

# Departmental Master/Sample Syllabus: French 1411

**AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FRENCH 1 1411 [Insert semester and year.]**

## **Course**

French 1 1411 [Insert section number, synonym, campus, room number, course meeting days and times]

## **Professor**

[Insert your name, office campus and room number, office phone number or Voice Box for adjunct instructors, office hours and location, ACC e-mail address, and information on how to make an appointment and other avenues for contacting professor as appropriate, such as through *Blackboard* ] Note: *As a general rule, instructors should avoid interacting with students through social media or providing personal phone numbers.*]

## **Course description**

**Credit Hours: 4**

**Classroom Contact Hours per week: 4**

**Laboratory Contact Hours per week: 0**

Study of fundamentals of French: conversation, basic writing, listening and reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture.

This is a beginning level course. In this course you will learn to read, write, speak, and understand French at a novice level, and will increase your knowledge of the culture of French-speaking regions around the world. There is no prerequisite for this course.

## **Course Rationale**

In addition to offering the fundamentals of the French language, this course is intended to fulfill one semester of the World Languages requirement as needed for Associate Degree plans and transfer credit to four-year institutions. The number of courses required varies from discipline and institution.

## **Credit by Examination/High School Language Credit**

If you are not sure if this course is the correct level for you, please talk to your professor. You can earn college credit without taking this course by exploring all your options. You could easily be placed in the appropriate level, which could save you time and money. You can earn credit for this course with the following:

High School AP or IB scores

Course Challenge Exams (ACCs in house exams for all languages)

The CLEP National Exam (French, German, and Spanish only)

Please be aware that there is not a financial penalty incurred for a level change at ACC. Please visit our departmental website for more information or talk to your professor:

<http://sites.austincc.edu/foia/credit-by-exam/>

### **General Education Student Learning Outcomes**

Students will demonstrate competence in:

— **Critical Thinking**

Gather, analyze, synthesize, evaluate and apply information for the purposes of innovation, inquiry, and creative thinking.

— **Teamwork**

Consider different points of view to work collaboratively and effectively in pursuit of a shared purpose or goal.

— **Social Responsibility**

Analyze differences and commonalities among peoples, ideas, aesthetic traditions, and cultural practices to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

— **Personal Responsibility**

Identify and apply ethical principles and practices to decision-making by connecting choices, actions and consequences

— **Communication Skills**

Develop, interpret, and express ideas and information through written, oral and visual communication that is adapted to purpose, structure, audience, and medium.

### **Course Outcomes**

The main objective of this course is to develop competencies that align with the general education goals of critical thinking, interpersonal skills, civic and cultural awareness, personal responsibility, and written, oral and visual communication, in the French language, at an appropriate level. The ability to understand and communicate and comprehend French will develop along with the knowledge of the vocabulary, grammatical structures of the language, and exploration of how culture shapes communication. Two to three hours a day should be dedicated for the study of French (at least two hours outside of class for each hour in class).

At the end of French 1411, students should be able to do the following:

#### **CRITICAL THINKING:**

- utilize context, cognates, and related familiar words to understand written passages.
- determine what information is important when reading or listening for the gist or for specific information.
- utilize brainstorming and appropriate sequencing and visualization techniques to organize their writing.
- utilize language creatively to talk about familiar topics.

- compare and contrast aspects of French society and discuss some advantages and disadvantages of each.

#### TEAMWORK (Interpersonal Skills):

- interview classmates and tell information about them.
- create dialogues with partners talking about their daily lives and other topics related to them.
- help one another with areas of difficulty.
- brainstorm in groups to organize tasks.
- share resources related to common interests.

#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Civic and Cultural Awareness):

- compare customs when meeting and greeting people and explain how differences can lead to misunderstandings.
- utilize formal and informal speech correctly.
- compare and contrast aspects of French society with their own, and discuss advantages and disadvantages of each.
- compare values related to daily life.
- name countries where French is spoken and contrast differences between them.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- show time management skills by successfully completing tasks on time.
- demonstrate effective study habits for language learning.
- state how learning French will be useful to them and improve their lives.
- name aspects of French language and culture of personal interest.

#### COMMUNICATION (Written, Oral and Visual Communication):

- utilize context, cognates, and related familiar words to understand unfamiliar material in written passages.
- determine what information is important when reading or listening for the gist or for specific information.
- utilize brainstorming, appropriate sequencing, and visualization techniques to organize their writing.
- exhibit conceptual understanding and control of courtesy expressions .
- interpret and express ideas in the present tense on familiar topics through written, oral, and visual communication.

