

TEXAS A&M **INTERNATIONAL** UNIVERSITY

ANNUAL SECURITY & FIRE SAFETY REPORT

2023

We urge members of the University community to use this report as a guide for safe practices on and off campus.

GENERAL INFORMATIONAL NOTIFICATIONS

Annually, the Office of Public Relations, Marketing and Information Services (PRMIS) sends out various notices including information about the ASFSR (including its availability and where copies may be obtained) and Emergency Preparedness and Planning to the TAMIU community via Uconnect (the University's internal, official communications portal). TAMIU community members can access Uconnect using their Net ID and password.

Copies of the ASFSR can also be obtained from the TAMIU Campus Safety and Planning at the University Police Department Building, 5201 University Boulevard Laredo, TX 78041. You may request to have a copy mailed to you by calling 956.326.3310.

ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT AND DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

Campus Safety and Planning is responsible for preparing and distributing the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR) to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act). The Fire Report section is generated by the Office of Housing & Residence Life. The ASFSR is published every year on or before October 1 and contains three years of selected campus crime statistics and fire statistics, along with certain campus security policy statements in accordance with the Clery Act.

The TAMIU ASFSR is produced with input from various sources such as local law enforcement agencies, Housing and Residence Life, the Division of Student Success, and other campus officials/departments.

Message from the Chief of Police and the Senior Director for Campus Safety and Planning:

Dear TAMIU Community,

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all who call our campus home, whether it be for a few hours, an academic career or lifelong employment. To that end, we present the 2023 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR), covering calendar years 2022, 2021 and 2020.

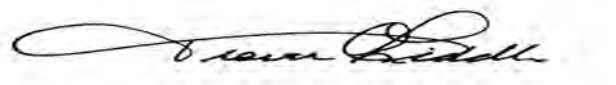
A University-wide collaborative effort directed by the Vice President for Finance and Administration and Campus Safety and Planning, many offices and individuals play a significant role in bringing together the data, policies, and programs that make TAMIU a great place. Our respective offices work together to ensure the safety and security of the TAMIU community from all hazards, including crime. As a unit of the Finance and Administration Division, the TAMIU Police Department (UPD) has primary responsibility for providing security and law enforcement services for the University. Preparation and publication of this Report is the responsibility of Campus Safety and Planning with input and editorial guidance from the Office of University Compliance and other relevant departments.

This Report provides information on safety and security on our campus, and you will find information on University policies, procedures, programs, safety and security tips, fire safety and other material to help you maintain your safety and security. We encourage you to read this information and consider how it might help you and other members of the TAMIU community prevent and protect our campus from crime.

Thank you for taking time to review this important information and for helping make TAMIU a safer community for all. For more information or questions regarding this document, please email clery-compliance@tamiu.edu

Sincerely,


Cordelia G. Pérez
Chief of Police


Trevor C. Liddle
Senior Director & Clery Compliance Officer
Campus Safety and Planning

Policy statements in this Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR) are relevant to all Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) students, faculty, and staff located at TAMIU's main campus in Laredo.

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – LAREDO CAMPUS

Founded in 1970, Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) was formerly named Texas A&I University of Laredo. Texas A&I University of Laredo initially offered only upper-level courses for juniors and seniors. In 1989, the University became a Member of The Texas A&M University System and was renamed Texas A&M International University. In Fall 1995, it expanded to a four-year institution as authorized by the 74th Texas Legislature. Since its beginning, TAMIU has had a proud history of delivering world-class and life-changing education for the border region of South Texas. Our mission, to create leaders who can navigate increasingly complex global environments, is enhanced by Laredo's unique position as the nation's largest inland port. Culturally diverse and international in force, TAMIU is in a powerful position to actively engage our global society from its location at the crossroads of the Americas.



TAMUS-RELLIS ACADEMIC ALLIANCE CAMPUS

Institutions and agencies within the Texas A&M University System and Blinn College are collaborating to provide relevant academic and workforce training programs and conduct state-of-the-art research through the RELLIS Academic Alliance campus (RELLIS). RELLIS is owned and controlled by The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS); through our program agreement with TAMUS, we supplement our Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR) with selected RELLIS information for our RELLIS enrolled students. TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance and Texas A&M University Police Department (A&M PD) are solely responsible for all law enforcement, student conduct, Title IX, VAWA, and programming activities for this campus. RELLIS is located eight miles from Texas A&M University-College Station.

RELLIS policies are distinct from TAMIU and while they may be similar to the Laredo campus, the codes of conduct, policies, practices, and services are fully defined by the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. For additional questions regarding The Texas A&M University System-RELLIS campus, please contact TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance, Academic Complex, Phase 1 Building, Room 106F located at 3100 TX-47, Bryan, TX, 77807 by calling 979-317-3410, or emailing education@RELLIS.TAMUS.EDU

TAMIU first enrolled students and employed staff at RELLIS in Fall 2019.

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NOTIFICATION TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE (HEOA)

The University will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as the result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Public University law enforcement agencies are licensed under Article 51.212 of the Texas Education Code. All police officers employed by a University are fully certified Texas Peace Officers and have statewide arrest authority. Campus Security Officers provide support to our police officers, but do not have arrest authority.

As a matter of practice, PD officers only have enforcement jurisdiction on TAMUS owned property and limited public property immediately adjacent TAMUS property.

BY THE NUMBERS

TAMIU Police Department	
Certified Texas Peace Officers	22
Campus Security Officers	2
Telecommunication Staff	5

Primary Patrol Jurisdiction:

Texas A&M International University -
5201 University Boulevard, Laredo TX 78041

Texas A&M University Police Department	
Certified Texas Peace Officers	81
Campus Security Officers	61
Administrative Support	17

Primary Patrol Jurisdiction:

Texas A&M University - College Station
Main Campus
400 Bizzell Street, College Station, TX 77843

AND

TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance Campus
3100 TX-47, Bryan, TX 77807

Non-Campus Student Groups:

TAMIU nor TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance recognize any non-campus student organization facilities that fall outside of either core campus. Therefore, local PD is not used to monitor and record criminal activity since there are no non-campus locations of student organizations.

Law Enforcement and security services on the TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance campus are provided by the Texas A&M University Police Department (A&M PD).

UPD and A&M PD maintain working relationships with many state and federal agencies on an as-needed basis. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.



The Police Departments of the A&M System protect and serve the System Members by providing professional law enforcement services while actively promoting community involvement through progressive policing strategies and a commitment to education.

Both TAMU University Police Department (UPD) and Texas A&M University Police Department (A&M PD), collectively maintain a staffed PD, Administrative Operations Division, Criminal Investigations Division, and a Patrol Operations Division.

PD provides patrol service by car, bicycle, and foot on a daily basis, 24 hours a day, and as Peace Officers, both Departments' sworn armed police officers have the same authority to detain and arrest as municipal police officers.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS LAREDO CAMPUS

UPD maintains a close working relationship with the Laredo Police Department (LPD), Laredo Fire Department, Laredo Independent School District (LISD), United Independent School District (UISD), Laredo College (LC), Webb County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), and US Homeland Security divisions. UPD has established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with these agencies to facilitate cooperation in the investigation of alleged criminal offenses/activities, enforcement of State and Federal laws, and coordination of additional assistance and resources when necessary. UPD also works closely with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) to help stem the illegal and dangerous use of alcohol by minors. This includes providing information on individuals and businesses who engage in the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS TAMUS-RELLIS ACADEMIC ALLIANCE CAMPUS

A&M PD maintains working relationships with all area law enforcement agencies including the College Station Police Department, Bryan Police Department, Brazos County Sheriff's Office, Blinn College Police Department, and all four Brazos County Constable Offices. These A&M PD working relationships are maintained through a written mutual aid agreement and MOU's specific to RELLIS. These agreements allow for cooperation in the performance of police protection including the investigation of alleged crimes, enforcement of laws, and communication between agencies.

TAMIU is NOT responsible for providing any law enforcement services on the RELLIS campus. TAMIU is NOT a participant in any of the A&M PD negotiated agreements. For additional details regarding law enforcement on the TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance campus, please contact the RELLIS administrative offices, RELLIS Associate Director 979.319.3402, visit the office located in Academic Complex, Phase 1 Building 106F.





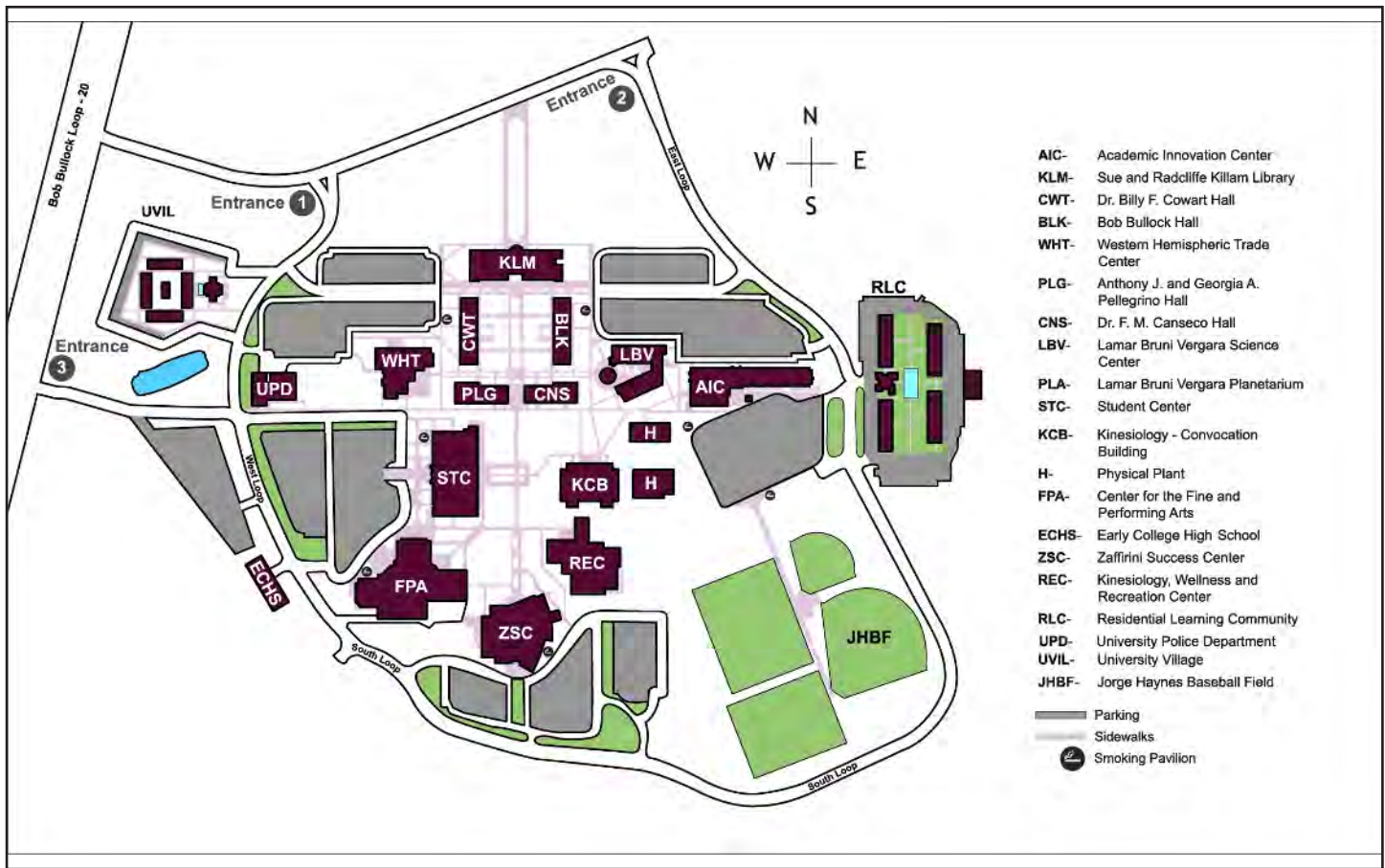


CLERY GEOGRAPHY



ON CAMPUS MAP & PATROL JURISDICTION

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| 1. KLM- Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library | 8. PLA- Lamar Bruni Vergara Planetarium | 15. RLC- Residential Learning Community |
| 2. CWT- Dr. Billy F. Cowart Hall | 9. STC- Student Center | 16. UVIL- University Village |
| 3. BLK- Bob Bullock Hall | 10. KCB- Kinesiology Convocation Building | 17. JHBF- Jorge Haynes Baseball Field |
| 4. WHT- Western Hemispheric Trade Center | 11. H- Physical Plant | 18. UPD- University Police Department |
| 5. PLG- Anthony J. and Georgia A. Pellegrino Hall | 12. FPA- Center for the Fine and Performing Arts | 19. AIC- Academic Innovation Center |
| 6. CNS- Dr. F. M. Canseco Hall | 13. ZSC- Zaffirini Success Center |  On Campus Patrol Jurisdiction |
| 7. LBV- Lamar Bruni Vergara Science Center | 14. REC- Kinesiology, Wellness and Recreation Center |  Reportable Public Property |



LAREDO CAMPUS

On-Campus: Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls; and any building or property that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes.

Note: Statistics for University housing facilities are recorded and included in both the all on-campus category and the on-campus residential only category.

NON-CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY:

Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of or in relation to the institution’s educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution. Residence halls that are located outside the campus boundaries are captured in the Non-Campus category.

TAMIU does not have any property that meets this definition.

PUBLIC PROPERTY:

All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

TAMIU, through our MOU with the TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance, only utilizes academic teaching space in the following building: Academic Complex, Phase 1 and 2 Buildings as assigned by TAMUS-RELLIS. TAMIU does not have any facility operational or administrative control over any other function(s) or service(s) provided to students enrolled on the TAMUS-RELLIS campus.

Annually, TAMIU Campus Safety and Planning requests a copy of the crime statistics published in the TAMUS-RELLIS Annual Security Report for inclusion with our ASFSR to support transparency. TAMIU does not have the authority to review or comment on the data provided by A&M PD.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

It is imperative that all crime and suspicious activity be accurately and promptly reported to campus law enforcement or other appropriate agency. By working together, the University community and the police can reduce crime on campus. Members of the University community may report criminal activities or other emergencies in several different ways. We encourage all campus community members to promptly report all crimes and other emergencies directly to your home campus law enforcement agency.

Students, faculty, staff, community members, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety-related incidents to UPD or Campus Security Authority (CSA) found on page 103, in a timely manner to aid in providing accurate and timely warning notices to the community when appropriate and to ensure inclusion in annual crime statistics. In the event of a serious incident, which may pose an on-going threat to members of the TAMIU or RELLIS community, a

DustyALRT/RELLISAlert is sent to all students and employees on campus.

If you would like to report a crime in person, the Laredo Campus UPD office is located in the University Police Department building at the corner of West Campus Loop and Entrance 3. The RELLIS A&M PD office is located in TEEX LAW Office Building and can be contacted at 979.845.2345. Electronic crime reports can be filed with TAMU PD by emailing upd@tamu.edu.

**Laredo Campus
(Laredo, Texas)
Emergency* Dial 911
Non-Emergency
Campus Telephone: ext. 2100
Non-Campus or Cellular Telephone:
956.326.2100**

**TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance Campus
(Bryan, Texas)
Emergency* Dial 911
Non-Emergency
Campus Telephone: ext. 5-2345
Non-Campus or Cellular Telephone:
979.845.2345**

Crimes should be accurately and promptly reported to PD or the appropriate police agency, when the victim of a crime elects to.



GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING A CRIME OR EMERGENCY TO PD

PD incident reports involving students, with the exception of confidential reports, and reports of sexual violence (including sexual harassment), are shared with the Vice President for Student Engagement, Student Conduct and Community Engagement (SCCE) for the Laredo campus, and the TAMUS-RELLIS Provosts Office for incidents occurring at the TAMUS-RELLIS campus. Additionally, as appropriate, Title IX Office for potential action on the respective campus, as applicable.

When PD receives a report, the responding officer(s) initiate a preliminary investigation. Based on the results of the preliminary investigation and the presence of solvability factors, the investigative division will conduct follow-up investigations.

Additional information obtained via any investigation is also shared with the student conduct officer(s) and Title IX coordinators (as appropriate) as part of the conduct review process. All PD incident reports involving students alleging sexual violence (including sexual harassment) are shared with the appropriate Title IX Office which then coordinates outreach and next steps. Neither PD investigates these reports unless the complainant(s) wishes to file criminal charges.

TO REPORT A CRIME - LAREDO OR TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

In the event anyone has information regarding crimes or emergencies on campus they should immediately notify PD using free on-campus telephones which, are located throughout campus

in classrooms, meeting rooms or with a personal cellular phone or device.

Emergency phones are located on the grounds of our residential facilities. These devices are directly connected to PD dispatchers and only require an individual to push the “Emergency” button to activate and establish the connection to PD. These devices are tested monthly to ensure they are in working order.

TO REPORT A CRIME - INTERCONNECTIVITY

PD is interconnected with municipal operated central communication centers; all callers using 911 are connected first to the municipal communication center and then transferred to PD Communications staff once it is confirmed that the caller is on a campus location.

TO REPORT A CRIME - LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

All crimes should be reported campus PD. Crimes and calls for service reported to local law enforcement for/on either the Laredo or TAMUS-RELLIS campus, in Webb or Brazos counties, are transferred to the appropriate campus PD for resolution. In the event that a crime takes place in an off campus location we encourage you to report that crime to the local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where you are, should you desire. If you are traveling on official University business you should request they contact the appropriate campus PD and upon your return directly report the crime incident to PD for inclusion with our annual statistics.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University's investigation process or the criminal justice system, you may file a confidential report. A PD officer can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing the victim's identity in cases of sexual assault, family violence, and stalking.

The purpose of a confidential report is to maintain confidentiality while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the victim and the University community. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving persons on campus, determine if there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community of potential dangers. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the crime statistics published in this Annual Security Report. When the report involves allegations of sexual harassment (including sexual violence), the information is made available to the appropriate Title IX Coordinator.

PROFESSIONAL AND PASTORAL COUNSELORS

While the PD always requests that all crimes on the campus be reported promptly, we do support professional and pastoral counselor's professional obligations to not disclose or report certain incidents. Should a professional or pastoral counselor determine that police involvement and reporting is needed, the PD will work with the counselor to respond appropriately. For statistical reporting purposes, professional and pastoral counselors may utilize our Confidential Reporting process to ensure that these incidents can be reviewed and included in our annual statistical reports. Under Texas law, there are times when these type of counselors are required to disclose non-identifying client information, regarding acts of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. The University does not require pastoral and professional counselors to notify individuals they are counseling of the option to report crimes on an anonymous or confidential basis for inclusion in the annual statistical disclosure of crime statistics unless the counselors would like to do so. In addition, neither TAMIU nor RELLIS is required to provide a timely warning with respect to crimes reported to pastoral or professional counselors.





NOTIFICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

If there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, TAMIU/TAMUS-RELLIS shall follow its emergency notification procedures. An institution that follows its emergency notification procedures is not required to issue a timely warning based on the same circumstances; however, the institution must provide adequate follow-up information to the community as needed. TAMIU and TAMUS-RELLIS policy is to immediately notify the campus community, via the DustyALRT (RELLIS Alert at RELLIS) Emergency Notification System upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving the immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees on campus.

It is important to note that in some cases law enforcement may need to withhold some facts if releasing the information would compromise an ongoing investigation or the identity of the victim. Victim names are never included in emergency notifications or timely warnings. If a crime or incident of sexual misconduct poses an immediate threat to the campus community, where an emergency notification or a timely warning must be given to protect the health or safety of the larger University community,

RELLIS has its own specific policies and procedures that govern the campus and the students participating in the programs offered on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. TAMIU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these policies and procedures.

TIMELY WARNING

Timely Warning Notices will be distributed as soon as pertinent information is available, in a manner that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and with the goal of aiding in the prevention of similar occurrences. In the event a crime is reported, this type of notification is focused on providing information regarding Clery reportable crimes occurring within the Clery geography of the campus.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Emergency Notifications will be distributed immediately upon confirmation that a dangerous situation or emergency exists or threatens the campus community. Immediately threatening circumstances include the use of force, a weapon, crimes of violence, severe weather, disease outbreak or other circumstances that represent a serious and ongoing threat to TAMIU/TAMUS-RELLIS students, faculty, staff, or visitors.

DETERMINING THE TYPE OF NOTIFICATION & DISTRIBUTION

The Chief or a designee, based on PD campus location, is responsible for reviewing the specifics of each incident to determine if the issuance of and to whom an appropriate notification is required. When it is determined that a notification should be issued, the Chief of Police, his /her designee, a public information officer or other senior campus administrator generally writes them. A PD dispatcher or other designated administrator distributes them to the University community.

****All Timely Warning or Emergency Notifications are written and authorized for distribution by the Chief or a designee.**

TIMELY WARNING

Timely Warning Notices will be distributed as soon as pertinent information is available, in a manner that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and with the goal of aiding in the prevention of similar occurrences.

Timely warnings include information to help the community make informed safety decisions, to prevent future crimes of a similar nature, to provide suspect descriptions (when appropriate) and victim characteristics (when appropriate), and to provide contact information for PD.

A report that is filed more than five days after the date of the alleged incident may negate the need for the PD to post a “timely” warning to the community. While this standard generally holds true, it is important to note that all cases are reviewed individually, and determinations for all aspects of the case are made on its own merits. If, after reviewing a case, it is determined that there is a serious or continuing threat to students and employees, then a timely warning is issued.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Upon confirmation that a significant emergency exists, it is the policy of TAMIU and TAMUS-RELLIS to respond to all threats seriously and implement our Emergency Notification and Management Plan accordingly. Notification will be made without delay and will take into account the safety of the associated campus. PD determines if a significant emergency exists by many methods including but not limited to: location visual confirmation, monitoring life safety systems, monitoring media outlets, communication, and coordination with other law enforcement agencies

METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION

Should a notification be the course of action to be taken, all members of the campus community need to listen to and follow the instructions of emergency personnel. The campus community will be notified by our available communication methods (e.g., DustyALRT/RELLIS Alert which may include sending messages via email, text messages, social media, TAMIU/TAMUS-RELLIS website, etc.). Authorized PD personnel or other authorized employee will issue notification to the campus community and issue another notification when the emergency or threat has passed, if deemed appropriate.







FOLLOW-UP OR STATUS UPDATES

As appropriate, and as soon as possible, and so as not to imperil any on-going investigation, the Chief of Police, his/her designee, or the Incident Commander will evaluate and determine updates to the campus community. Follow-up or updates to an ongoing situation will be distributed by either the assigned public information officer, his/her designee or a UPD Dispatcher via the messaging notification systems or any other approved and appropriate communication method that is most pertinent for the message being communicated. Minimally, notification will be sent via email or text message.

DISTRIBUTION OF MESSAGES

Timely Warnings are normally sent via a mass email.
Emergency Notifications are normally sent via a targeted email.
Messages regarding incidents and any required

updates to the TAMIU/TAMUS-RELLIS community about any particular case may be distributed via mass email or text message, appropriate social media outlets, and/or digital signage. There may also be postings on the TAMIU/TAMUS-RELLIS website.

TAMIU and TAMUS-RELLIS utilize a broad spectrum of platforms and devices as part of their Emergency Notification Systems. Primary to this effort is the DustyALRT/RELLIS Alert Emergency Notification System which can send messages using one or all of the following methods: email, text, social media, the University website, active crawl notifications, and indoor and outdoor public address system on campus.

As determined by the Chief or designee, the campus may implement any or all of the following communication methods: SMS text message, official University email accounts, and official



Facebook and Twitter accounts. The system and its various supplements (notification system and public address system) are only activated to provide official notification of critical emergencies (i.e., situations that pose an imminent threat to the community). If any of these systems fail, or the University deems it appropriate, in person communication may be used to communicate an emergency.

LOCAL/COMMUNITY MEDIA OUTLETS

As appropriate, the office of Public Relations Marketing and Information Services staff may directly reach out to local news media, radio stations, and newspapers, via verified email addresses or phone call, to disseminate emergency information to members of the larger community including neighbors, parents, and other interested parties.

WEBSITE

The larger community may also access emergency information via the TAMIU or TAMUS-RELLIS website and/or social media channels (if available).

www.tamtu.edu

<https://rellis.tamus.edu/AcademicAlliance/>

CAMPUS SECURITY AND ACCESS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Access to campus buildings and facilities, on both the TAMIU and RELLIS campuses varies based on the time of year and events being held. Generally, the campus observes a daily open schedule of Sunday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. During this time period, buildings are open for general circulation by employees, contractors, students,

and the general public. Outside of our general circulation hours, members of the communities may request access to buildings following the established access control policy. Authorized employees may be able to access buildings after hours with their employee ID. Students may be granted access by PD or RELLIS with prior instructor approval.

It is unlawful for any person to trespass on the grounds of any state institution of higher education of this state or to damage or deface any of the buildings, statues, monuments, memorials, trees, shrubs, grasses, or flowers on the grounds of any state institutions of higher education as indicated in Texas Education Code Section 51.204. Texas Penal Code Criminal Trespass Section 30.05 and Criminal Mischief Section 28.03 are State statutes that are similar in nature and are also widely utilized to help support Texas Education Code Section 51.204.

The governing board of a state institution of higher education or its authorized representatives may refuse to allow persons having no legitimate business to enter on property under the board's control, and may remove any person from the property on his or her refusal to leave peaceably on request. Identification may be required of any person on the property. (Texas Education Code Section 51.209).



LAREDO CAMPUS

The TAMIU campus is nestled in rolling ranch lands on the eastern edge of Laredo. Mirroring TAMIU's growth, land in the vicinity of the campus is being developed, and several new residential subdivisions and shopping centers have been built in the last few years. The area immediately surrounding the campus remains largely undeveloped. In keeping with TAMIU's mission of access for all, the campus is public and open during normal business hours. There are no general prohibitions to keep the public from entering campus; however, the UPD does reserve the right to bar individuals considered a threat to the University community. The UPD is sworn to uphold and enforce all City, State and Federal laws. The University has a strong code of conduct for all members and guests of our community, especially as it relates to enforcement of illegal conduct, alcohol and drug use or distribution, and illegal weapons possession or display. The UPD regularly patrols all campus buildings, including residential facilities.

TAMUS-RELLIS ACADEMIC ALLIANCE CAMPUS

TAMUS-RELLIS is located in the Brazos Valley of Texas eight miles from Texas A&M University in College Station. The Texas A&M University System owns and manages all physical facilities and daily operations of the RELLIS Academic Alliance Campus (RELLIS) where TAMIU offers an academic program. There are no general prohibitions to keep the public from entering campus; however, the A&M PD does reserve the right to bar individuals considered a threat to the University community. The A&M PD is sworn to uphold and enforce all City, State and Federal laws. A&M PD regularly patrols all campus buildings and provides a security presence 24 hours per day via sworn and un-sworn personnel.

ACCESS TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND AREAS

Working with our housing manager, Greystar Student Living, housing facilities utilize a multi-layer approach to access. By policy, access and use of the residential facilities is restricted to residents, their approved guests, and other authorized members of the University community. The University's current housing stock includes four residence halls (Residential Learning Community) and a garden-style apartment complex consisting of four, individual buildings (University Village). The Residential Learning Community facility utilizes card swipe technology for buildings and electronic keys for individual rooms. The University Village uses electronic keys to enter through the main door, and regular mechanical keys to enter individual rooms.

There is no student housing provided at RELLIS.

SECURITY OF CAMPUS

Police Officers and Campus Security Officers conduct routine patrols of campus grounds and buildings to evaluate and monitor security-related matters. Officers also respond to calls for service from the campus community and visitors.

SECURITY MAINTENANCE

Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous conditions. PD regularly patrols all campus buildings and reports malfunctioning lights and other unsafe physical conditions to the appropriate facilities management group (physical plant, housekeeping, and/or housing facilities). Other members of the University community should promptly report any maintenance issues, interior or exterior, to facility services staff. Most of our facilities, housekeeping, and housing maintenance staff are provided unique identifying uniforms and/or name badges, enabling University community members to easily identify our facility service teams. Some individuals are not required to wear a uniform or a name badge to complete their daily duties.

CRIME STATISTICS

TAMIU reports the crimes required by the Clery Act that occur on or within the University's Clery Geography that were reported to a CSA, law enforcement agency, and/or the UPD.

The information provided here is intended to provide context for the crime statistics reported as part of compliance with the Clery Act.

Daily Crime Log:

TAMIU: https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/police/Daily_Crime_Log.shtml

RELLIS: <https://rellis.tamus.edu/clery/>

If any member of the TAMIU community or public would like to view the crime or fire logs covering a period of time outside of this 60-day window, they may do so by making such a request at the UPD office or RELLIS Administrative Office. Requests for this information will be processed within two business days.



The statistics in this Report are published in accordance with the standards and guidelines used by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook and relevant federal law. Campus Safety and Planning submits the annual crime statistics published in this Report to the U.S. Department of Education. The statistical information gathered at the federal level is available through the Department of Education's website. In addition, TAMIU produces daily crime logs available for review at any time via the TAMIU website or by clicking on the links on the preceding page.

A written request for statistical information is made annually to external law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction for a covered University event and to Campus Security Authorities (CSA).

DAILY CRIME AND FIRE LOGS

As required by the Clery Act, UPD and A&M PD publishes logs detailing Clery reportable crimes and residential fires each business day. The daily crime and fire log is available to the media, the public, and the campus community free of charge. The daily crime log identifies the nature of the crime, case number, location, date and time of crime, date the crime was reported to UPD or A&M PD, and disposition. The fire log identifies the incident case number, location, nature of fire, the date and time of fire, and the date the fire was reported.

These logs are maintained to minimally cover a 60-day period and may be found on the UPD website by clicking the links on page 26. A printed copy may be viewed by visiting the UPD or RELLIS Administrative Offices.

CLERY REPORTABLE CRIMES

PRIMARY CRIMES (UCR PART 1)

1. Criminal Homicide
 - a. Murder /& Non-Negligent Manslaughter
 - b. Manslaughter by Negligence
2. Sexual Assault (Sex Offenses)
 - a. Rape
 - b. Fondling
 - c. Incest
 - d. Statutory Rape
3. Robbery
4. Aggravated Assault
5. Burglary
6. Motor Vehicle Theft
7. Arson

VAWA CRIMES

1. Domestic Violence
2. Dating Violence
3. Stalking

HATE CRIMES

1. Larceny - Theft
2. Simple Assault
3. Intimidation
4. Destruct/Damage/Vandalism of Property

THE BIASES

Disability
Ethnicity
Gender
Gender Identity
National Origin
Race
Religion
Sexual Orientation

WEAPONS, DRUGS AND LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

1. Weapon Law Violations
2. Drug Abuse Violations
3. Liquor Law Violations

The following definitions come from a variety of sources, including the Department of Education's Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting, and definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are adapted from the amendments made to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019.



