



**MAC 558 Contextual Dimensions
of Couple and Family Counseling 1
Saint Martin's University - Master of Arts in Counseling
Foundations Level
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SAINT MARTIN'S UNIVERSITY MISSION AND CORE THEMES

Saint Martin's University is a Catholic Benedictine institution of higher education that empowers students to pursue a lifetime of learning and accomplishment in all arenas of human endeavor. Saint Martin's students learn to make a positive difference in their lives and in the lives of others through the interaction of faith, reason, and service. The University honors both the sacredness of the individual and the significance of community in the ongoing journey of becoming.

Faith	Reason	Service	Community
This course fosters attention to contextual dimensions of couple and family counseling with a focus on resilience, love, and hope.	An approach to learning skills and therapeutic techniques encouraged for support and cultivation of responses for action.	Students refine their ability to listen to themselves and others, supporting commitment to justice.	A demonstrated commitment to include a broad systemic perspective about human relationships informs how all counseling is done in the context of community.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND COUNSELING MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the College of Education and Counseling is to prepare a dynamic inclusive community of reflective professionals who use their knowledge, skills, and dispositions to positively transform the lives of those they serve.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING (MAC) PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Master of Arts in Counseling Program (MAC) prepares professionals in the theoretical foundations and skills necessary for advanced positions in the fields of individual, couple, and family counseling. Built on a philosophy of service, intellectual hunger, fundamental respect, social justice, and a focus on the person of the counselor, the MAC program strives to embody spirit, empathic care, intellect, and wisdom. The MAC program is characterized by personal, social, and professional transformation, liberation, and enrichment.

MAC Faculty areas of interest include: anti-oppression, appreciative inquiry, access and technology, authentic leadership, collaboration, conflict as opportunity, decolonization, depth work, faith and community, indigenous wisdom, love, military families, professional identity, relational approaches to research, social change, spontaneity and creativity, subtle activism, and

vulnerability. Our work strives to embody social justice through a continuing cultivation of ethical and culturally relevant methodologies. In resonance with the values of the American Counseling Association, the National Board for Certified Counselors, accrediting organizations for counseling programs, and our Catholic framework, we recognize the dominance of white/euro-centric norms and teach cultural humility by rejecting anti-immigrant rhetoric and action. We affirm the self-determination of indigenous and native communities by hearing their stories and supporting decolonization. We work to deconstruct the walls of sexism and transphobia by integrating feminist and trans-valuing theories into our practice. We actively counter ageism, ableism, classism, racism and heterosexism in our communities by admitting their pervasiveness and implementing corrective actions. In the spirit of Benedictine sincere hospitality, we extend welcome to members of all faiths and to those who do not identify as having a religious membership.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND CLASS FORMAT

This course explores the roles and settings of marriage, couple and family counseling with a focus on sexuality. Other contextual dimensions such as family structure, assessment, diagnosis, aging, crisis, addiction, and violence will be considered.

OBJECTIVES & OUTCOME MEASURES

Student Learning Objective	Outcome Measures
1. Students will understand the fundamental contexts of marriages, couples, and families including: age factors, human sexuality, culture, crises, violence, health, and employment.	Student will be able to demonstrate understanding of age factors, human sexuality, culture, crises, violence, health, and employment in a comprehensive self-evaluation.
2. Students will create a model of healing and recovery that attends to couple and family needs.	<p>Student will be able to identify two roles of the counselor and discuss these roles in-class.</p> <p>Student will be able to identify at least two diagnoses as presented in the DSM and apply a treatment plan to each diagnosis via classroom discussions and journals.</p> <p>Student will be able to prepare a model of healing based on a hypothetical couple/family's needs via a research paper analyzing different age needs or sexual preferences, the individual's family of origin, and any concerns in treatment.</p>
3. Each student will uncover their own assumptions and style of treatment.	Student will learn their assumptions and style of treatment through roleplays and weekly journals.
4. Students will consider couple and family counseling in the context of issues common to individuals and families impacted by military service.	Student will answer questions within lecture and journal assignments that consider human sexuality in the context of issues common to individuals and families impacted by military service
5. Students will gain understanding of ethical and legal considerations	Student will be able to identify two ethical/legal dilemmas in classroom discussions and/or with discussion partners.

unique to marriage, couple, and family counseling.	
6. Students will synthesize issues of race, class, age, gender, sexual orientation and other group memberships.	Student will demonstrate anti-oppressive consciousness through weekly journals and in-class scenarios as introduced by the instructor.