### **Discipline-Level Learning Outcomes for French**

At the end of the fourth semester of French, students should be able to:

#### CRITICAL THINKING:

- utilize a variety of reading or listening strategies for comprehension.

- draw inferences from information that has been presented.
- synopsise and synthesize the information from passages heard or read.
- utilize language creatively to make it relevant their lives.
- make comparisons and find contrasts among the different Francophone cultures and their own and explain different values.
- mention implications and applications of information they have read or heard.

#### TEAMWORK (Interpersonal Skills):

- complete a variety of language-based activities working in pairs and small groups.
- demonstrate the ability to negotiate meaning to complete language-based activities.
- demonstrate the ability to work in groups to achieve a common goal.
- demonstrate the ability to consider different points of view and work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Civic and Cultural Awareness):

- compare and contrast different perspectives on cultural issues, customs, and traditions after reading or listening to passages in the French language.
- demonstrate some intercultural competence by correctly using formal and informal speech, changing registers as needed, and using gestures.
- mention some differences among the French-speaking countries.
- show awareness of current events in French-speaking regions and analyze their implications.
- state ways that studying French-speaking societies can help understand and improve their own society.
- explain the importance of knowledge of French culture for relationships between individuals, businesses, or nations.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- demonstrate effective language learning strategies.
- state how learning French will be useful to them and improve their lives.
- name and investigate aspects of French language and culture of personal interest.
- explain the value of learning about other people and respecting cultural differences.
- make appropriate decisions when interacting with people from different cultures.

#### COMMUNICATION (Written, Oral and Visual Communication):

- show effective written and spoken communication in French at the appropriate level using a variety of strategies and adopting the appropriate type of speech.
- use listening strategies such as listening for the main idea and for specific details and asking for clarification.
- exhibit conceptual understanding and control of courtesy expressions and appropriate kinesics when speaking in French
- interpret and express ideas through written, oral and visual communication

## **Textbook and materials**

You will need technology access, including microphone / recording capabilities, to complete your assignments for this course. If you don't have it yourself, you can use the computers in the Learning Labs or Computer Labs at ACC during the hours they are open.

### **Textbook and Materials:**

Either:

Horizons 7<sup>e</sup> (Manley, Smith, McMinn-Reyna, Prévost, *Cengage publishing company*)

Inclusive Access (Unless you opted out, you purchased access to the online materials when you paid your tuition and fees.)

[*Instructors may require the print upgrade or make it optional.*] Print upgrade (ISBN 9780357092842). This is a loose-leaf hardcopy of the print textbook available to students with Inclusive Access at ACC bookstores for \$46.95.

Or:

Horizons 7<sup>e</sup> (Manley, Smith, McMinn-Reyna, Prévost, *Cengage publishing company*) Loose leaf with Mindtap 4-semester access (ISBN 9781337807593) This is for students who opt out on Inclusive access.

If you opted out and purchased an access code for the online materials, be careful not to lose it. You will need it to register for the materials for FREN 1412 and FREN 2311.

For more information on inclusive access for the online materials *Cengage Unlimited*, go to: <https://www.cengage.com/student-training/mindtap/blackboard/ia-yes>

### **Registering for materials in *Blackboard***

Follow these instructions to register for the class online in Mindtap,

- Log into Blackboard and click the link for our French 1411 course.
- Select the content area for Horizons Online Textbook and click on the course link with the Cengage icon.
- If you already have a Cengage user name and password, use them to login. Otherwise create them and follow the directions online to complete the registration.

**Instructional Methodology** [You may adapt this section, but it must stipulate whether the class is lecture, online, hybrid, or hyflex. Select the appropriate option for your class. For online or hybrid classes, also add information about required equipment and software access.]

[For face-to-face lecture classes.]

In this course you will learn new grammatical structures and vocabulary to talk about the workplace, the arts, and current events, but there will also be a cyclical review of grammatical structures from previous French courses that are useful for everyday communication. Students' ability to understand and communicate in French will be enhanced as a result of the constant practice of the targeted grammatical structures and the acquisition of new vocabulary. During class, the component of listening and speaking will be emphasized. Students are expected to come to class well prepared so that they can participate in the discussions. Students will be required to work in pairs and small groups. Active participation in the discussion groups is

essential for the success of the class. The reading and writing component of the class will be mainly practiced at home. The SAM (Student Activities Manual) and reading/writing assignments will be helpful to continue developing these two skills.