PRIMARY CRIMES

1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE

A. MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER:

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

B. MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE:

The killing of another person through gross negligence.

2. SEXUAL ASSAULT: An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system. A sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

A. RAPE: The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. This offense includes the rape of both males and females.

B. FONDLING: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

C. INCEST: Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

D. STATUTORY RAPE: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

3. ROBBERY: The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

4. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

5. BURGLARY: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft; includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking, safecracking, all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

6. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (All cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned—including joy riding are to be classified as motor vehicle thefts).

7. ARSON: Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property, etc.

VAWA CRIMES

1. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by: (1) a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the reporting party; (2) a person with whom the reporting party shares a child in common; (3) a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the reporting party as a spouse or intimate partner; (4) a person similarly situated to a spouse of the reporting party under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or (5) any other person against an adult or youth survivor who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

2. DATING VIOLENCE: An act of violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. For this purpose, the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. Dating violence includes without limitation sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse, but excludes acts covered under the definition of 'domestic violence.'

3. STALKING: Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person, including without limitation by means of following, monitoring, observing, surveilling, threatening, or communicating to or about a person or interfering with a person's property, that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others or suffer significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily require, medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

HATE CRIMES

TAMIU and the RELLIS Academic Alliance strives to foster a safe and healthy learning environment that embodies diversity and inclusion of all members of the combined TAMIU community. The hate crime statistics are separated by category of prejudice. The numbers for most of the specific crime categories are part of the overall statistics reported for each year. The only exceptions to this are the addition of larceny, theft, simple assault, intimidation, and any vandalism. If a hate crime occurs where there is an incident involving intimidation, vandalism, larceny, simple assault, or other bodily injury, the law requires that the

statistic be reported as a hate crime even though there is no requirement to report the crime classification in any other area of the compliance document. Note: A hate-related crime is not a separate, distinct crime, but is the commission of a criminal offense, which was motivated by the offender's bias. For example, a subject assaults a victim, which is a crime. If the facts of the case indicate that the offender was motivated to commit the offense because of his/her bias against the victim's race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, or disability, the assault is then also classified as a hate crime.

ADDITIONAL HATE CRIME DEFINITIONS.

In addition to any of the Part 1 crimes above, the following acts are now reportable as Hate Crimes, when motivated by prejudice on account of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, or disability.

1. LARCENY THEFT: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

2. SIMPLE ASSAULT: An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

3. INTIMIDATION: To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

4. DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY (EXCEPT "ARSON"): To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of the subject's property.

THE BIASES

Any of the aforementioned offenses (except for manslaughter by negligence), and any other crime reported to local police agencies or to a CSA that is a criminal offense and manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim.

DISABILITY: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

ETHNICITY: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people whose members identify with each other, through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including a shared religion) and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry. The concept of ethnicity differs from the closely related term race in that “race” refers to grouping based mostly upon biological criteria, while “ethnicity” also encompasses additional cultural factors.

GENDER: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or a group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender (e.g., male or female).

GENDER IDENTITY: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person (or group of persons) because the person’s internal sense of being male, female, or a combination of both may be different from the gender assigned at birth—(e.g., bias against transgender or gender non-conforming individuals).

NATIONAL ORIGIN: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their actual or perceived country of birth.

RACE: A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics. For example, someone’s color of skin, eyes, and/or hair; facial features, etc., genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind, (e.g. Whites, African Americans, Asians, etc.).

RELIGION: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being. (e.g., Catholics, Atheists, Jews, etc.).

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex.

WEAPONS, DRUG AND LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

1. WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS

(WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.): The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, concealment, use, or possession of deadly weapons; the carrying of deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

2. DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS: The violations of State and local laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful possession, sale, use, cultivation and manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

3. LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS: The violation of state and local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

TAMIU reports the crimes required by the Clery Act that occur on or within the University’s Clery Geography that were reported to a CSA, law enforcement agency, and/or the UPD.

DEFINITIONS OF REPORTING METHODS

RELLIS has its own specific policies and procedures that govern the campus and the students participating in the programs offered on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. TAMIU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these policies and procedures.



REPORTED TO PD:

Crime statistics from all incidents that were reported to the UPD. If an incident was reported to UPD, reports would be reviewed and analyzed to determine classification and Clery geography category.

REPORTED TO AN EXTERNAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Crime statistics reported to external law enforcement agencies but NOT reported to the UPD. These crimes may have occurred in on-campus property, non-campus property or public property (Clery geography). It is important to note that external law enforcement agencies are not required to classify incidents using Clery definitions.

REPORTED TO NON-POLICE

Crime statistics from incidents reported to officials at the institution who are defined by Federal law as Campus Security Authorities because they have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.

UNFOUNDED:

When reported to campus security authorities, but omitted from the crime statistics because they were later determined through investigation by sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel to have been false or baseless when made.

CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITY

A designated Campus Security Authority (CSA) may include deans, directors, department heads, residence life and student success staff, and non-professional counselors (mentors and first-and-second year advisors). It is important to note that our Office of Student Counseling Services is not required to report crimes as they are exempt from doing so under the Clery Act. They must still comply with State and Federal mandates for the reporting of certain incidents.

DEFINITION OF CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES:

Campus Security Authorities (CSA) are members of the University community who have a responsibility for the safety and security of the campus or the development of the community of students and campus life. All UPD personnel are classified as CSA's. Additionally, a staff or faculty member is a CSA if they have significant responsibility for students and/or campus activities outside of the classroom. Examples of non-law enforcement CSA's on our campus include

positions in student success, student housing, student organization advisors, and compliance. CSA contact information and the position listings of certain TAMIU CSA's may be found in the Resources Section (please note that the CSA list is not a comprehensive list of CSA's). Members of the University community may report crimes to any CSA, who in turn is duty-bound to report that information to the UPD.

RELLIS CSA's and all information provided to and received from CSA's, including initial selection, is the sole responsibility of the TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance. TAMIU has no role in the selection, training, report solicitation of RELLIS CSA's. Questions regarding RELLIS CSA's may be directed to the RELLIS Academic Alliance, Associate Director at 979.319.3402 or A&M PD at 979.845.2345.

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CRIME STATISTICS

HATE CRIMES TAMIU – LAREDO CAMPUS

2022: No hate crimes reported
2021: No hate crimes reported
2020: No hate crimes reported

UNFOUNDED CRIMES TAMIU – LAREDO CAMPUS

2022: 1 unfounded sexual assault,
2 unfounded stalking
2021: 1 unfounded assault report
2020: No unfounded crimes reported

LAREDO CAMPUS

Criminal Homicide	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

Sexual Assault	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
Rape	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	2	0	0	2	2
Fondling	2022	1	0	0	1	1
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

LAREDO CAMPUS

Robbery	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

Aggravated Assault	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
	2022	2	0	0	2	1
	2021	1	0	0	1	0
	2020	3	0	0	3	1

Burglary	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
	2022	2	0	0	2	0
	2021	6	0	0	6	4
	2020	1	0	0	1	0

Motor Vehicle Theft	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
	2022	1	0	0	1	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

Arson	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

LAREDO CAMPUS

Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action of Weapons/Drug/Liquor Violation of Law	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
Weapons Law Arrests	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Referred	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Arrests	2022	3	0	0	3	2
	2021	6	0	0	6	2
	2020	5	0	0	5	4
Drug Law Referred	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	1	0	0	1	1
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Arrests	2022	18	0	0	18	18
	2021	14	0	0	14	14
	2020	23	0	0	23	23
Liquor Law Referred	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities*
Domestic Violence	2022	1	0	0	1	1
	2021	1	0	0	1	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2022	1	0	0	1	0
	2021	1	0	0	1	0
	2020	3	0	0	3	1
Stalking	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	1	0	0	1	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0

TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

HATE CRIMES TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

2022: No hate crimes reported

2021: No hate crimes reported

2020: No hate crimes reported

UNFOUNDED CRIMES TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

2022: No unfounded crimes reported

2021: No unfounded crimes reported

2020: No unfounded crimes reported

Criminal Homicide	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Sexual Assault	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
Rape	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Fondling	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Incest	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Robbery	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Aggravated Assault	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Burglary	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
	2022	1	0	0	1
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	1	0	0	1

TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

Motor Vehicle Theft	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Arson	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action of Weapons/Drug/Liquor Violation of Law	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
Weapons Law Arrests	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Referred	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Arrests	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Referred	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Arrests	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Referred	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
Domestic Violence	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Stalking	2022	1	0	0	1
	2021	5	0	0	5
	2020	0	0	0	0

CRIME PREVENTION

RELLIS has its own specific policies and procedures that govern the campus and the students participating in the programs offered on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. TAMIU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these policies and procedures.

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) offers many programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices. A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own safety and for the safety of others on campus. Crime prevention programs on personal safety and security are sponsored by various campus organizations throughout the year. The programs include general crime prevention and security awareness programs, such as safety education forums, programs, and discussions about topics such as alcohol abuse, dating violence, self-defense, fire safety, emergency response and evacuation procedures, sexual assault prevention, and theft prevention.

The UPD, Division of Student Success, Institutional Compliance (Title IX), Environmental Health and Safety, and Housing and Residence Life staff, participate in forums, town hall meetings, and programs campus wide to explain University security, public safety, and fire safety measures and procedures at TAMIU with all incoming students and their parents from June–August during summer orientation (Dusty Camp). Throughout the academic year, these departments conduct programs on information regarding alcohol education, fire safety, personal safety, and crime prevention for the TAMIU community. New employee orientation includes the distribution of crime prevention and fire safety materials to all new employees on a bi-weekly basis.

Members of our crime prevention group conducted over 90 crime prevention and general security and safety awareness presentations for students and employees of the University. During these presentations, information is provided on topics such as crime prevention tips, personal safety tips, recognizing unhealthy situations/behaviors, statistics on crime at TAMIU, fire safety, and campus security procedures and practices. UPD organizes and sets up crime prevention and education display tables at various locations throughout the year. This provides an opportunity for the staff to disseminate safety-related information, as well as to answer individual questions.

All programs, unless group specific as indicated, are open to all members of the University community and are promoted via various communication methods, including but not limited to, the University website, social media, flyers, and Uconnect.

TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS

TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance is solely responsible for all prevention programming on the RELLIS Campus, TAMIU has no role in the administration of campus programming or student organizations. For more information on campus life and programing at RELLIS please contact the RELLIS Academic Alliance Campus Life Office

Crime Prevention programming at RELLIS Campus is provided through the RELLIS Campus Life Office and A&M PD Community Services Division. They offer a variety of crime prevention programs and services to students and employees. RELLIS programs are designed to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others. Past programs have included: Personal Safety Awareness, Theft/burglary Prevention, A&M PD Self-Defense Program, Alive@25 Defensive Driving, Operation ID (free engraving of property) starting with welcome week and scheduled upon request or at A&M PD, Office Security Surveys, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Active Shooter Preparedness. Any of these programs may be scheduled upon request by calling A&M PD Community Services Division 979.845.0070.



NOTIFICATION OF MISSING STUDENTS



LAREDO CAMPUS

If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, they should immediately notify UPD at 956.326.2100. UPD will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.

After investigating, UPD will notify Laredo Police Department (LPD), the Director of Housing and Residence Life and the Vice President for Student Engagement; the vice president will notify the student's missing person contact as soon as practicable and no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing.

If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, TAMU will also notify the student's parent or legal guardian as soon as practicable and no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option annually to identify, confidentially, an individual to be contacted by UPD in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. If a student has identified such an individual, UPD will notify that individual as soon as practicable and no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student who wishes to identify a confidential contact person can do so through the TAMU Housing check-in form. The student's confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement as appropriate, nor will it be disclosed outside of a Missing Person investigation.

To report a missing student, please call UPD:
956.326.2100

GENERAL RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES (ALL SITUATIONS)

The Clery Act defines “risk reduction” as the “options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction, and to increase empowerment for victims in order to promote safety and to help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence.”

Bystander intervention is defined as the “safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.”

REDUCING RISKS

Risk reduction information provides students and employees along with other individuals with options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction. Moreover, information on risk reduction increases empowerment for victims in order to promote safety and to help individuals, our TAMIU community, and other communities to address conditions that facilitate acts of violence.

Personal safety habits directly translate to campus safety habits by changing the mindset of all members of our community to be engaged in and with what is happening around them.

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Walk with purpose.
- Trust your instincts.
- Make sure your cell phone is with you.
- When you go to social gatherings, go with a group of friends.
- Don't leave your drink unattended.
- Don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust.
- Watch out for your friends.
- Have your friends watch out for you.
- If you suspect you or a friend have been drugged, contact law enforcement immediately.
- Try to think of an escape route.

If you need to get out of an uncomfortable or unpleasant situation here are some things you can try:

- a. Remember that being in this situation is not your fault. You did not do anything wrong, it's the person who is making you uncomfortable that is to blame.
- b. Be true to yourself. Don't feel obligated to do anything you don't want to do. "I don't want to" is always a good enough reason.
- c. Lie. If you don't want to hurt the person's feelings it is better to lie and make up a reason to leave than to stay and be uncomfortable, scared, or worse.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION

Everyone has a role in changing community knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. Change happens as each person is able to identify risky situations and take action to confront, interrupt, or prevent acts of sexual violence. Bystander intervention programs can help individuals observe a situation and determine an appropriate intervention where someone could use some help. Bystander intervention means just that; people taking care of others. If you find a friend in a situation that concerns you, consider the following strategies to intervene safely and effectively:

- Create a distraction to interrupt the flow of events
- Involve others to help you
- Make an excuse to remove a friend from the situation
- Point out the unwanted behavior in a safe and respectful manner
- Call for help, if needed

Sexual assault is never a victim's fault. However, there are ways that may reduce the risk of being sexually assaulted including being prepared, alert, and assertive. Consider the following tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Practice responsible drinking; alcohol is a factor in many sexual assaults
- Never leave your drink unattended
- Don't accept drinks from someone you don't know or trust
- Stay with your friends and make sure your friends stay with you
- Be careful of online relationships
- Trust your instincts

We are reminded to think about relationships, specifically relationships that may be, or become abusive. Be aware of the signs:

- Is one of the partners verbally and emotionally abusive?
- Is one of the partners isolating the other from friends and family?
- Is one of the partners controlling, intimidating or always jealous?
- Is there a threat of harm?

SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

Civil Rights Policies and Protections:

TAMUS Policy: <https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01.pdf>

TAMUS Regulation: <https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf>

TAMIU Rule: <https://www.tamtu.edu/compliance/documents/Rules%20and%20SAPs/08.01.01.I1civilrightscomplaintandappealprocess.pdf>

RELLIS Rule: <https://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/policy/pdf/08-01-01-S1.pdf>

Student Code of Conduct:

TAMIU: <https://www.tamtu.edu/scce/studenthandbook.shtml>

RELLIS: <https://rellis.tamus.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2019/09/RELLIS-Student-Code-of-Conduct-2019-20-for-web.pdf>

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REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Individuals have the option of notifying on-campus and local law enforcement authorities to report sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.