COURSE CONTENT AREAS

These content areas will be emphasized in this course:

CONTEXTUAL DIMENSIONS

- a. roles and settings of marriage, couple, and family counselors
- b. structures of marriages, couples, and families
- c. family assessments, including diagnostic interviews, genograms, family mapping, mental diagnostic status examinations, symptom inventories, and psychoeducational and personality assessments
- d. diagnostic process, including differential diagnosis and the use of current diagnostic classification systems, including the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)* and the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD)*
- e. human sexuality and its effect on couple and family functioning
- f. aging and intergenerational influences and related family concerns
- g. impact of crisis and trauma on marriages, couples, and families
- h. impact of addiction on marriages, couples, and families
- i. impact of interpersonal violence on marriages, couples, and families
- j. impact of unemployment, under-employment, and changes in socioeconomic standing on marriages, couples, and families
- k. interactions of career, life, and gender roles on marriages, couples, and families
- l. physical, mental health, and psychopharmacological factors affecting marriages, couples, and families
- m. cultural factors relevant to marriage, couple, and family functioning, including the impact of immigration
- n. professional organizations, preparation standards, and credentials relevant to the practice of marriage, couple, and family counseling
- o. ethical and legal considerations and family law issues unique to the practice of marriage, couple, and family counseling
- p. record keeping, third party reimbursement, and other practice and management considerations in marriage, couple, and family counseling

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

MAC 558 will meet WA licensure requirements for behavioral science in a field relating to mental health counseling in area (e) Counseling Couples and Families, see WAC 246-809-221. MAC 558 will also meet WA licensure requirements for marriage and family therapy in areas (a) Marital and Family Systems, (b) Marital and Family Therapy, and (e) Human Sexuality see WAC 246-809-121.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

MAC 558 may meet Washington chemical dependency professional certification area (m) Chemical Dependency Counseling for Families, Couples, and Significant Others. See WAC 246-811-030.

SECTION TWO

SESSION A:

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OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

BUILDING AND ROOM: TBA

CLASS DAY/TIME: Session A: Wednesdays 12:00pm-4:30pm

SESSION B:

INSTRUCTOR: K Alexandra Onno, Ph D.

CONTACT:

OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

BUILDING AND ROOM: TBA

CLASS DAY/TIME: Session B: Wednesdays 5:00-9:30pm

REQUIRED TEXTS AND READINGS

- Couple and Family Text - TBA
- *Sex, Sexuality and Therapeutic Practice* – edited by Butler, Catherine, O'Donovan, Amanda and Shaw, Elizabeth
- *Quickies – The Handbook of Brief Sex Therapy* - Green, Shelley and Flemons, Douglas
- *New Directions in Sex Therapy* - Kleinplatz, Peggy
- *Passionate Marriage* - Schnarch, David

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

MAC classes have a significant class-webpage component. Methods include: lectures, dyad and group discussions, student presentations, skills practice in small groups and dyads, observations (outside of class), guest speakers, use of media (films, music, etc.). The MAC program places significant emphasis on role playing to insure skills mastery and self-confidence.

STUDENT EVALUATION AND GRADING POLICY

Grading in the MAC Program does not use a deficiency model where a student begins with an "A" and loses from there. Instead, we will follow the SMU guidelines of a reward model. The baseline (average) grade for undergraduates is a "C" and for graduate students is a "B." Therefore, students start out assumed to be average (with a "B"). Those performing above the average for MAC graduate students will earn a "B+" and those showing second-mile excellence earn an "A-" (an excellent grade). A grade of "A" indicates unusual distinction.

Not all classes are taught the same way. Some use a point system where a student receives "full points" (100% or A+) on a project if that student has satisfactorily completed all parts of a project. Other classes (like this one) assess the quality of each project and a grade of 100% is unusual and reserved for truly exemplary quality. This class specifically uses the following grading scale:

A+ = 97-100 Astounding

- The work displays meritorious distinction, has sparkle & snap, is a result of significant sacrifice of some kind, and/or contains profound analysis. This grade is rare.

A = 93-96 Outstanding

- The work shows second-mile effort, goes well beyond the requirements for this project, and far exceeds MAC expectations for graduate work. It shows creativity and originality of thought, mastery of material, and deep analysis.

A- = 90-92 Excellent

- The work shows excellent effort, goes beyond the requirements for this project, and exceeds MAC expectations for graduate work. It shows good understanding of material, and excellent analysis.

B+ = 87-89 Above Average

- The work shows good effort, meets or exceeds the requirements for this project, and meets or exceeds MAC expectations for graduate work. It shows understanding of material, and good analysis. The work is above the average for MAC students (who are very good!).

B = 84-86 MAC Graduate Average

- The work meets the average for MAC students (i.e., it is very good!). The student has worked well with the abstract concepts and meets the MAC behavioral expectations. This level represents the standard expected of most MAC students.

B- = 80-83 Slightly Below Average

- While the student has met the formal requirements, the work fails to incorporate all aspects of the assignment or is superficial in parts. The student has not demonstrated a full comprehension of the material and the ability to work with abstract concepts in all areas.