[For online classes.] In this online format class, our primary objective is to learn to communicate in French. We will study vocabulary words and grammar rules with this end in mind. We will practice developing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

*[Please insert information about specific equipment/software requirements of your online class.]*

**Distance education:** *Advise students, many of whom may be new to distance learning, about the differences between online and traditional face-to-face learning. In particular, advise students of the time management and study skills required to be a successful online student. Encourage students new to distance education to review the ACC Distance Education General Information available at <https://online.austincc.edu/faq/> Likewise, use of the college approved learning management system should be clearly stated for hybrid and online courses. Some suggested wording might be: “Students will use the Blackboard learning management system for assignment instructions, submitting assignments, and collaboration.”] Although we do not meet as a class on campus, you will be required to complete work according to a schedule.*

[For hybrid classes.] In this hybrid format class, our primary objective is to learn to communicate in French. We will study vocabulary words and grammar rules with this end in mind. We will practice developing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. In the hybrid format, we meet a reduced amount of time as a class on campus, and you will be required to complete the majority of the work online. *[Please insert information about about specific equipment/software requirements of your online class.]*

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[For hyflex classes] This a HyFlex class, which is delivered in this classroom and via Zoom at the same time. That means you may attend in person or join us online. You may come in person one day and attend online the next. Online participants are expected to ask and answer questions just like those who are in the classroom. Our primary objective is to learn to communicate in French. We will study vocabulary words and grammar rules with this end in mind. We will practice developing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. *[Please insert information about about specific equipment/software requirements of your online class. Advise students, many of whom may be new to distance learning, about the differences between online and traditional face-to-face learning. In particular, advise students of the time management and study skills required to be a successful online student. Encourage students new to distance education to review the ACC Distance Education*

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## Student Technology Support

Austin Community College provides free, secure drive-up WiFi to students and employees in the parking lots of all campus locations. WiFi can be accessed seven days a week, 7 am to 11 pm. Additional details are available at <https://www.austincc.edu/sts>.

Students who do not have the necessary technology to complete their ACC courses can request to borrow devices from Student Technology Services. Available devices include iPads, webcams, headsets, calculators, etc. Students must be registered for a credit course, Adult Education, or Continuing Education course to be eligible. For more information, including how to request a device, visit <http://www.austincc.edu/sts>.

Student Technology Services offers phone, live-chat, and email-based technical support for students and can provide support on topics such as password resets, accessing or using Blackboard, access to technology, etc. To view hours of operation and ways to request support, visit <http://www.austincc.edu/sts>.

## Grading

Note to instructors: This entire section on grading is a sample. You may create your own grading policies. This section must state the number of exams. There must be at least 4 exams besides the final and oral exams and the online student activities must count at least 10%. The final exam must be comprehensive.

Grades are determined as shown:

HOMEWORK, QUIZZES, AND CULTURE PRESENTATION	25%	A = 90-100
WRITTEN EXAMS	40%	B = 80-89
ORAL EXAMS	15%	C = 70-79
FINAL EXAM	20%	D = 60-69
		F = below 60

- DAILY GRADES will be made up of a daily quiz and / or homework. There will be a quiz almost every class. Quizzes are based on the material from the previous class and the homework assignment. **There are no make-ups for daily quizzes under any circumstances**, but you lowest two quiz grades will be dropped. You will submit online homework assignments for almost every class. You will find your assignments and due dates on the Mindtap site. Assignments not completed on the due date may be submitted for late credit of \_\_%, as long as they are completed prior to the date of the exam over the material being practiced.

- There will be four chapter exams, one after each chapter. **Make-ups and retests are not usually permitted**. To qualify for a make-up, you must contact the professor prior to the exam time and supply written proof of emergency. IF a make-up exam is granted for anything other than a verifiable emergency, 10 points will be deducted from the exam grade.
- There will be periodic ORAL EXAMS.
- There will be a cumulative FINAL EXAM covering the most important parts of the class. It may not be taken late or early.

## Tentative Schedule of Work

[In French 1411, you must cover the first four chapters (**Chapitre préliminaire, Chapitre 1, Chapitre 2, Chapitre 3**) plus the conjugation of the verb **aller**.)]