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It is a priority of TAMUS to provide an academic and work environment free from sexual harassment. The A&M system and its members prohibits sexual and gender-based harassment and interpersonal violence on its campuses and other property, as well as in connection with its programs and activities. The A&M System and the University's Civil Rights compliance Regulation and Rule prohibit sexual and gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence, stalking, retaliation, and complicity (collectively, "Prohibited Conduct"). The University encourages all members of the University community, in Laredo or RELLIS, to report any such conduct and will investigate and address complaints in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner. To that end, the University further prohibits any form of retaliation against a person who participates in proceedings under the policy.

In accordance with federal law, The Texas A&M University System Regulation-Civil Rights Compliance, and Texas A&M International University Rule-Civil Rights Complaint and Appeal Process, and TAMUS-RELLIS System Rule on Civil Rights prohibit discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex including the crimes sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking (as those terms are defined for the purposes of the Clery Act), and/or related retaliation.

The following are statements of policy that address discrimination, harassment (including non-consensual sexual contact, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, quid pro quo and hostile environment sexual harassment), complicity, and retaliation as prohibited conduct. The policies apply whether the prohibited conduct occurs on or off campus and when it is reported to the University.

The full text of the University's prohibition on threats and violence by students is explained in the TAMIU and RELLIS Student Handbooks.

The rights, responsibilities, and prohibitions of workplace violence for employees are determined in a multi-layered approach as directed by The Texas A&M University System through the issuance of TAMUS Policies and Regulations and by the University through the issuance of TAMIU Rules and Procedures.





PROHIBITED CONDUCT

CONSENT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DATING VIOLENCE

SEXUAL ASSAULT

STALKING

TEXAS DEFINITION OF CONSENT - Consent is defined in the Texas Penal Code, Section 1.07(11) as assent in fact, whether express or apparent. Without consent is also defined in the Texas Penal Code, Section 22.011(b) within the definition of sexual assault.

INSTITUTIONAL DEFINITION OF CONSENT - TAMUS Regulation 08.01.01, Civil Rights Compliance. A clear, voluntary and ongoing agreement to engage in a specific sexual act. Persons need not verbalize their consent to engage in a sexual act for there to be permission. Permission to engage in a sexual act may be indicated through physical actions rather than words. A person who was asleep or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the effect of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason, or whose agreement was made under duress or by threat, coercion, or force, cannot give consent.

The institutional definition of consent is used for any cases related to Title IX and VAWA offenses.

According to the Texas Penal Code, Sec. 1.02. Objectives of Code, the general purpose of the Texas Penal Code is to establish a system of prohibitions, penalties, and correctional measures to deal with conduct that unjustifiably and inexcusably causes or threatens harm to those individual or public interests for which state protection is appropriate.

FAMILY VIOLENCE 71.004

Referred to as: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The State of Texas defines domestic violence as follows: An act by a member of a family or household against another member of the family or household that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, but does not include defensive measures to protect oneself.

DATING VIOLENCE 71.0021

The State of Texas defines dating violence as follows:

(a) "Dating violence" means an act, other than a defensive measure to protect oneself, by an actor that:

(1) is committed against a victim or applicant for a protective order:

(A) With whom the actor has or has had a dating relationship; or

(B) Because of the victim's or applicant's marriage to or dating relationship with an individual with whom the actor is or has been in a dating relationship or marriage; and

(2) is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the victim or applicant in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault.

(b) For purposes of this title, "dating relationship" means a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.

The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of:

- (1) The length of the relationship;
- (2) The nature of the relationship; and
- (3) The frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the

relationship.

(c) A casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization in a business or social context does not constitute a "dating relationship" under Subsection (b).

SEXUAL ASSAULT 22.011

The State of Texas defines sexual assault as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) Intentionally or knowingly causes the penetration of the anus or sexual organ of another person by any means, without that person's consent; causes the penetration of the mouth of another person by the sexual organ of the actor, without that person's consent; or causes the sexual organ of another person, without that person's consent, to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor; or

(2) Intentionally or knowingly: causes the penetration of the anus or sexual organ of a child by any means; causes the penetration of the mouth of a child by the sexual organ of the actor; causes the sexual organ of a child to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor; causes the anus of a child to contact the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor; or causes the mouth of a child to contact the anus or sexual organ of another person, including the actor.

• Without Consent Texas Penal Code section 22.011(b)

(b) A sexual assault under Subsection (a)(1) is without the consent of the other person if:

(1) The actor compels the other person to submit or participate by the use of physical force or violence;

(2) The actor compels the other person to submit or participate by threatening to use force or violence against the other person, and the other person believes that the actor has the present ability to execute the threat;

(3) The other person has not consented and the actor knows the other person is unconscious or physically unable to resist;

(4) The actor knows that as a result of mental disease or defect the other person is at the time of the sexual assault incapable either of appraising the nature of the act or of resisting it;

(5) The other person has not consented and the actor knows the other person is unaware that the sexual assault is occurring;

(6) The actor has intentionally impaired the other person's power to appraise or control the other person's conduct by administering any substance without the other person's knowledge;

(7) The actor compels the other person to submit or participate by threatening to use force or violence against any person, and the other person believes that the actor has the ability to execute the threat;

(8) The actor is a public servant who coerces the other person to submit or participate;

(9) The actor is a mental health services provider or a health care services provider who causes the other person, who is a patient or former patient of the actor, to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the actor;

(10) The actor is a clergyman who causes the other person to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the clergyman in the clergyman's professional character as spiritual adviser; or

(11) The actor is an employee of a facility where the other person is a resident, unless the employee and resident are formally or informally married to each other under Chapter 2, Family Code.

(c) In this section:

(1) "Child" means a person younger than 17 years of age.

(2) "Spouse" means a person who is legally married to another.

(3) "Health care services provider" means:
(A) a physician licensed under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code;

(B) a chiropractor licensed under Chapter 201, Occupations Code;

(C) a physical therapist licensed under Chapter 453, Occupations Code;

(D) a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 204, Occupations Code; or

(E) a registered nurse, a vocational nurse, or an advanced practice nurse licensed under Chapter 301, Occupations Code.

(4) "Mental health services provider" means an individual, licensed or unlicensed, who performs or purports to perform mental health services, including a:

(A) licensed social worker as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code;

(B) chemical dependency counselor as defined by Section 504.001, Occupations Code;

(C) licensed professional counselor as defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code;

(D) licensed marriage and family therapist as defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code;

(E) member of the clergy;

(F) psychologist offering psychological services as defined by Section 501.003, Occupations Code; or

(G) special officer for mental health assignment certified under Section 1701.404, Occupations Code.

(5) "Employee of a facility" means a person who is an employee of a facility defined by Section 250.001, Health and Safety Code, or any other person who provides services for a facility for compensation, including a contract laborer.

(d) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(2) that the conduct consisted of medical care for the child and did not include any contact between the anus or sexual organ



of the child and the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of the actor or a third party.

(e) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(2):

(1) That the actor was the spouse of the child at the time of the offense; or

(2) That: the actor was not more than three years older than the victim and at the time of the offense: was not required under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, to register for life as a sex offender; or was not a person who under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, had a reportable conviction or adjudication for an offense under this section; and the victim: Was a child of 14 years of age or older; and was not a person whom the actor was prohibited from marrying or purporting to marry or with whom the actor was prohibited from living under the appearance of being married under Section 25.01.

(f) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree, except that an offense under this section is a felony of the first degree if the victim was a person whom the actor was prohibited from marrying or purporting to marry or with whom the actor was prohibited from living under the appearance of being married under Section 25.01.

STALKING 42.072

The State of Texas defines stalking as follows: A person commits an offense if the person, on more than one occasion and pursuant to the same scheme or course of conduct that is directed specifically at another person, knowingly engages in conduct that: (1) constitutes an offense under Section 42.07, or that the actor knows or reasonably should know the other person will regard as threatening: Bodily injury or death for the other person; bodily injury or death for a member of the other person's family or household or for an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship; or that an offense will be committed against the other person's property; (2) causes the other person, a member of the other person's family or household, or an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship to be placed in fear of bodily injury or death or in fear that an offense will be committed against the other person's property, or to feel harassed,

annoyed, alarmed, abused, tormented, embarrassed, or offended; and (3) would cause a reasonable person to:

(A) Fear bodily injury or death for himself or herself;

(B) Fear bodily injury or death for a member of the person's family or household or for an individual with whom the person has a dating relationship;

(C) Fear that an offense will be committed against the person's property; or

(D) Feel harassed, annoyed, alarmed, abused, tormented, embarrassed, or offended.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree, except that the offense is a felony of the second degree if the actor has previously been convicted of an offense under this section or of an offense under any of the following laws that contains elements that are substantially similar to the elements of an offense under this section:

(1) The laws of another state;

(2) The laws of a federally recognized Indian tribe;

(3) The laws of a territory of the United States; or

(4) Federal law.

(c) For purposes of this section, a trier of fact may find that different types of conduct described by Subsection (a), if engaged in on more than one occasion, constitute conduct that is engaged in pursuant to the same scheme or course of conduct.

(d) In this section:

(1) "Dating relationship," "family," "household," and "member of a household" have the meanings assigned by Chapter 71, Family Code.

(2) "Property" includes a pet, companion animal, or assistance animal, as defined by Section 121.002, Human Resources Code.

[^]For Clery Act reporting purposes, Harassment as defined by State Law, may meet the elements of Stalking.

Sec. 42.07. Harassment.

(a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, or embarrass another, the person:

(1) initiates communication and in the course of the communication makes a comment, request, suggestion, or proposal

that is obscene;

- (2) threatens, in a manner reasonably likely to alarm the person receiving the threat, to inflict bodily injury on the person or to commit a felony against the person, a member of the person's family or household, or the person's property;
- (3) conveys, in a manner reasonably likely to alarm the person receiving the report, a false report, which is known by the conveyor to be false, that another person has suffered death or serious bodily injury;
- (4) causes the telephone of another to ring repeatedly or makes repeated telephone communications anonymously or in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another;
- (5) makes a telephone call and intentionally fails to hang up or disengage the connection;
- (6) knowingly permits a telephone under the person's control to be used by another to commit an offense under this section; or
- (7) sends repeated electronic communications in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another.

(b) In this section:

- (1) "Electronic communication" means a transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photo-optical system. The term includes:
 - (A) a communication initiated through the use of electronic mail, instant message, network call, a cellular or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera, text message, a social media platform or application, an Internet website, any other Internet-based communication tool, or facsimile machine; and
 - (B) a communication made to a pager.
- (2) "Family" and "household" have the meaning assigned by Chapter 71, Family Code.
- (3) "Obscene" means containing a patently offensive description of or a solicitation to commit an ultimate sex act, including sexual intercourse, masturbation, cunnilingus, fellatio, or anilingus, or a description of an excretory function.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class B

misdeemeanor, except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the actor has previously been convicted under this section.

*Note: The above definitions are taken verbatim from the Texas Penal Code.





FEDERAL CLERY ACT DEFINITIONS

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The institutional definition of consent is used for any cases related to Title IX and VAWA offenses.

The Clery Act defines the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as follows:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

1. A Felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed—
2. By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
3. By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
4. By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
5. By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or
6. By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
7. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

DATING VIOLENCE:

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

1. The existence of such a relationship shall be based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
2. For the purposes of this definition—
3. Dating Violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse
4. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
5. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and §668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

SEXUAL ASSAULT:

An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Per the National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual from the FBI UCR Program, a sex offense is "any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim,

including instances where the victim if incapable of giving consent."

- Rape is defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
- Fondling is defined as the touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- Incest is defined as sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- Statutory Rape is defined as sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

STALKING:

1. Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—
2. Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
3. Suffer substantial emotional distress.
4. For the purposes of this definition—
5. Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about, a person, or interferes with a person's property.
6. Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
7. Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.
8. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.



REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Incidents involving Prohibited Conduct which may be criminal in nature, and members of the University community who believe they have experienced either may, if they wish, file reports with PD or local law enforcement. Assistance to file reports is available from PD. Furthermore, victims have the right to decline to notify law enforcement. However, assistance to file a report with law enforcement is available by contacting the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator

Individuals have the option of notifying on-campus and local law enforcement authorities to report sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking

The University encourages prompt reporting of Prohibited Conduct to the campus Title IX Coordinator and law enforcement.

PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

In all cases involving Prohibited Conduct, it is important to consider preserving evidence. As time passes, evidence may dissipate or become lost or unavailable which makes investigation, possible prosecution, disciplinary proceedings, or obtaining orders of protection more difficult. Regardless of whether a report is filed with local law enforcement, individuals should preserve all evidence that could be relevant to any criminal charges that may be brought or that might be needed to obtain a protection order.

In accordance with Federal law and in compliance with the Clery Act, TAMIU and TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance discloses the statistics for all violations on Clery geography involving sexual

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assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as they become known. These types of crimes will be logged in our Daily Crime Log (without any personal identifying information) and reviewed to determine if there is a pattern of violence. In all reports of sexual or family violence, a victim can request that PD assign a pseudonym to the victim to help protect their identity and confidentiality pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures, Art. 57.

MEDICAL TREATMENT (AS APPLICABLE TO THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT)

It is important to seek immediate and follow-up medical attention for several reasons: first, to assess and treat any physical injuries sustained; second, to test for sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy and treat or take preventive measures; and third, to gather and preserve evidence that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or is occurring or may be helpful in obtaining a protective order. Physical evidence should be collected immediately, ideally within the first 24 hours. It may be collected later than this, but the quality and quantity of the evidence may be diminished. If victims do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to

address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infection.

Members of the University community may obtain information about resources relating to prohibited conduct from the appropriate campus PD and Title IX Office.

Members of the University community who have been subjected to acts of violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence are encouraged to obtain medical attention to evaluate for possible injury. Students may obtain medical attention from the following:

**LAREDO CAMPUS:
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
956.326.2235**

A sexual assault forensic exam may be performed at Doctor's Hospital (sexual assault crisis facility) 956.523.2000, which is located at 10700 McPherson Road, Laredo, 78045. Please note that the TAMIU Student Health Services does not offer sexual assault forensic exams, but students can receive assistance with making travel arrangements to/from Doctors Hospital by contacting UPD's Victim Advocate at 956.326.2100.

TAMIU's Victim Advocate may provide guidance to victims of sex-based crimes. Victim Advocates are not professional counselors, but they can identify sources of medical, legal, counseling, and academic assistance and explain reporting options both at the University and externally (such as filing a police report). They can be reached 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, at 956.326.2100.

Community members may obtain further information about resources available to address incidents involving violence and threats from the University's Title IX Coordinator, 956.326.2857, titleIX@tamiu.edu.

Individuals may apply for civil protection orders from local courts. Information about protection orders and other steps that can be taken in such cases is available from the UPD's Victim Advocates. You can contact the Victim Advocates by calling 956.326.2100.

Community members may also obtain assistance and information relating to incidents involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking from the organizations not affiliated with the University identified in the section of this Report entitled "Response to Sexual Violence."

TAMUS-RELLIS CAMPUS:
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in College Station 979.207.0100, <https://www.bswhealth.com/specialties/forensic-medicine/> is the community's designated forensic nursing facility offering a 24/7 program with trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and a forensic unit that provides detailed physical examinations, evidence collection, and expert testimony. CHI St. Joseph Regional Hospital in Bryan (979.776.3777) also conducts forensic exams. Go to the hospital's emergency room and request to be seen by a SANE.

