Study Day – No classes
May 6-May 12	Final exams
May 19	Commencement

The complete [academic calendar](#) is available online

SPRING 2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	EVENT
October 27	Monday	Registration opens
December 24 to January 2	Wednesday to Friday	Winter Break
January 13	Tuesday	Tuition & fee payment deadline
January 16	Friday	Last day for students withdrawing to receive 100% refund (0% responsibility) for tuition
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No classes
January 20	Tuesday	First class day
January 27	Tuesday	Last day to register
February 4	Wednesday	Census Date
February 5	Thursday	Drop for non-payment
February 23 to March 6	Monday to Friday	Midterm grading period
March 9 to March 14	Monday to Saturday	Spring Break
April 3	Friday	Study day - No classes
April 17	Friday	Last day to drop with an automatic grade of "W"
May 1	Friday	Last day to withdraw from the university
May 4	Monday	Last day of scheduled classes for weekday classes
May 5	Tuesday	Study day - No classes
May 6 to May 12	Wednesday to Tuesday	Final examinations
May 12	Tuesday	End of term

May 15	Friday	All grades due by noon
May 18	Monday	Grades available in JagWire
May 19	Tuesday	Commencement

The complete academic calendar is available online: <https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/academic-calendar/index.html>