[Include the following statement with the schedule of work.] Please note that schedule changes may occur during the semester. Any changes will be announced in class and posted as a Blackboard Announcement [Blackboard may be changed to another resource you are using to communicate].

Day 1: Introduction au cours; Introduction au Chapitre préliminaire; *Bienvenue au monde francophone*; Chapitre préliminaire, Compétence 1

Day 2: Chapitre préliminaire, Compétence 2

Day 3: Chapitre préliminaire, Compétence 3

Day 4: Chapitre préliminaire, Compétence 4; Comparaisons culturelles: *L'heure officielle*

Day 5: Révision

Day 6: Examen 1 (Chapitre préliminaire)

Day 7: Introduction au Chapitre 1; *La France et ses régions*; Chapitre 1, Compétence 1

Day 8: Chapitre 1, Compétence 2

Day 9: Chapitre 1, Compétence 3

Day 10: Chapitre 1, Compétence 4

Day 11: Lecture: *L'accent grave*, Comparaisons culturelles: *Les études*; Révision du Chapitre 1

Day 12: Examen 2 (Chapitre 1)

Day 13: Introduction au Chapitre 2; *Nice*; Chapitre 2, Compétence 1

Day 14: Chapitre 2, Compétence 2

Day 15: Chapitre 2, Compétence 3

Day 16: Chapitre 2, Compétence 4

Day 17: Conjugation of **aller** (You may use the some of the activities from Chapitre 4, Compétence 2. You can also teach this at the end of Chapitre 3 if you prefer.)

Day 18: Lecture *Au Vieux Port de Nice*; Comparaisons culturelles: *Les cafés en France*; Culture presentations

Day 19: Révision

Day 20: Examen 3 (Chapitre 2)

Day 21: Introduction au Chapitre 3; *En Amérique: Au Québec*; Chapitre 3, Compétence 1

Day 22: Chapitre 3, Compétence 2

Day 23: Chapitre 3, Compétence 3

Day 24: Chapitre 3, Compétence 4

Day 25: Lecture: *Les couleurs et leurs effets sur la nature humaine*; Comparaisons culturelles: *Le Québec d'aujourd'hui*; Culture presentations

Day 26: Révision

Day 27: Examen 4

Day 28: Révision

Day 29: Révision

Day 30: Examen oral

Day 31: Examen final

## **Course Policies** (Instructors may add additional policies)

***Attendance / Participation*** *[For online classes, instructors must state whether the class is synchronous or asynchronous. For synchronous online classes, your attendance policy may be the same as the following one for classes on campus with an additional statement at the beginning such as: This is a synchronous online class with regular required class meetings.]*

By College policy, regular and punctual class attendance is expected of all students. If attendance or compliance with other course policies is unsatisfactory, the instructor may withdraw students from the class. Due to the emphasis on oral practice, attendance is mandatory and will be checked daily. Departmental policy allows instructors to drop students with more than **three** absences. Leaving class prior to class dismissal without the instructor's approval will be counted as an absence. Language classes are very interactive and you will be required to participate regularly in class and group activities. Failure to participate will result in a lower daily grade for participation.

In the event the college or campus closes due to unforeseen circumstances (for example, severe weather or other emergency), the student is responsible for communicating with their professor during the closure and completing any assignments or other activities designated by their professor as a result of class sessions being missed.

*[For online classes, change the preceding statement as needed. You must state whether the class is synchronous or asynchronous. Here is an example for asynchronous classes.]* Although this class is asynchronous, and does not have regular class meetings, timely class participation in pair/group assignments and completion of work is expected of all students. If compliance with other course policies is unsatisfactory, the instructor may withdraw students from the class. *[You can change this last sentence to say more specifically after how many missed assignments in a row / quizzes / exams a student may be dropped.]*

### ***Withdrawals***

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that his or her name is removed from the rolls should they decide to withdraw from the class. The instructor does, however, reserve the right to drop a student should he or she feel it is necessary. If a student decides to withdraw, he or she should also verify that the withdrawal is recorded before the Final Withdrawal Date. **The Final Withdrawal Date for this semester is [insert date here].** The student is also strongly encouraged to keep any paperwork in case a problem arises.