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SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS INCIDENTS

When Sexual and Gender-based Harassment and Interpersonal Violence is reported, victims and respondents are provided written information regarding procedures to follow and supportive measures available.

Police Departments:

University Police Officers are required to inform victims/survivors of sexual assault of:

1. their right to remain anonymous,
2. their right to receive medical care and compensation from the State of Texas,
3. the University's duty to pay the cost of a sexual assault evidentiary/medical examination by competent medical personnel, and
4. provide all state statutorily required written procedures and supportive measures.

Laredo Campus:

In Laredo TAMU provides the following written procedures to victims and respondents, when reported.

Victims/Survivors: <https://www.tamtu.edu/compliance/documents/tixresourceguideforcomplainants113018.pdf>

Respondents:

<https://www.tamtu.edu/compliance/documents/tixresourceguideforrespondents113018.pdf>

TAMU-RELLIS Campus:

Contact the TAMU-RELLIS Assistant Provost & Title IX Coordinator 979.317.3402;

civilrights@rellis.tamtu.edu

Regardless of the where the Prohibited Conduct took place, students and employees who choose to report the crime will be provided a written explanation of their rights and options.

1. Reasonably available accommodations and/or protective measures are made available regardless of the decision to report/use the criminal justice system or university bases accountability.
2. Will be provided written information on the institutional procedures for disciplinary action.

The Texas A&M University System has established specific procedures to address incidents involving Prohibited Conduct. These procedures involve an intake and an initial assessment followed, as appropriate, by an alternative or disciplinary resolution. These procedures will be administered in a fair and impartial manner by trained Title IX Office staff who understand the difficult and sensitive issues involved.

TRAINING

To support transparency and fairness across all of the member schools and agencies The Texas A&M University System developed and requires members to follow the Minimum Training Requirements for Civil Rights Investigations, Advisement, Adjudication, Appeals, and Informal Resolution outlined in TAMUS Regulation 08.01.01 Appendix B.

STANDARDS OF EVIDENCE

To support transparency and fairness across all of the member schools and agencies, The Texas A&M University System requires members to follow the standard of Preponderance of the Evidence meaning more likely than not to have occurred.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MEMBERS' REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

It is important to understand the different reporting responsibilities of university community members. Some community members are designated as Confidential Resources, meaning that they will not report personally identifying information shared with them about Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Coordinator, as described above. Some individuals are Designated Reporters and are required by the university to promptly share all information about Sexual Harassment with the Title IX Coordinator. If a reporting party is uncertain about whether someone with whom they want to discuss a report is a Designated Reporter or serving as a Confidential Resource, the reporting party is encouraged to ask directly before disclosing.

“Designated Reporters” are university community members who are required by this Policy to promptly report any information they learn about suspected or alleged Sexual Harassment or potential violations of this Policy to the university's Title IX Coordinator. Unless identified and acting as a Confidential Resource (see above), Designated Reporters include: ALL university employees not listed as a Confidential Resource and non-employee Individuals designated as Campus Security Authorities under the Clery Act.

Designated Reporters must report all known information, including the identities of the parties, the date, time, and location, and any details about the reported incident to the Title IX Coordinator. Designated Reporters may provide support and assistance to a Complainant, witness, or Respondent, but they cannot promise confidentiality or withhold information about Sexual Harassment. Failure by a Designated Reporter to report suspected or alleged Sexual Harassment in a timely manner may subject them to appropriate discipline, including removal from a position or termination of employment. Designated Reporters may be required to report information disclosed at public awareness events (e.g., “Take Back the Night,” candlelight vigils, protests, “survivor speak-outs” or other public forums in which students may disclose Sexual Harassment); or during an individual's participation as a subject in an Institutional Review Board-approved human subjects research protocol (IRB research). Designated Reporters who learn, or anticipate learning, of conduct prohibited by this Policy during a public awareness event or through an IRB-approved human subject research must consult with the Title IX Coordinator regarding their obligation to disclose such information. In addition, a Designated Reporter may choose not to make a report concerning a matter in which only they themselves would be a Complainant, even though the matter would otherwise fall within their reporting obligations.

EXTENDING TIMEFRAMES

The university will seek to respond as promptly as possible, consistent with the need to conduct sensitive and informed fact gathering to ensure an equitable resolution. However, the parties may request, and the university may extend, any timeframe in this Policy for good cause. Good cause can include: efforts to ensure the integrity and thoroughness of the investigation; complying with a request from law enforcement; responding to the reasonable unavailability of the parties, their advisors, or witnesses; providing for language assistance or accommodations of disabilities;

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Rellis Campus 979.845.0977
3064 Ave D, Bryan, TX 77807

IF ALLEGED OFFENDER IS A	REPORT THE INCIDENT TO
Student, Student Athlete, Non-Faculty Employee (staff, administrator, student worker) or Third Party	Lorissa M. Cortez Director, Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance, 5201 University Boulevard, Killam Library, Room 159, Laredo, TX, 78041-1900, 956.326.2857 titleix@tamiu.edu
Faculty Member	Lorissa M. Cortez Director, Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance, 5201 University Boulevard, Killam Library, Room 159, Laredo, TX, 78041-1900, 956.326.2857 titleix@tamiu.edu

ANONYMOUS REPORTS can also be made via the TAMIU Laredo Campus electronic reporting website located at www.tamiu.edu/reportit.

TAMUS-RELLIS anonymous reports may be submitted through the “File a grievance link” located on this webpage: <https://rellis.tamus.edu/academicalliance/campus-life/>

Reports can also be made with the Office of Civil Rights (Dallas Office), US Department of Education, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 1620, Dallas, TX 75201-6810, 214.661.9600.

INTAKE AND INITIAL ASSESSMENT
Any member of the University community may request an intake meeting regarding an incident by contacting the Laredo Campus Title IX Office at 956.326.2857 or at titleIX@tamiu.edu or the RELLIS campus at civilrights@rellis.tamus.edu or 979.317.3402.

intervening breaks in the university calendar; adjustments for university finals periods; and complex investigations that may involve a large volume of information or number of witnesses or severe and/or widespread allegations of misconduct.

While requests for delays or extension of time by the parties may be considered, the university cannot unduly or unreasonably delay the prompt resolution of a Formal Complaint under this Policy. The university will notify the parties in writing of any extension of the timeframes for good cause, the reason for the extension, and the length of the extension.

Although cooperation with law enforcement may require the university to suspend the fact-finding portion of a Title IX investigation temporarily, the university will promptly resume its Title IX investigation as soon as it is notified by the law enforcement agency that the agency has completed the evidence gathering process. The university will not, however, wait for the conclusion of a criminal proceeding to begin or conclude its own investigation.

Timeframes apply equally to the Complainant and the Respondent.

Upon notification, the intake meeting will be scheduled promptly, and during the meeting the circumstances underlying the report will be assessed and the immediate safety and emotional well being of the individual will be addressed. The individual will have the opportunity to ask questions, and will be provided written information with on- and off-campus resources concerning counseling, health, survivor advocacy, legal assistance, and visa and immigration assistance. In addition, an individual's right to file a report with law enforcement, seek a civil protection order, and seek medical treatment, as well as the importance of preserving evidence will be discussed. The intake meeting will also detail the disciplinary and alternative resolution procedures and the individual's expressed preference for a manner of resolution. If the individual raises concerns/potential barriers to proceeding, the Title IX Office will attempt to address these concerns. Regardless of the individual's decision to pursue a disciplinary resolution, the individual will be provided the option of seeking interim supportive measures.

INTERIM SUPPORTIVE AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Regardless, University may take reasonable interim supportive measures whether or not a disciplinary resolution is pursued. These supportive measures may include, but are not

limited to, mutual no-contact orders, academic support, changes to campus housing and/or working situations, transportation, safety planning, and referrals to other relevant resources. The individual will also be informed of their right to seek interim protective measures if the University pursues a disciplinary resolution. Interim protective measures may include, but are not limited to, exclusion from all or part of University housing, prohibition from participating in student activities or representing the University in any official capacity, such as participating on an official team or performing in a band, changes to work schedules or job assignments, and interim suspension.

INFORMAL ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION

As appropriate, and if the complainant respondent consent, the University may proceed with an alternative resolution. An alternative resolution is a remedy specifically tailored for the parties' needs and typically does not involve taking disciplinary action against the respondent. An alternative resolution may involve providing the parties with interim support measures, providing targeted or broad-based educational programming or training, and/or it may involve a mutual agreement among the parties to have no future contact with each other. The parties may voluntarily choose to pursue other restorative options under an alternative resolution.

FORMAL DISCIPLINARY RESOLUTION

As appropriate, the University may proceed with an investigation under the disciplinary resolution process involving a prompt, equitable, and impartial investigation to determine by a preponderance of the evidence (more likely than not) whether a prohibited act has occurred. During a disciplinary resolution, both parties have equitable opportunities, including the opportunity to receive a written notice of investigation; to participate in the investigation; to review and present information as evidence; to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice to any meeting; to timely and equal access to information that will be used in disciplinary proceedings; to timely notice of meetings at which their presence will be requested or required; to simultaneous written notice of the outcome, sanction, and rationale; and to appeal the outcome. Where there has been a finding that sufficient evidence exists to support one or more policy violations, the matter is referred to an appropriate disciplinary authority to determine appropriate sanctions or other remedy. Both parties will have the opportunity to submit impact/mitigation statements for the disciplinary authority to consider prior to a determination of sanction.



NO RESOLUTION

If the complainant requests that no resolution of the allegations occur, the university will seek to honor the request whenever possible without impeding the university's ability to enhance the safety and security of the complainant and the university community. The university may initiate an investigation based on the seriousness of the allegation, whether or not there are multiple allegations, and/or whether or not a respondent poses a risk of harm to others. The campus Title IX Coordinator will consider the following factors when evaluating such requests:

- All of the known circumstances, including any corroborating evidence;
- The nature and scope of the alleged conduct, including whether the reported behavior involves the use of a weapon;
- The respective ages and roles of the complainant and respondent;
- Whether there have been other reports of prohibited conduct or other misconduct by the respondent;
- Whether the report reveals a pattern of misconduct related to prohibited conduct (e.g. illicit use of drugs or alcohol) at a given location or by a particular group;
- Fairness considerations for both the complainant and the respondent;
- Whether the university possesses other means to obtain relevant information and evidence;
- The university's obligation to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment;
- Admissions of responsibility by the respondent, if any; and
- The impact of honoring the request on the complainant and the university community, including the risk of additional violence.

If the university is able to honor the complainant's request for no resolution, the university may close the matter with no action taken, or the university may proceed with other appropriate steps, including investigation and disciplinary action against the respondent for violations of other rules, SAPs, regulations, policies, or codes, if applicable.

If the university determines that the complainant's request cannot be honored, the complainant will be notified of the decision, and the appropriate Title IX Coordinator will take appropriate actions,

including but not limited to, (1) offering support services or academic adjustments and (2) initiating a formal investigation.

CONFIDENTIALITY/PRIVACY

TAMU/TAMUS-RELLIS strive to protect the privacy of individuals involved in cases involving Prohibited Conduct. To that end, the campus does not include names or other personally identifying information of those involved in its publicly available records. The records include the Timely Warning Notice, the Daily Crime Log, and the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. In addition, interim supportive and/or protective measures adopted in these cases will also not be disclosed more broadly than necessary to achieve the result sought by such measures.

Information related to a report of prohibited conduct will be handled discreetly and shared with a limited circle of University employees or designees who need to know in order to assist in the assessment, investigation, and resolution of the report and related issues. Individuals will receive training in how to safeguard private information.

The University will make reasonable efforts to investigate and address reports of prohibited conduct under this policy, and information may be disclosed to participants in an investigation as necessary to facilitate the thoroughness and integrity of the investigation. In all such proceedings, the University will maintain the privacy of the parties to the extent reasonably possible.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any student who has been sexually assaulted by another student or group of students and who is considering whether to seek disciplinary action against the assailant(s) should discuss the matter with the Title IX coordinator and/or PD advocate for the campus. These offices will assist students in filing and processing incidents to help ensure the institutional procedures are followed.

ADVISOR OF CHOICE

Throughout this Policy's procedures, each party has the right to consult with an advisor of their choosing, including but not limited to, an attorney. Each party may be accompanied by no more than one advisor to a meeting or proceeding related to the resolution of a report under this Policy. The

advisor may provide support and advice to the parties at any meeting and/ or proceeding. Other than at a live hearing for the sole purpose of conducting any cross-examination, an advisor may not speak on behalf of a party or otherwise participate in, or in any manner delay, disrupt, or interfere with meetings and/or proceedings. The university will not unduly delay the scheduling of meetings or proceedings based on an advisor's unavailability. An advisor may be asked to meet with a university administrator in advance of any proceedings to understand the expectations of the role, privacy considerations, and appropriate decorum.

EMERGENCY REMOVAL

The Title IX Coordinator, in consultation with other university employees as appropriate, retains the right to remove a Respondent from the university's Program or Activities on an emergency basis. A Respondent may be removed on an emergency basis when, based on an individualized safety and risk analysis, the university determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any individual arising from the allegations of Sexual Harassment justifies removal. A Respondent who is subject to emergency removal from the university's Programs and Activities will be provided notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision promptly following the removal

MANDATORY DISMISSALS

If the conduct alleged in the formal complaint would not constitute sexual harassment as defined even if proved, did not occur in the university's education program or activity, or did not occur against a person in the United States, then the university must dismiss the formal complaint with regard to that conduct for purposes of sexual harassment under Title IX only. Such dismissal does not preclude action under

- Sex-based Misconduct procedures or
- Another provision of the university's conduct standards.

DISCRETIONARY DISMISSALS

The university may dismiss a formal complaint for the purposes of sexual harassment under Title IX if the complainant notifies the AP/TIX in writing that the complainant wishes to withdraw it, if the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the university, or if specific circumstances prevent the university from collecting evidence sufficient to

reach a determination (for example, when the complainant has ceased participating in the process; in certain fact specific cases when the passage of time precludes the collection of sufficient evidence; when complainant's identity is not known; and when the exact same allegations have already been investigated and adjudicated). Such dismissal does not preclude action under

- Sex-based Misconduct procedures or
- Another provision of the university's conduct standards.

Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to the above, the university must promptly send written notice of the dismissal and the reason(s) therefore simultaneously to the parties. The parties must be given the opportunity to appeal a dismissal to the designated AA in accordance with the appeal procedures referenced above.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800.656.HOPE and <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>) in partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers across the country. RAINN also carries out programs to prevent sexual violence, help victims, and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.

National Domestic Violence Hotline: Highly-trained advocates are available 24/7/365 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship. 1.800.799.7233 or visit <http://www.thehotline.org>

A special exam should be conducted as soon as possible following an assault to ensure your physical well-being and to collect evidence that may be useful in criminal proceedings. The exam can be conducted without the involvement of law enforcement personnel. Even if you have not been physically hurt, this forensic exam is strongly recommended to maintain all of your legal options. After the evidence is collected, it can be stored in case you wish to press criminal charges. The exam is generally performed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). PD will also assist by arranging transportation to and from the center where the exam is conducted.

Even if you do not have evidence collected at the hospital, it is still important to get medical attention to include treatment of any physical problems and various lab tests for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. This non-emergency treatment can be arranged with your family doctor or with the Student Health Center. If you seek treatment at a local hospital and the police are contacted, this does not mean that you have to proceed with criminal charges. In addition, it is recommended that a survivor use a hospital in the county/state where the incident occurred.