C+ = 77-79 Unsatisfactory for Graduate Level

- The student has not met some of the formal requirements of the project. The work fails to incorporate most of the aspects of the assignment or is superficial overall. The student has not demonstrated adequate comprehension of the material and the little ability to work with abstract concepts.

C = 74-76 Work that Puts a Student on Academic Probation

- The student has failed to meet most of the formal requirements of the project. The student has not demonstrated adequate comprehension of the material and little ability to work with abstract concepts.

C- = 70-73 Not a Passing Grade for a Graduate Student

- The student's accomplishment leaves much to be desired. Requirements may have been cursorily met but without indicating minimal comprehension of the material and the ability to work with concepts. The main point of the assignment has been lost. This performance does not meet MAC academic expectations.

D+ = 67-69

D = 64-66
D- = 60-63
F = Below 60

It is my hope and expectation that we will move beyond grades as the driving emphasis of the class. If we focus on enthusiasm, professionalism, and effort, the grades should take care of themselves.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE: Intro to Class
History of Couple Counseling
Defining Sex
Sexuality
Desensitizing
Anatomy
Male/Female Arousal
Communications

Readings Due:

- Quickies 1-3
- New Directions 1-4

WEEK TWO:

Biases
What Women/Men Want
Desire Disorders
Female Sexual Dysfunction
Incest and Sexuality

Readings Due:

- Quickies 4-9
- New Directions 5-14

WEEK THREE:

Male Sexual Dysfunction
Masturbation
Sex Addictions
Infidelity

Guest speaker

Readings Due:

- Quickies 10-to end
- New Directions 15-20
- Sex, Sexuality Intro – 3

WEEK FOUR:

Crisis, Trauma, Violence
Pornography, Erotica
Fantasy, Games

Readings Due:

- Schnarch – Intro- Section 2
- Sex, Sexuality – 4- end

WEEK FIVE: No Class.

Assignment – Research one topic of your choice with at least 3 references. Write a paper on your topic (3 pages) citing your references

WEEK SIX:

Same Sex Couples
 Bisexuality
 Transgender Issues

Presentation

WEEK SEVEN:

Sex and the Elderly
 Sex and Chronic Illness
 HIV, AIDS, STI's
 Birth Control

WEEK EIGHT:

Presentations
 Ending the Course

SMU ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Memorial Day (Holiday)	May 27, Monday
Classes Begin	May 28, Tuesday
Add/Drop Deadline (No Notation)	June 03, Monday
<i>Attendance Accounting Due</i>	
<i>Mid-Term Grades Due to Registrar</i>	June 24, Monday
Independence Day (University Closed)	July 04, Thursday
Last Day for Withdrawal (W grade)	July 08, Monday
Summer 05 & 07 Sessions End	July 20, Saturday
Final Grades Due to Registrar	July 22, Monday

COURSE AGREEMENT

Please fill this out completely before our first class.

Name _____ Course Name, Semester, Year _____

Preferred Pronoun (optional) _____ Age (optional) _____ Ethnicity (optional) _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Phone Numbers: work _____ home _____
(Please indicate which numbers can be placed on a class list for students in this class.)

Relational Status (optional) _____ Children _____ Ages _____

Presently employed? _____ Place of Employment _____

B.A. Degree from _____ Major _____

1. What do you hope this course will help you accomplish? What is your curricular /learning agenda? What are your learning goals? Please be specific.
2. Please describe yourself as a learner. How do you learn best? What is your learning style? Have you taken the Myers-Briggs test? (If so, please list type.)
3. Please describe your previous exposure, training or education in issues of social membership, power and oppression.
4. How will you know, at the end of this semester, if you have reached your goals for this course? (Please be as specific as you can.)
5. What do you bring to this course? What will you contribute?
6. Self-care is an important part of a good learning experience. Are you prepared to monitor your levels of challenge and support? How? (Please be as specific as you can.)
7. Are you willing to commit to being a supportive learning partner with all of us in this class? How will you do that?
8. There may be a class assistant offering support in this class. Will you take the opportunity to talk with them and the faculty about any concerns, challenges, or support that you might need? Is there anything you want faculty to know?
9. I have read the syllabus and schedule. I understand it to be a contractual agreement.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please review and return week two

Ground Rules and Class Agreement

1. We want to create an atmosphere that lends itself to open discussion. Respect and confidentiality support the creation of a space where open discussion can happen.
2. Acknowledge that racism and sexism, as well as other forms of oppression, exist.
3. We cannot be blamed for the misinformation we have learned, but we will be held responsible for repeating misinformation after we have learned otherwise.
4. We will assume that people are always doing the best they can.
5. We will share information about our groups with other members of the class and we will never demean, devalue, or in any way "put down" people for their experiences.
6. We each have an obligation to actively combat the myths and stereotypes about our own groups and other groups so that we can break down the walls that prohibit group cooperation and group gain.