Students are responsible for understanding the impact that withdrawal from a course may have on their financial aid, veterans' benefits, and international student status. Per state law, students enrolling for the first time in Fall 2007 or later at any public Texas college or university may not withdraw (receive a W) from more than six courses during their undergraduate college education. Some exemptions for good cause could allow a student to withdraw from a course without having it count toward this limit. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor when making decisions about course selection, course loads, and course withdrawals.

### ***Missed or late work***

*(Instructors should insert their policies on missed or late work here. For online classes specify how many missed assignments will put students at risk of being dropped.)*

### ***Incompletes***

If there is a documented extenuating circumstance after the last day to withdraw, then you may be eligible for an incomplete. The student must be in good standing and have a C or higher. The student must consult with the instructor and the final decision will be at the instructor's discretion.

1. Prior to the end of the semester in which the I is to be awarded, the student must meet with the instructor to determine the assignments and exams that must be completed prior to the deadline date. This meeting can occur virtually or in person. The instructor should complete the Report of Incomplete Grade form.
2. The faculty member will complete the form, including all requirements to complete the course and the due date, sign (by typing in name) and then email it to the student. The student will then complete his/her section, sign (by typing in name), and return the completed form to the faculty member to complete the agreement. A copy of the fully completed form can then be emailed by the faculty member to the student and the department chair for each grade of Incomplete that the faculty member submits at the end of the semester.
3. The student must complete all remaining work by the date specified on the form above. This date is determined by the instructor in collaboration with the student, but it may not be later than the final withdrawal deadline in the subsequent long semester.
4. Students will retain access to the course Blackboard page through the subsequent semester in order to submit work and complete the course. Students will be able to log on to Blackboard and have access to the course section materials, assignments, and grades from the course and semester in which the Incomplete was awarded.
5. When the student completes the required work by the Incomplete deadline, the instructor will submit an electronic Grade Change Form to change the student's performance grade from an "I" to the earned grade of A, B, C, D, or F.  
If an Incomplete is not resolved by the deadline, the grade automatically converts to an "F."  
Approval to carry an Incomplete for longer than the following semester or session deadline is not frequently granted.

### ***Copyright violations***

By college policy, there shall be no copying of or from copyrighted works intended to be "consumable" in the course of study or of teaching. These include workbooks, exercises, standardized tests and test booklets and answer sheets and like consumable material. Copying shall not substitute for the purchase of books, publishers' reprints or periodicals.

## ***Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy***

This policy outlines the rules and expectations for the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) tools in this course. This course is designed to help students develop their language proficiency through personal effort, practice, and engagement with course materials. In order to preserve academic integrity and support authentic language acquisition, the use of GAI tools is not permitted for use in drafting, editing, translating, or completing any coursework unless specified otherwise by the instructor. All assessments—including written assignments, class exercises, quizzes, and exams—must be completed using your own original language skills. The use of GAI in these assessments constitutes academic dishonesty. Submissions will be evaluated for evidence of authentic language production, and suspicious patterns may be subject to further review. Instructors may check whether students using vocabulary and grammar beyond the level of the course understand their use.

Generative Artificial Intelligence refers to any software or application capable of producing human-like text, translations, or corrections based on prompts or inputs. This includes, but is not limited to:

- AI language models (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Bing Copilot, Gemini)
- Machine translation tools (e.g., Google Translate, DeepL, Reverso)
- Browser translation features (such as in Chrome, Safari, Firefox and others)
- AI writing assistants or rewording tools (e.g., Grammarly, QuillBot, Wordtune)

Students are expected to use their textbook, course notes and handouts, dictionaries, or other reference materials to complete assignments.

Violation of this policy is considered a breach of academic integrity and may result in the following consequences:

- A grade of zero on the affected assignment or assessment
- A formal academic misconduct report filed with the College or university
- Failure of the course and additional institutional disciplinary action

Repeat violations may result in more serious penalties as determined by institutional policy.

Exceptions to this policy may be made only with prior documented approval from the instructor. Exceptions may include approved accommodations through [Student Accessibility Services](#) or explicit instructor-approved use of GAI for specific tasks (e.g., comparing machine translation with human translation as part of a guided activity).

If you have any questions about what constitutes appropriate or inappropriate use of GAI, or about potential breaches of course policies, please consult your professor for clarification.

## ***College Policies***

**Instructors do not need to include the following college policies on syllabi if they include the following reference to them on Blackboard:**

All College Policies must be followed in this class. Please review them by clicking on the *College Policies and Student Support Services* link in the menu for this class in Blackboard.