Financial Aid Support
Federal Student Aid Information Center
1.800.433.3243
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

Office of Financial Aid
956.326.2225
Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center 214

Immigration Support Services
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services- Application Support 1.800.375.5283
<https://www.uscis.gov/addresschange>

Laredo Campus
Office of International Engagement
956.326.2282
Student Center 124

Human Resources Office
956.326.2365
Killam Library 158

Consulate of the United Mexican States
in Laredo, Texas
956.723.0990

RELLIS Campus
International Student Services
979.845.1824
The Pavilion, 110 (Main Campus)



Institutional Procedures

The investigative process shall be thorough, impartial, and prompt.

1. Notification of Incident/Complaint

- a) Schedule Intake Meeting,
- b) Notification to A&M System Ethics and Compliance Office (SECO) and Office of General Counsel (OGC).

2. Intake meeting and review of case

- a) Provide process overview and explanation of resources and rights to all parties,
- b) Initial statements taken and reviewed as appropriate.

3. Review of the complaint: determine whether or not further investigation is warranted.

- a) If information is sufficient, the Coordinator will assign an investigative authority to conduct an investigation and will hold an investigation planning meeting.
- b) If information is insufficient, the Coordinator, in consultation with the System Office of General Counsel, may conduct an inquiry into the circumstances of the complaint and:
 - (i) Dismiss it as baseless;
 - (ii) Close it for insufficient information to investigate; or
 - (iii) Refer it to another office which has responsibility for such complaints.

4. Investigation, the investigative authority will review the complaint:

- a) Collect additional evidence;
- b) Draft an Investigation Report and provide it to the Coordinator.

5. First Review, The Coordinator will conduct a first review of the Investigation Report

- a) Provide feedback to the investigative authority;
- b) Investigative authority will make any necessary changes, and re-submit;

6. System Office Review – OGC and SECO review.

- a) The System Office of General Counsel and the System Ethics and Compliance Office will conduct a review of the Investigation Report and provide the Coordinator with feedback or revisions.
- b) IA is provided comments from System office, for preparation of the final draft report.

7. Party Review of Final Draft Report

- a) Final draft report sent to parties for review and response.
- b) After the IA has reviewed responses from the parties (if any), a final investigation report will be developed and sent to SECO and OGC for review.
- c) IA is provided comments from System office, for preparation of the final report.

8. Upon approval of IR by the System office,

- a) The final investigation report will be issued to the designated administrator (DA).
- b) The parties will be provided a pre-hearing conference to review the hearing process as well as to explore any available options for informal resolution.
- c) At any time prior to the adjudication of a formal complaint, the parties may seek informal resolution to resolve the complaint.
- d) If a formal complaint cannot be resolved through an informal process or if either the complainant or the respondent requests a hearing, a formal live hearing will be conducted by the designated administrator (a hearing officer or hearing panel).
- e) Adjudication-Decision
 - (i) Following the hearing, the hearing officer or hearing panel will develop a draft decision and submit the draft to SECO for review.
 - (ii) Feedback is disseminated to DA and a decision letter is issued.
- f) Notification of Outcome
 - (i.) Complainant and respondent, concurrently;
 - (ii.) The investigative authority.

9. Appeals

After receiving notification of the written decision, both the complainant and respondent may file a written appeal which shall be provided to the Coordinator. The basis for all Title IX investigation appeals shall be:

- a) A procedural irregularity that affected the outcome;
- b) New evidence, not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome. The new evidence must be provided at the time of appeal with the appropriate member appeals form;
- c) the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome;
- d) The appropriateness or severity of the sanctions.

10. Decision of said appeal shall be final.

**The Title IX Coordinator will set deadlines for each step of this process, but circumstances may permit extensions of those deadlines. This information is provided in writing to victim and respondent at the intake meeting.*

SANCTIONS

Any University student or member of the faculty or staff who violates the prohibitions regarding violence and threats will be subject to disciplinary action ranging from reprimand or probation, to dismissal, suspension, or expulsion. Any guest or visitor to the University who does so may be immediately removed and barred from re-entering the campus and participating in University programs and activities. The following sanctions may be imposed by the University on students following an institutional disciplinary proceeding on allegations of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

SANCTIONS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

To support transparency and fairness across all member schools and agencies The Texas A&M University System developed and requires members to follow the Model Sanctioning Matrix outlined in TAMUS Regulation 08.01.01 Appendix A.

Any University student or member of the faculty or staff who violates the prohibitions of the A&M System Regulation or TAMIU or RELLIS Rule covering Civil Rights will be subject to sanction and/or corrective action. The disciplinary authority considers several factors in issuing a sanction, including, but not limited to, the nature of the conduct, the impact of the conduct on the Complainant, the impact of the conduct on the University community, protection of the University community, and any mitigating, aggravating, or compelling circumstances in order to reach a just and appropriate resolution in every case.

SANCTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES

When an employee is found to have sexually harassed (as defined by System Regulation, 08.01.01, Civil Rights Compliance) another member of the TAMUS community, the sanction will be termination of employment.

SANCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

To support transparency and fairness across all member schools and agencies, The Texas A&M University System developed and requires members to follow the Model Sanctioning Matrix outlined in TAMUS Regulation 08.01.01 Appendix A [https:// assets.system.tamus.edu/files/policy/pdf/08-01-01-Appendix.pdf](https://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/policy/pdf/08-01-01-Appendix.pdf)



CATEGORY	EXAMPLES (include the following but are not limited to)	MINIMUM SANCTIONS
Sex-Based Violence and/or Non-Consensual Penetration (with predation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimate partner violence (with a pattern of previous violence or predation) • Penetration (with predation), no matter how slight, of a person's anus or vagina with any bodily part or object • Performing oral sex on another person without consent or forcing a person to perform oral sex 	Inactive Sanction: Expulsion Active Sanctions: Restriction from campus grounds and/or events
Sex-Based Violence and/or Non-Consensual Penetration (without predation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimate partner violence (without a pattern of previous violence or predation) • Penetration (without predation), no matter how slight, of a person's anus or vagina with any bodily part or object • Performing oral sex on another person without consent or forcing a person to perform oral sex 	Inactive Sanction Range: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension (at least 1 year) • Expulsion Active Sanctions: As appropriate for learning outcomes (based on investigative finding)
Non-Consensual Sexual Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional touching (no matter how slight), without consent, of another person's breasts, thighs, buttocks, genitals, groin; touching another area if the act of touching is sexual in nature; or knowingly touching a person with one's own genitals, breasts, or buttocks. Touching may be with any part of one's body and/or any object. 	Inactive Sanction Range: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Probation • Suspension • Expulsion Active Sanctions: As appropriate for learning outcomes (based on investigative finding)
Stalking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following or conducting surveillance of another person • Repeated and unsolicited surveillance of another person (e.g., phone calls, text messages, social media posts and messages, emails, gifts) • Repeated and unsolicited visits to residence, business, or classes when having no legitimate and reasonable purpose for the visit other than to make contact with the person • Sexual jokes, gestures, questions, remarks, and teasing • Inappropriate comments on appearance (dress and or body parts) • Unwelcome gifts of a sexual nature 	Inactive Sanction Range: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reprimand • Conduct Probation • Suspension • Expulsion Active Sanctions: As appropriate for learning outcomes (based on investigative finding)
Inactive Sanctions – official, written University responses to misconduct that generally do not require any action by the respondent. These actions (with the exception of suspension and expulsion) generally do not explicitly serve as teaching tools, but instead provide a baseline for sanctions for any future conduct violations. Warning > Conduct Probation > Suspension > Expulsion		
Active Sanctions – designed to achieve learning outcomes by providing information and/or experiences to deepen understanding of University expectations and reflection on the implication of actions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment, treatment, and/or education for alcohol and other drug issues - Interviews and education essays - Workshops (health relationships, conflict management, anger management) - Guided reflection papers - Counseling assessment 		

Appendix A <https://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/policy/pdf/08-01-01-Appendix.pdf>



RESPONSES

SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

TAMUS-RELLIS has its own specific policies and procedures that govern the campus and the students participating in the programs offered on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. TAMIU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these policies and procedures.



The FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) edition of the UCR defines a sex offense as any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the survivor is incapable of giving consent. All forms of sexual harassment/violence are violations of the Texas A&M University System Policy and Regulation on Civil Rights. Prohibited Conduct includes sexual and gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence, stalking, retaliation, and complicity.

If a sexual assault or rape should occur on campus, staff on the scene, including PD, will offer the survivor a wide variety of services. Both the UPD and A&M PD have designated working groups (advocates) available to answer questions and assist survivors in identifying and obtaining the necessary resources. These officers are trained and on-call and available to assist a survivor of sexual assault 24 hours a day. University personnel will assist the survivor in notifying appropriate law enforcement authorities if the survivor requests the assistance of these personnel. Members of the University community who believe their safety or the safety of others is threatened or who have experienced or witnessed Prohibited Conduct should immediately report the incident to PD.

PRIMARY PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

In addition to its ongoing efforts to eliminate, address, and prevent rape, acquaintance rape, and other forms of sexual violence on its campuses, and in connection with its programs and activities, the University includes in its student, staff, and faculty orientation programs information on

prevention and awareness relating to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Programs explain the University's policy prohibiting these types of conduct, provide definitions of prohibited conduct and consent in reference to sexual activity, and offer information about safe and positive options for bystander intervention, criminal reporting options and reporting to campus authorities, and campus disciplinary action, as well as resources to obtain orders of protection and no-contact orders.

The University also conducts ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students, staff, and faculty on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As part of the University's primary prevention and awareness programs, information is provided to incoming students and new employees. Mandatory on-line training is required for all new students and employees. These modules include information on sexual assault, intimate partner violence (including domestic and dating violence), consent, bystander intervention, University resources, policies, and reporting procedures. The student module also examines the interconnected issues of unhealthy relationships and substance abuse.

In addition to mandatory programs provided for new students, and consistent with NCAA policy, the University also conducts annual training for all athletics department coaches, administrative staff, and students involved in athletics programs. Conducting mandatory athletics training is necessary so that TAMIU's athletics program is knowledgeable about, integrated in, and compliant with TAMIU's Civil Rights policies which includes sexual and gender-based prohibited conduct.



Incoming undergraduate students also have a mandatory on-line module with particular attention to issues of consent, cultural and campus climate change, and bystander intervention.

ONGOING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TAMU and TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance offer many ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students, staff, and faculty on issues related to sexual and gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence (including domestic and dating violence), and stalking. These programs include the same information as the University's primary prevention and awareness programs. Mandatory online training is provided for faculty and staff, and mandatory online and in-person training is provided for students. At training events, Title IX brochures which explain the University's Civil Rights Policies and contain resources and reporting options are distributed. Training topics conducted throughout the year include sexual misconduct, bystander intervention, responding to disclosures, consent, campus reporting processes, campus resources, healthy relationships, and sex and communication. Some of the targeted areas are responsible employees, hearing boards, first responders, post-incident groups, residence halls duty teams, resident assistants, athletes, student leaders, student organizations, and the broader student body. Additional programs and information are available by contacting:

Laredo Campus:
Title IX (Killam Library 159)
Student Health Services (Student Center 125)
Student Counseling Services (Student Center 128)
Student Orientation, Leadership, and Engagement (Student Center 224)

Department	Office Location	Office Number
Student Conduct and Community Engagement	Student Center 226	956.326.2265
Student Orientation, Leadership and Engagement	Student Center 224	956.326.2280
Human Resources	Killam Library 158	956.326.2365
Compliance—Title IX	Killam Library 159	956.326.2857

RELLIS
Title IX (Academic Complex, Phase 1 Building 106F)
A&M PD - Community Services Division (TEEX Building)
RELLIS Campus Life Office (Academic Complex, Phase 1 Building 106F)

1. REPORTING AND RESOURCES **REPORTING TO PD OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

PD officers offer information and guidance to survivors when they file a PD report. If you choose to report the incident, a PD officer will take a statement from you regarding what happened. The officer will ask you to describe the assailant(s) and may ask questions about the scene of the crime, any witnesses, and what happened before and after the incident. You may have a support person with you during the interview and request

an Advocate be present as well. NOTE: Reporting an incident is a separate step from choosing to prosecute. When you file a report, you are NOT obligated to continue with legal proceedings or University disciplinary action. If the assault occurred off-campus, report the incident to the local police department, if you are outside of either the Laredo Campus or RELLIS Campus area, TAMIU or RELLIS will assist individuals who are unsure of how and where to report the crime. The reasons for reporting to PD are: 1) to take action which may prevent further victimization, including issuing a Timely Warning to warn the campus community of an impending threat to their safety; 2) to apprehend the assailant; 3) to seek justice for the wrong that has been done to you; and 4) to have the incident recorded for purposes of reporting statistics about incidents that occurred on campus. To report an incident, follow the guidelines under "Reporting Procedures" on page 12.

2. THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

In Laredo, the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) members are trained and prepared to assist individuals who have experienced sexual assault. The team members do not act as counselors, but provide the individual with information and resources in order to make informed decisions regarding the incident. This includes assisting the individual in identifying his or her medical, legal, counseling, and academic assistance needs; identifying the appropriate campus and/or community services to provide necessary assistance; providing follow-up with the individual to determine if the services have been obtained and have met his or her needs; and explaining options, such as filing a report with local law enforcement, reviewing disciplinary options available through the University's student disciplinary system, discussing University housing options, and acting as an educator about rape and sexual assault. The coordinator of the SART team or Advocates can be contacted at 956.326.2100 24 hours a day. For more information about the SART's services, please visit UPD.

3. TITLE IX REPORTING

Individuals may also consider reporting a sexual violence incident to the TAMIU or TAMUS-RELLIS Title IX Coordinator, who can provide assistance in addressing the incident by implementing interim

measures and alternative or disciplinary resolution. The Texas A&M University System Civil Rights Policy, Regulation and the Rules developed by TAMIU and TAMUS-RELLIS may be accessed at The Texas A&M University System Policy on Civil Rights

<https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01.pdf>

The Texas A&M University System Regulation on Civil Rights

<https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf>

Texas A&M International University Rule on Civil Rights <https://www.tamiu.edu/compliance/TAMIURulesSAPs.shtml>

TAMUS-RELLIS System Rule on Civil Rights

<https://assets.systems>

In Laredo, the Director, Title IX Coordinator & Civil Rights Compliance provides assistance with navigating the Title IX process and offers support information and referrals for dealing with personal and academic issues and is available at 956.326.2857. Students located at RELLIS should seek assistance from the office of the RELLIS Assistant Provost via email at civilrights@rellis.tamus.edu or 979.317.3402

4. COUNSELING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Counseling and Psychological Services are available by visiting :

Laredo Campus

Student Counseling Services

Texas A&M International University

Student Center Suite 128

5201 University Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041

956.326.2230

RELLIS Campus

Texas A&M Health Family Care

Texas A&M University

2900 E. 29th Street Bryan, TX 77802

979.776.8440



Counselors can provide confidential support for you during this difficult period. They can inform you about common emotional reactions and discuss coping methods that may assist you immediately following the assault and later. Talking about your concerns with a counselor in a safe and supportive environment may help you sort through your feelings and decide what to do. You do not need to disclose your name if you call either counseling office for information. Counselors will not reveal your identity to anyone without your permission. Students may be seen on an emergency walk-in basis or by appointment.