***If you include the following policies on your syllabus, the wording should not be changed.***

## ***Health & Safety Protocols***

ACC encourages staff, faculty, and students to be mindful of the well-being of all individuals on campus. If you feel sick, feverish, or unwell, please do not come to campus.

Some important things to remember:

- ACC encourages all students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are now widely available throughout the community. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a vaccine location near you.
- The college's [Appian Health Screening App](https://sites.austincc.edu/coronavirus/acc-health-screening-app/) remains available to all visitors at <https://sites.austincc.edu/coronavirus/acc-health-screening-app/>. This is a good way to check your health before coming to class or work.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible before returning to an ACC facility.
- Face masks on campus are welcome, but not required. Face masks remain a good way to protect yourself from COVID-19.
- Continue to respect the personal space of others. ACC encourages 3 feet of social distancing.
- Carry your student, faculty, or staff ID badge at all times while on campus.

Visit

<https://offices.austincc.edu/institutional-effectiveness-and-grant-development/master-syllabi-college-policies/> for the latest updates and guidance.

## **Statement on Academic Integrity**

Austin Community College values academic integrity in the educational process. Acts of academic dishonesty/misconduct undermine the learning process, present a disadvantage to students who earn credit honestly, and subvert the academic mission of the institution. The potential consequences of fraudulent credentials raise additional concerns for individuals and communities beyond campus who rely on institutions of higher learning to certify students' academic achievements, and expect to benefit from the claimed knowledge and skills of their graduates. Students must follow all instructions given by faculty or designated college representatives when taking examinations, placement assessments, tests, quizzes, and evaluations. Actions constituting scholastic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, collusion, falsifying documents, or the inappropriate use of the college's information technology resources. Further information is available at <https://www.austincc.edu/about-acc/academic-integrity-and-disciplinary-process>

*Any course specific policies, expectations, or procedures could be included here.*

## **Student Rights & Responsibilities**

Students at ACC have the same rights and protections under the Constitution of the United States. These rights include freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, petition and association. As members of the community, students have the right to express their own views, but must also take responsibility for according the same rights to others and not interfere or disrupt the learning environment. Students are entitled to fair treatment, are expected to act consistently with the values of the college, and obey local, state, and federal laws. [www.austincc.edu/srr](http://www.austincc.edu/srr)

As a student of Austin Community College you are expected to abide by the Student Standards of Conduct.

## **Senate Bill 212 and Title IX Reporting Requirements**

Under Senate Bill 212 (SB 212), the faculty and all College employees are required to report any information concerning incidents of **sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking** committed by or against an ACC student or employee. Federal Title IX law and College policy also require reporting incidents of **sex- and gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct. This means faculty and non-counseling staff cannot keep confidential information about any such incidents that you share with them.**

If you would like to talk with someone confidentially, please contact the District Clinical Counseling Team who can connect you with a clinical counselor on any ACC campus: (512) 223-2616, or to schedule online: <https://www.austincc.edu/students/counseling> . While students are not required to report, they are encouraged to contact the Compliance Office for resources and options: Charlene Buckley, District Title IX Officer, (512) 223-7964; [compliance@austincc.edu](mailto:compliance@austincc.edu) .

If a student makes a report to a faculty member, the faculty member will contact the District Title IX Officer for follow-up.

## **Student Complaints**

A defined process applies to complaints about an instructor or other college employee. You are encouraged to discuss concerns and complaints with college personnel and should expect a timely and appropriate response. When possible, students should first address their concerns through informal conferences with those immediately involved; formal due process is available when informal resolution cannot be achieved.

Student complaints may include (but are not limited to) issues regarding classroom instruction, college services and offices on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or disability.

Further information about the complaints process, including the form used to submit complaints, is available at:

<http://www.austincc.edu/students/students-rights-and-responsibilities/student-complaint-procedures>

### **Statement on Privacy**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects confidentiality of students' educational records. Grades cannot be provided by faculty over the phone, by e-mail, or to a fellow student.

*Class grades should be posted in Blackboard, and this could be mentioned here.*

### **Recording Policy**

To ensure compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), student recording of class lectures or other activities is generally prohibited without the explicit written permission of the instructor and notification of other students enrolled in the class section. Exceptions are made for approved accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Recording of lectures and other class activities may be made by faculty to facilitate instruction, especially for classes taught remotely through BlackBoard Collaborate or another platform. Participation in such activities implies consent for the student to be recorded during the instructional activity. Such recordings are intended for educational and academic purposes only.