5. VICTIM SUPPORT

CAMPUS BASED

PD victim support is a valuable resource for TAMIU and RELLIS Academic Alliance community members who are the victims of a crime. PD provides services designed to raise awareness and address the needs of those impacted by any form of crime. It also provides information about rights; a space to discuss and process feelings and reactions in confidence; support to individuals who have been victimized; reporting options (on and off campus); means for obtaining interim supportive measures; access to community resources, including counseling, protection orders, victim compensation and legal representation; accompaniment and coordination of transportation to civil protection order hearings; safety planning. You can contact Victim Support to schedule a conversation by calling:

Laredo Campus 956.326.2100
RELLIS Campus 979.458.9767 or
<https://upd.tamu.edu/Pages/VictimsAdvocate.aspx>

OFF CAMPUS

LAREDO, TEXAS (WEBB COUNTY)

Sexual Assault Services & Information Program (SASI): The SASI Program, offered by SCAN, is based on the concept that every sexual assault survivor has the right to support and advocacy services. The SASI Program is designed to provide trauma-informed, victim-centered, and confidential services to sexually assaulted individuals of all ages regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religious affiliation, or disability free of charge. Please call 956.724.3177 or visit https://www.scan-inc.org/sasi_information.html for more information.

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (BRAZOS COUNTY)

The Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC): We see you, we hear you, we believe you. Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the Sexual Assault Resource Center's Hotline provides survivors of sexual violence and their significant other immediate support, crisis intervention, accompaniments, and referrals for the entire Brazos Valley. The volunteer advocates and staff at SARC have received extensive training in sexual assault crisis intervention. Please call 979.731.1000 or visit www.sarcbv.org for more information.



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Texas Sex Offender Registry can be found on the DPS public webpage:
<https://publicsite.dps.texas.gov/SexOffenderRegistry>



The “Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act” is a federal law enacted in 2000 that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students, employed, or volunteering at institutions of higher education.

This Act amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to clarify that nothing in that Act may be construed to prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

As provided by State law, under section 121 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, information on registered sex offenders may

be obtained by law enforcement offices and/or jurisdictions. Sex offenders are responsible for notifying the appropriate local Police Department that they will be attending TAMIU/RELLIS. In addition, they are also responsible for notifying the appropriate campus University Police Department.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the official record keeper for Sex Offender Registration information. DPS maintains files based on registration information submitted by criminal justice agencies and represents a statewide source of information on sex offenders required by law to register.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICIES

Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Biennial Review Report:

<https://www.tamtu.edu/compliance/documents/Rules%20and%20SAPs/34.02.01.L1UniversityAlcoholandDrugPreventionProgram.docx.pdf>.

Additional AOD Information:

<https://www.tamtu.edu/scce/aod.shtml>

TAMTU Employee Assistance Program Information:

<https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/ohr/documents/eap---guidanceresources.pdf>

All members of the campus community and guests are required to comply with federal and state laws regarding the possession, use, and service (including sales) of alcoholic beverages. Except as permitted or expressly authorized by state law, alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under 21 years of age.

TAMUS strictly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution (including sales), possession, or use of alcohol on TAMUS property, while on official duty, and/or as part of any TAMUS activities (System Policy 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse). Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on property under control of the TAMUS will not be permitted except in special use buildings and facilities that may be designated by the chief executive officer of the member, approved by the chancellor, and subsequently reported to the board on an annual basis (System Policy 34.03, Alcoholic Beverages).

The purchase, service (including sales), possession, and consumption of alcohol beverages in facilities under the control of the TAMUS shall in all respects comply with state law (System Policy 34.03, Alcoholic Beverages). All purchases of

alcoholic beverages by any member must comply with guidelines as established in System Policy 34.03, Alcoholic Beverages regarding the purchase's source of funds, purpose, and required documentation.

Consequences for policy violations could result in sanctions by the institution and/or criminal charges/arrest by PD or other law enforcement agencies for state law violations.

Members of the TAMTU community should know that violation of the laws concerning alcohol and illegal drugs may lead to disciplinary action, which may include eviction from the residence halls, revocation of other privileges, or suspension or expulsion from the University in order to protect the interests of the University and the rights and safety of others.

The Student Code of Conduct, A&M System Policy, and TAMTU HR procedures specify the prohibitions and the penalties for violations and are available in the TAMTU Student Handbook; Policy 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation; TAMTU HR Drug and Alcohol Abuse).

The TAMUS-RELLIS Campus has its own specific policies and procedures that govern the campus and the students participating in the programs offered on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. TAMTU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these policies and procedures.



The TAMIU Division of Student Success, office of Human Resources and RELLIS are committed to promoting responsible decision making regarding alcohol consumption and other drug use through educational programming, resources, and referrals. In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, TAMIU/RELLIS publishes information regarding the University's educational programs related to drug and alcohol abuse prevention; sanctions for violations of Federal, State, and local laws and University policy; a description of health risks associated with alcohol and other drug use; and a description of available treatment programs for TAMIU students and employees. A complete description of these topics, as provided in the University's annual notification to students and employees, is available online at: TAMIU Biennial AOD Report/DAAPP Notification. Additionally, Human Resource's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) manages the alcohol & drug abuse and rehabilitation program for employees and faculty. The EAP also provides counseling and referral services.

TAMIU/TAMUS-RELLIS is committed to promoting the health and safety of its campus community through a program of alcohol education and the implementation of relevant policies. The University enforces all local, State, and Federal laws regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages, including those prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 on campus and at University-sponsored activities. TAMIU's policy regarding alcoholic beverage consumption, as well as the University's penalties for possession or distribution of controlled substances by students, faculty, or staff on University premises or at

institutionally-sponsored activities off campus, are contained online (TAMIU Student Handbook; 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation; TAMIU HR Drug and Alcohol Abuse). TAMIU prohibits the unlawful possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages on campus. The UPD is responsible for the enforcement of state underage drinking laws, with the assistance of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement which conducts disciplinary proceedings for referrals involving alcohol violations.

TAMIU is in compliance with the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989. Federal and Texas law prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance without legal authorization. A controlled substance includes any drug, substance, or immediate precursor covered under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, including but not limited to, opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana, and hallucinogens. The possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited under Texas State law. Drug paraphernalia includes all equipment, products, and material of any kind that are used to facilitate, or intended or designed to facilitate, violations of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. Alleged violations of this law may result in criminal charges and will also be adjudicated through the appropriate University disciplinary process.

The University does not condone violations of laws proscribing the possession, use, or sale of alcoholic beverages and possession, use, sale, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs.

Abuse of alcohol and drugs can have a dramatic impact on professional, academic, and family life. TAMIU, therefore, encourages members of the community who may be experiencing difficulty with drugs or alcohol to attend programs or to contact one of the following resources available on-campus:

Students:

Student Health Services
Student Counseling Services

Employees:

TAMIU Community Counseling Center
TAMIU EAP

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CENTER



FIREARMS AND WEAPONS POLICIES

For additional information, please visit the following link:

TAMU Campus Carry Information <https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/campuscarry/index.shtml>

TAMUS-RELLIS Campus has its own specific policies and procedures that govern the campus and the students participating in the programs offered on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus. TAMU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these policies and procedures. As such, the information provided here is only applicable to students on the Laredo Campus and all TAMU employees. For additional information regarding Firearms and Weapons Policies, on the TAMUS-RELLIS Campus, contact the TAMUS-RELLIS administrative office.



TAMIU is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment that supports the academic mission of the University. According to TAMIU Policy, members of the TAMIU community, including students, faculty, staff, as well as visitors to any TAMIU campus location, are prohibited from unlawfully possessing firearms, explosives, weapons, or any item that may be construed as such, on the premises of the University or in any building under University control.

This prohibition applies regardless of whether a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor. There are some limited exceptions to this policy; for example, certified and licensed law enforcement personnel who are authorized to carry a firearm are permitted to do so while on TAMIU property.

In accordance with Texas Penal Code Ch. 46.03, a person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possesses or goes with a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, to include any buildings or passenger transportation vehicles under the direct control of the educational

institution unless pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution; or the person possesses a license to carry a concealed handgun. (You may also refer to the TAMIU Student Handbook Article 6 Section 6.05 Prohibited Behavior—Weapons and Explosives).

Effective August 1, 2016, Senate Bill 11 required all State public colleges and universities to allow Concealed Campus Carry. Accordingly, Texas A&M University System policy now allows handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun. State law provides universities with the ability to limit or establish rules regarding where handguns may and may not be present. Note that licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

TAMIU rule 34.06.02.L1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus outlines areas where carrying a concealed handgun on campus premises is prohibited. The University enforces State law and System policy; it is encouraged that you read and understand State law and University rules and regulations.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

There are times when the Chief of Police or a designee may declare a campus emergency that dictates the immediate implementation of emergency procedures including the emergency evacuations of buildings, a part of campus, or the entire campus.

TAMUS-RELLIS Campus has its own specific Emergency Procedures and Testing/Drill protocols that govern that campus. TAMIU does not have any administrative control or oversight of these procedures.

TAMIU and TAMUS-RELLIS have a comprehensive written Emergency Management Plan and Standard Operating Procedures in place. The Plan is administered by the Emergency Management Team which draws its membership from University division, department, and office levels. Divisions, departments, and offices should familiarize themselves with information in this plan. The Emergency Management Plan is available by contacting the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 956.326.2194 or TAMUS-RELLIS Academic Alliance at 979-317-3410

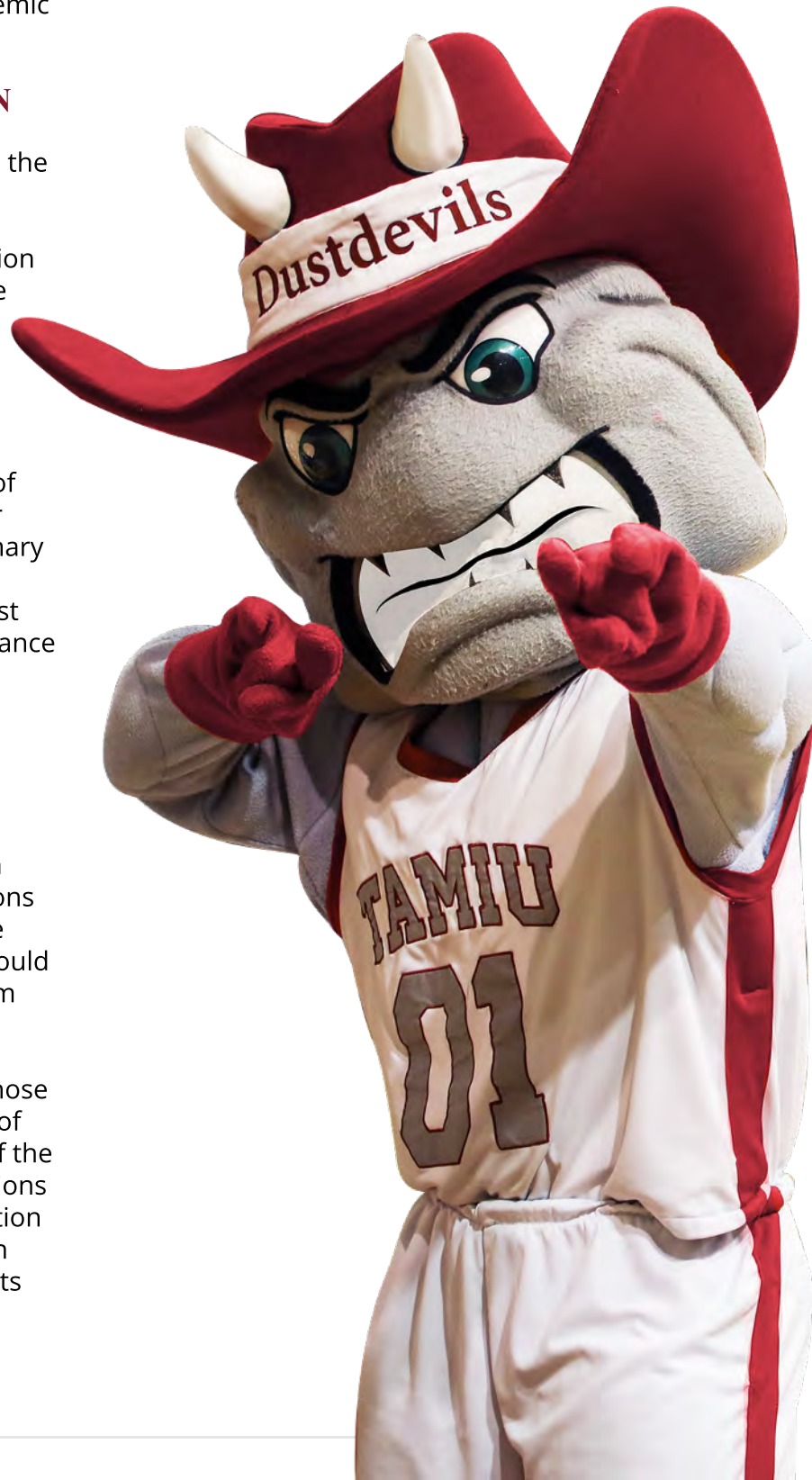
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN RESPONSE TESTING AND DRILLS

In conjunction with other emergency agencies, the University conducts emergency response tests each year, such as tabletop exercises, field exercises, and tests of the emergency notification systems on campus. These tests, which may be announced or unannounced, are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution.

Each test is documented and includes a description of the exercise, the date and time of the exercise, and whether it was announced or unannounced. The campus publicizes a summary of the emergency response and evacuation procedures, in conjunction with at least one test per calendar year, via email annually in accordance with the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The emergency evacuation procedures for all campus buildings are tested at least once each year. Students and employees learn the locations of the emergency exits in the buildings and are provided guidance about the direction they should travel when exiting each facility for a short-term building evacuation. PD does not tell building occupants in advance about the designated locations for long-term evacuations because those decisions are affected by time of day, location of the building being evacuated, the availability of the various designated emergency gathering locations on campus, and other factors such as the location and nature of the threat. In both cases, staff on scene will communicate information to students regarding the developing situation or any evacuation status changes.





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ABOUT TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY PROPERTY PROFILE

A. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION – TAMIU is located in the border region of south-central Texas. Topography of this region is rolling hills and prairie. In winter, this region receives much of its rain; on occasion this area may experience sleeting and icing. While most of the possible tornado activity occurs in the spring, heavy storms and high winds/low pressure centers have developed in other times of the year. In summertime, especially during a “dry” year, this area may be prone for small to moderate grass fires. As in nearly all areas of the country, warning system information is relayed to the public by radio and television.

B. IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT – University Village and the Residential Learning Community are located on the TAMIU campus near the junction of State Highway Loop 20 and US 59. The Office of Housing & Residence Life serves the needs of TAMIU, housing nearly 700 students. There are NO approved shelters on the TAMIU Campus.

C. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY – A Member of The Texas A&M University System, TAMIU is committed to the preparation of students for leadership roles in their chosen profession in an increasingly complex, culturally-diverse state, national and global society. The University provides over 8500 students with a learning environment anchored by the highest quality programs built on a solid academic foundation in the arts and sciences. To fulfill its mission, the University offers a range of baccalaureate and masters programs and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Business. Programs focus on developing undergraduate and graduate offerings with a progressive international agenda for global study and understanding across all disciplines.