### **Safety Statement**

Health and safety are of paramount importance in classrooms, laboratories, and field activities. Students are expected to learn and comply with ACC environmental, health and safety procedures and agree to follow ACC safety policies. Emergency Procedures posters and Campus Safety Plans are posted in each classroom and should be reviewed at the beginning of each semester. All incidents (injuries/illness/fire/property damage/near miss) should be immediately reported to the course instructor. Additional information about safety procedures and how to sign up to be notified in case of an emergency can be found at <http://www.austincc.edu/emergency>

Everyone is expected to conduct themselves professionally with respect and courtesy to all. Anyone who thoughtlessly or intentionally jeopardizes the health or safety of another individual may be immediately dismissed from the day's activity and will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for disciplinary action.

In the event of disruption of normal classroom activities due to an emergency situation or an illness outbreak, the format for this course may be modified to enable completion of the course. In that event, students will be provided an addendum to the class syllabus that will supersede the original version.

## **Campus Carry**

The Austin Community College District concealed handgun policy ensures compliance with Section 411.2031 of the Texas Government Code (also known as the Campus Carry Law), while maintaining ACC's commitment to provide a safe environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Beginning August 1, 2017, individuals who are licensed to carry (LTC) may do so on campus premises except in locations and at activities prohibited by state or federal law, or the college's concealed handgun policy.

It is the responsibility of license holders to conceal their handguns at all times. Persons who see a handgun on campus are asked to contact the ACC Police Department by dialing 512-223-1231.

Please refer to the concealed handgun policy online at <http://austincc.edu/campuscarry>

## **Discrimination Prohibited**

The College seeks to maintain an educational environment free from any form of discrimination or harassment including but not limited to discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

Faculty at the College are required to report concerns regarding sexual misconduct (including all forms of sexual harassment and sex and gender-based discrimination) to the Manager of Title IX/Title VI/ADA Compliance. Licensed clinical counselors are available across the District and serve as confidential resources for students.

Additional information about Title VI, Title IX, and ADA compliance can be found in the ACC Compliance Resource Guide available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o55xINAWNvTYgI-fs-JbDyuaMFDNvAjz/view>

## **Use of ACC email**

All College e-mail communication to students will be sent solely to the student's ACCmail account, with the expectation that such communications will be read in a timely fashion. ACC will send important information and will notify students of any college-related emergencies using this account. Students should only expect to receive email communication from their instructor using this account. Likewise, students should use their ACCmail account when communicating with instructors and staff. Information about ACC email accounts, including instructions for accessing it, are available at:

<http://www.austincc.edu/help/accmail/questions-and-answers>

## **Use of the Testing Center**

For Fall, 2021, the Testing Centers will allow only limited in person testing and testing time will be limited to the standard class time, typically one and one-half hours. Specifically, only the following will be allowed in the Testing Centers:

- Student Accessibility Services (SAS) Testing: All approved SAS testing

- Assessments Tests: Institutionally approved assessment tests (e.g., TSIA or TABE)
- Placement Tests: Placement tests (e.g., ALEKS)
- Make-Up Exams (for students who missed the original test): Make-up testing is available for all lecture courses but will be limited to no more than 25% of students enrolled in each section for each of four tests
- Programs incorporating industry certification exams: Such programs (e.g., Microsoft, Adobe, etc.) may utilize the ACC Business Assessment Center for the industry certification exams (BACT) at HLC or RRC

## **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

The success of our students is paramount, and ACC offers a variety of support services to help, as well as providing numerous opportunities for community engagement and personal growth.

### **Student Support**

ACC strives to provide exemplary support to its students and offers a broad variety of opportunities and services. Information on these campus services and resources is available at <http://www.austincc.edu/students>. A comprehensive array of student support services is available online at:

<https://www.austincc.edu/coronavirus/remote-student-support>

### **Student Accessibility Services**

Austin Community College (ACC) is committed to providing a supportive, accessible, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Each campus offers support services for students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities who need classroom, academic or other accommodations must request them through Student Accessibility Services (SAS).

Students are encouraged to request accommodations when they register for courses or at least three weeks before the start of each semester they are enrolled, otherwise the provision of accommodations may be delayed. Students who have received approval for accommodations from SAS for this course must provide the instructor with the legal document titled “Notice of Approved Accommodations (NAA)” from SAS.

Until the instructor receives the NAA from the student accommodations should not be provided. Once the NAA is received, accommodations must be provided. Accommodations are not retroactive, so it is in the student’s best interest to deliver the NAA on the first day of class.

Please contact [SAS@austincc.edu](mailto:SAS@austincc.edu) for more information.

### **Academic Support**

ACC offers academic support services on all of its campuses. These services, which include online tutoring, academic coaching, and supplemental instruction, are free to enrolled ACC

students. Tutors are available in a variety of subjects ranging from accounting to pharmacology. Students may receive these services on both a drop-in and referral basis.

[An online tutor request can be made here:](#)

<https://de.austincc.edu/bbsupport/online-tutoring-request/>

[Additional tutoring information can be found here:](#)

[austincc.edu/onlinetutoring](https://austincc.edu/onlinetutoring)

## **Library Services**

ACC Library Services will be offering both in-person and extensive online services for Fall 2021, with research and assignment assistance available in-person during limited hours of service. Although all college services are subject to change this fall, plans include ACC students signing up for study space and use of computers at open libraries, extensive online instruction in classes, online reference assistance 24/7 and reference with ACC faculty librarians.

In addition, currently enrolled students, faculty and staff can access Library Services online (also 24/7) via the ACC Library website and by using their ACCeID to access all online materials (ebooks, articles from library databases, and streaming videos). ACC Libraries offer these services in numerous ways such as: "Get Help from a Faculty Librarian: the 24/7 Ask a Librarian chat service," an online form for in-depth research Q and A sessions, one-on-one video appointments, email, and phone (voicemail is monitored regularly).

- Library Website: <http://library.austincc.edu>
- Library Information & Services during COVID-19: <https://researchguides.austincc.edu/LSinfoCOVID19>
- Ask a Librarian 24/7 chat and form: <https://library.austincc.edu/help/ask.php>
- Library Hours of Operation by Location: <https://library.austincc.edu/loc/>
- Email: [library@austincc.edu](mailto:library@austincc.edu)

## **Student Organizations**

ACC has over seventy student organizations, offering a variety of cultural, academic, vocational, and social opportunities. They provide a chance to meet with other students who have the same interests, engage in service-learning, participate in intramural sports, gain valuable field experience related to career goals, and much else. Student Life coordinates many of these activities, and additional information is available at <http://sites.austincc.edu/sl/>.

## **Personal Support**

Resources to support students are available at every campus. To learn more, ask your professor or visit the campus Support Center. All resources and services are free and confidential. Some examples include, among others:

- Food resources including community pantries and bank drives can be found here: <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/food-assistance/get-food-now>

- Assistance with childcare or utility bills is available at any campus Support Center: <http://www.austincc.edu/students/support-center>.
- The Student Emergency Fund can help with unexpected expenses that may cause you to withdraw from one or more classes: <http://www.austincc.edu/SEF>.
- Help with budgeting for college and family life is available through the Student Money Management Office: <http://sites.austincc.edu/money/>.  
A full listing of services for student parents is available at: <https://www.austincc.edu/students/child-care>
- The CARES Act Student Aid will help eligible students pay expenses related to COVID-19: <https://www.austincc.edu/coronavirus/cares-act-student-aid>.

Mental health counseling services are available throughout the ACC Student Services District to address personal and or mental health concerns: <http://www.austincc.edu/students/counseling> .

If you are struggling with a mental health or personal crisis, call one of the following numbers to connect with resources for help. However, if you are afraid that you might hurt yourself or someone else, call 911 immediately.

Free Crisis Hotline Numbers:

- Austin / Travis County 24-hour Crisis & Suicide hotline: **512-472-HELP (4357)**
- The Williamson County 24-hour Crisis hotline: **1-800-841-1255**
- Bastrop County Family Crisis Center hotline: **1-888-311-7755**
- Hays County 24 Hour Crisis Hotline: **1-877-466-0660**
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**
- Crisis Text Line: **Text “home” to 741741**
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
National Helpline: **1-800-662-HELP (4357)**
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Helpline: **1-800-950-NAMI (6264)**

*[Faculty may consider adding a student sign-off page at the end of the syllabus to be removed and handed back to the instructor providing evidence that the student received a copy of the syllabus and had an opportunity to ask questions, but such a page is optional. ]*