EMERGENCY AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY

On campus phones – Police/Fire/Medical 2911 Off campus or cellular phones – 911
Non-Emergencies/General
University Police Department – 956.326.2100 Environmental Health & Safety – 956.326.2194

OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Housing & Residence Life – 956.326.1300
956.326.3210
Physical Plant – 956.326.2325 Fire Department – 911

REPORT

This Report is developed as a requirement of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315).

FIRE LOG INFORMATION/LOCATION

TAMIU maintains a Fire Log available to the public online at
<https://www.tamiau.edu/adminis/police/daily-fire-log.shtml>.

If you have questions regarding the log, or wish to speak with someone personally, you may by contacting UPD, custodian of the record. UPD offices are located in the University Police Department Building at the corner of West Campus Loop and Entrance 3 or by telephone at 956.326.2100.

DEFINITIONS

(Source: Department of Education)

CAUSE OF FIRE: The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure, or act of nature.

FIRE: Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

FIRE DRILL: A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.

Fire-related injury: Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause, while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term "person" may include students, employees, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.

FIRE-RELATED DEATH: Any instance in which a person—

- (1) Is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire; or
- (2) Dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.

FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM: Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This may include sprinkler systems or other fire extinguishing systems, fire detection devices, stand-alone smoke alarms, devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights; smoke-control and reduction mechanisms; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire.

VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE: The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. This estimate should include contents damaged by fire, and related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION

PHYSICAL SIZE AND CONSTRUCTION - The buildings that comprise the University Village community are four separate three-story brick veneer structures with a single story Community Center. The property is classified as an apartment development. The buildings that comprise the Residential Learning Community include four distinct three-story traditional residence halls, a single story Community Center and a single story maintenance shop, all buildings are stucco with traditional wood soffits. Each Community Center houses a demonstration kitchen, swimming pool/spa, office space and recreational facilities.

All buildings that make up University Village and the Residential Learning Community are trimmed with a variety of combustible finishing materials including pinewood, cedar wood and masonite-type siding. All unit interiors are sheet-rock walls on concrete or gypsum-based concrete floors (second and third floor units).

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES - FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE, 4907 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD. LAREDO, TX 78041. All four standalone residential buildings are equipped with the following safety features: full coverage central sprinkler system in each unit, multiple integrated smoke detectors, range ventilation hoods and GFI electrical outlets near sinks. Fire safety equipment in units for the hearing impaired also includes a high-pitched horn and flashing strobe. A centrally monitored universal fire alarm system exists and is integrated with the sprinkler system, but there are no resident pull stations. Units are equipped with fire extinguishers.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY, 5281 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD. LAREDO, TX 78041. All four standalone residential buildings have a full coverage central sprinkler system and a centrally monitored fire alarm system; the systems are integrated and provide coverage for all spaces in the buildings. All rental units are equipped with the following safety features: integrated smoke detectors, and GFI electrical outlets near sinks. There are fire safety doors, fire alarm pull stations, and fire extinguishers located on each floor. See "Fire Safety Systems" table below.



FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

Facility	Fire Alarm Monitoring	Full Sprinkler System	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishers	Evacuation Plan and Placards	Number of Evacuation (Fire) Drills per year
University Village Coronado Building 4907 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
University Village Cardenas Building 4907 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
University Village Ojeda Building 4907 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
University Village Hudson Building 4907 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
Residential Learning Community Building 1 – Sanchez 5281 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
Residential Learning Community Building 2 – Cabeza De Vaca 5281 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
Residential Learning Community Building 3 – Champlain 5281 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1
Residential Learning Community Building 4 – Balboa 5281 University Blvd.	X	X	X	X	X	1

FIRE STATISTICS

Building Name and Address	Year	Total	Number of Fires	Cause of Fire(s)	Number of persons with fire-related injuries	Number of fire-related deaths	Value of property damage caused by each fire
University Village Coronado Building 4907 University Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
University Village Cardenas Building 4907 University Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
University Village Ojeda Building 4907 University Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
University Village Hudson Building 4907 University Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Residential Learning Community Building 1 - Sanchez 5281 University Blvd, Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Residential Learning Community Building 2 - Cabeza De Vaca 5281 University Blvd, Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Residential Learning Community Building 3 - Champlain 5281 University Blvd, Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Residential Learning Community Building 4 - Balboa 5281 University Blvd, Laredo, TX 78041	2022	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	N/A	0	0	0

*ALL LISTED FIRES (IF ANY) OCCURRED ON-CAMPUS IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING. FIRE SAFETY POLICIES

FIRE SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

POST-FIRE REPORTING PROCEDURES

After a fire, students or employees should report any information they have concerning the cause of the fire to:

University Police Department- Police Dispatchers at 956.326.2100. Environmental Health and Safety at 956.326.2194.

Office of Housing and Residence Life –Director of Housing and Residence Life or designee at 956.326.1300.

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Residents who tamper with fire equipment are subject to disciplinary action, possible prosecution, possible eviction and a possible fine.

- Tampering with smoke detectors is strictly prohibited.
- Tampering with fire alarms is strictly prohibited.
- Tampering with fire hoses/extinguishers is strictly prohibited.
- Tampering with sprinkler systems is strictly prohibited.

Tampering with any of the above, which results in a response from the local fire department, is in violation of State and local ordinances.

FIRE SAFETY – The greatest threat to any community is that of a fire. The sounding of a fire alarm should be taken seriously. In the event of an alarm, tenants are to vacate the premises immediately. University and Community staff will instruct tenants when they will be allowed to return to their rooms. Fire can produce deadly smoke, heat, and toxins. Therefore, it is imperative that you take all attempts to prevent a fire from starting and to protect the lives of your roommates and yourself should a fire occur. To assist you we have installed various warning devices and a fire extinguisher in each unit.

A. SMOKE DETECTORS – Annually the Office of Housing and Residence Life will test the smoke detector(s) in the unit for proper operation and working batteries. Residents are advised to not render the smoke detector(s) inoperable or fail to keep working batteries installed and report to the housing office any malfunctioning or inoperable smoke detector(s).

B. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – Fire extinguishers are inspected regularly and recertified by a fire safety company annually. Should it become necessary for the discharge of a fire extinguisher, residents must notify the housing office at 956.326.1300, once the danger has passed, so that safety and risk management personnel can inspect the unit for damages and replace the discharged fire extinguisher(s). Should Housing and Residence Life discover that either a fire extinguisher has been discharged or the resident had a fire and did not report the event to the housing office, each resident of the unit will be fined \$250.00 for endangering the safety of others.

C. LIGHTING SOURCES & OPEN FLAMES – Residents may not use halogen lamps, candles, incense or any open flame in the unit. If the power goes out, use flashlights only. Do not store dangerous substances, flammable liquids and/or chemicals in or around your unit.

D. TAMPERING/ALTERING/FALSE ALARMS – Fire warning devices and safety equipment are to inoperable through vandalism, being disconnected from their primary power source or any other form of tampering. Tampering with smoke detectors may result in a fine of \$500.

E. BARBECUE GRILLS – Fire code prohibits storage or use of barbecue grills in or on any building, walkway, or stairway. Housing and Residence Life will dispose of grills found on the premises. Community grills are available for residents only, grills and grill area should be left clean for the use of others.

SMOKING PROHIBITED – Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas of community and its related environments. Residents may not smoke indoors or anywhere within 50 feet of any public building, sidewalk, entrance gate or commonly used amenity, other than a designated smoking area. During Health and Safety Inspections, if there is evidence of in-room/unit smoking (i.e., used ashtrays, ashes, or other implements related to smoking) a \$250.00 fine may be imposed. Students caught smoking inside any Community indoor space will face disciplinary sanctions and through the University judicial process, face the loss of student status.

- Smoking is prohibited inside at all times in all housing areas.
- Smoking is NOT permitted in resident rooms/units.
- Smoking is permitted only on the sidewalks of the housing facilities and no closer than 50 feet from the nearest window or door.
- If a resident or staff member asks you to move further away from their apartment due to unwanted smoke entering through an open door or window, you must abide by their request.

PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Residents may bring personal items to campus for use in their rooms, provided that such items do not endanger resident safety, restrict reasonable freedom of movement with a rooms shared living space, and do not violate policy guidelines. All appliances must have the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approval. If any prohibited items are found, they will be confiscated. Any items that are confiscated will be held in the Community Office until the next break period.

- Refrigerator capacities cannot exceed 5 amps, and may be no larger than 3 feet in height. Please note; a mini-fridge is provided to all residents of the RLC and a full size refrigerator to residents of University Village.
- Small microwave ovens (900 watts or less) are permitted in resident rooms. Please note a microwave is provided to all residents as part of the appliance package.
- For Fire Safety reasons, appliances with open heating elements (i.e., hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, electric skillets, indoor grills, etc.) may not be used in RLC resident rooms.
- Residents of University Village may have toasters and other common small kitchen appliances.
- Halogen lamps are strictly prohibited.

OTHER ITEMS, BECAUSE THEY CONSTITUTE A FIRE HAZARD

- Live-cut Christmas trees.
- Decorations that obstruct the sprinklers or smoke detectors.
- Electrical Power Strips and Extension Cords that do not have integrated circuit breakers.
- Fireworks/Explosives/Hazardous Materials.

STUDENT HOUSING FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

If a fire alarm is sounded, do the following:

STUDENTS

1. REMAIN CALM.
2. GET OUT OF THE BUILDING!
3. REPORT TO YOUR BUILDING'S GATHERING LOCATION:

A. Residential Learning Community

Sanchez Hall: Parking lot area across the street from the facility. Cabeza de Vaca Hall: North end of Basketball Court (inside cage). Champlain Hall: South end of Basketball Court (inside cage).
Balboa Hall: Parking lot area SOUTH of the Observatory (side closest to the athletic fields).

B. University Village

Report to your building's gathering location
ALL UV BUILDINGS evacuate to the parking lot directly east of University Village.

EMPLOYEES

1. REMAIN CALM.

2. Direct/Assist students to an appropriate exit and GET RESIDENTS OUT OF THE BUILDINGS

3. GET YOURSELF OUT OF THE BUILDING!

4. A. Residential Learning Community

Report to your building's gathering location:

Sanchez Hall: Parking lot area across the street from the facility. Cabeza de Vaca Hall: North end of Basketball Court (inside cage). Champlain Hall: South end of Basketball Court (inside cage).

Balboa Hall: Physical Plant Parking lot (side closest to the athletic fields).

B. University Village

Report to your building's gathering location

ALL UV BUILDINGS evacuate to the parking lot directly east of University Village.

FIRE DRILLS

The Office of Housing and Residence Life conducted announced fire drills on September 7, 2022, at each facility.

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Fire safety education programs for all students living in on-campus student housing and all employees that have any association with on-campus student housing are held at the beginning of each semester. These programs are designed to: familiarize everyone with the fire safety system in each housing facility, train everyone on the procedures to be followed in case there is a fire and distribute information on the University's fire safety policies. During programs, trainers emphasize that participating in fire drills is mandatory. Students with disabilities rooms are noted by the housing office and are given the option to have a "buddy" assigned to them. Fire safety education and training programs are taught by the Environmental Health and Safety Office as well as the director of housing who is experienced in fire safety matters.

If a fire occurs, students are instructed to leave hazardous areas per the evacuation routes and get to a predetermined location before calling 911 for help. They are to remain in that location so that the director of housing or someone from the Office of Housing and Residence Life has documented that the student has left the building. RAs are instructed to pull the fire alarm as they are leaving the building if they can do so without risking their safety.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

TAMIU conducts several levels of fire and life safety inspections in all of our residence hall and apartment facilities. Inspections are generally conducted on a semester basis with the University Physical Plant, in addition to the semester and monthly health and safety inspections conducted by the department. During the year, University's Physical Plant conducts inspections of fire safety equipment in compliance with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association. On May 22, 2017 residential facilities were inspected by the State Fire Marshal and deficiencies were found.

MONTHLY INSPECTIONS – Each month, housing staff conduct egress area fire safety inspections. These areas include corridors, stairways, and exit paths.

PRE-OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS – Prior to occupancy of each fall, spring and summer semester, a more in- depth inspection is conducted. These inspections include all common areas, mechanical, electrical, and custodial areas within each building as well as exit paths outside of the facilities.

Annual Inspections – Once each calendar year, a complete fire and life safety inspection is conducted under the oversight of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

Fall Room Inspections – Health and Safety inspections are conducted (fire and life safety inspections) of all campus residences during the Fall Semester. The intent of these inspections is to increase the level of safety and safety awareness for all occupants of the residences. These inspections include resident rooms and staff offices as well as mechanical and common areas. Inspections will be conducted in the presence of a staff member. Advance notification of all inspections will be provided to hall staff. Safety practices in general and the Fire/Life safety rules found in the rules section will be the primary focus of the inspection. These inspections will look for items such as:

ELECTRICAL: Use of extension cords, cover plate missing/damaged, electrical wiring frayed/damaged/crimped, multi adapter without breaker in use, prohibited/ unapproved appliances.

Fire Alarm Equipment: smoke detector obstructed (min. 24" clearance), smoke detector damaged.

Ignition Sources/Combustible Products: candles/incense being present in the room, flammable liquids in the room, combustible materials near electrical source, and excessive fire load in the room.

Emergency Planning: absence of the evacuation plan on the back of the room door, window/door obstructed.

Miscellaneous: poor housekeeping, floor/wall/ceiling penetrations, and the door closure missing/damaged.



PLANS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRE SAFETY

The University continues to assess and upgrade fire safety equipment as an ongoing process to ensure that all equipment meets National Fire Safety standards. While at this time no improvement are scheduled, future improvements will be made as needed as part of the ongoing assessment process.

REPORT CONTACT INFORMATION

For purposes of including fire statistics in the Annual Fire Safety Report, employees and students should report all instances that a fire occurred in on-campus student housing to the individuals listed below. These individuals also can provide additional information about this Report.

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Interim Director
Office of Housing & Residence Life
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RESOURCES

TAMIU EMERGENCY SERVICES

University Police Emergency	911 or 956.326.2911
Non-Emergency	956.326.2100
Fire or Medical Emergency	911
Non-Emergency:	
Doctors Hospital of Laredo	956.523.2000
Laredo Medical Center	956.796.5000

TAMIU CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES (FUNCTIONAL AREA)

University Police Department	956.326.2100
Office of Student Orientation, Leadership, and Engagement	956.326.2280
Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement.....	956.326.2265
Office of Housing and Residence Life	956.326.1300
Office of Student Health Services.....	956.326.2235
Department of Athletics	956.326.3000
Office of Human Resources	956.326.2365
Office of Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies	956.326.2861
Office of Compliance (Title IX)	956.326.2855
Office of International Engagement	956.326.2282

TAMIU SERVICES

Student Counseling Services	956.326.2230
Student Health Services	956.326.2235
24 hour on-campus service (UPD)	956.326.2100

SHELTERS:

Mercy Ministries of Laredo (Casa de Misericordia Shelter)	956.718.6810
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SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Casa de Misericordia (Non-Residential Services) (Domestic Violence Information and Guidance)	956.712.9590
Family Counseling & Social Services	956.724.3604
Child Protective Services	956.728.7383
SCAN/SASI	956.724.3177
Salvation Army	956.723.2349
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800.273.8255
Border Region MHMR	800.643.1102

LOCAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE

District Attorney's Office (Protective Orders & Domestic Violence Unit)	956.523.4900
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid	956.718.4600

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and
Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f), 34 CFR 668.46)



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