(Note: These guidelines are adapted from guidelines initially developed by Lynn Weber Cannon, Professor of Sociology, Memphis State University)

Please answer and discuss the following:

1. What three values do you think it is most important for us to uphold as a group?
2. What behaviors will support these values?
3. What behaviors will detract from these values? What behaviors would you see as unacceptable in the context of this class?
4. How do you think conflict should be handled in this class?
5. What does respect mean to you? What has characterized your best classroom experience?

SECTION THREE**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Complete all readings and be prepared to discuss them
2. Attend all classes and participate in discussions. Points will be taken off your grade for non-attendance or non-participation
3. Prepare a journal entry for each class. Format on Moodle
4. Complete a sexual history questionnaire for yourself and for one other person. This person cannot be a relative, a partner or your best friend. Write a 7-10 page paper on your experience. What was it like for you to complete this? How did it feel to ask someone else these questions? What did you learn about yourself? Any areas of concern about the other person? I do not want you to turn in *your* answers to the sexual history questionnaire questions. Due May 9
5. Watch one sex education video or read one sex education book and write a review. Explain how you might use these tools in counseling. 2-3 pages Due April 18
6. Read one piece of erotica. In a 2-3 page paper explain the benefits and pitfalls of encouraging couples to use erotica in their relationship Due April 11
7. You will be doing a on- hour presentation chosen from topics provided. You will work in groups of 3-4. You will turn in a bibliography to me. Your presentation must have good flow. Remember: it's a group presentation, not an individual presentation.
8. You will be doing ongoing counseling sessions with a couple (classmates). You will turn in case notes on a weekly basis.

POLICIES ON ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments are due on time. Points will be taken off for late assignments. You can turn in a hard copy of your assignment or email me. I will not make comments on emailed assignments.

ASSIGNMENT POINTS

- Journals – 10 points
- Sex History – 20 points
- Movie Review – 10 points
- Erotica Review – 10 points
- Case Notes – 10 points
- Presentation – 20 points
- Professionalism – 20 points

ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION, & PROFESSIONALISM**First day of class:**

Missing the first day of class or being 30 minutes or more late to the first day of class will result in you being dropped from the class. This is non-negotiable.

Moodle Participation

You are expected to complete/view **all** postings, readings, PPTs, movies, and videos posted on the Moodle weekly assignments. This will be graded under participation and professionalism. You are also expected to view the "Counseling Couch" **at least** once a week.

Attendance is an essential aspect of any graduate-level class. MAC faculty members do not merely teach out of the textbooks, but have additional material that is vital to hear. You cannot "make up" an absence by getting notes from another class member. In fall and spring semesters, one missed class is equal to an entire week of an undergraduate class; in the summer, it is equal to two weeks. Of course, illness, family emergencies, and professional opportunities happen.

Such problems and/or opportunities always involve costs. Academic grades are just another, normal, obvious part of those costs. It is unrealistic to hope that absences, even "legitimate" ones, will have no consequence since they represent lost classroom work, missed lectures/materials, and group process foregone. Nor can absences be made up by extra papers or assignments, which would not be fair to other students. Simply put, the higher the number of absences, the greater the costs. However, students are expected to monitor their own attendance, just as they would out in the working-world. Please do not shift the burden to faculty, putting them in the position of policemen or school teachers being given doctor's notes. Attendance will be reflected in the attendance grade - normally at an automatic minimum of 5 points loss per absence, an additional 2 points loss for professionalism, and 3 points loss for participation, for a total of 10 points lost per absence. In other words, attendance will figure significantly in your total semester grade. Please understand what this means. Two or more tardies will result in a loss of 1 professionalism and 2 participation points automatically for a total of 3 points lost. At the end of each semester, at least one student is horrified that we really meant what is presented here; **we do mean it.**

You will have the opportunity to earn up to 20 "**participation and professionalism**" points by the way you approach the material, your fellow students, and the instructor. The MAC faculty members are not just teaching course content, but are also training mental health professionals. For that reason, a significant portion of the grade is based on student participation and professionalism. Along with demonstrated skill and mastery in areas of academic content, a portion of your participation/professionalism grade will be based on an evaluation of certain **behavioral and attitudinal expectations**. The most loss of points will be for skipping of readings or activities -- especially PowerPoints and YouTube videos created by the instructor. That is like missing classroom lectures and being absent. Points will also be lost for failure to post, "flaming" posts, lateness, failure to consider other ideas, disruptive behaviors, undermining the learning environment, showing lack of respect to peers or instructor, chewing gum, clicking pens, and the like.

The following will have a definite and significant impact on the attendance, participation, and professionalism part of your final grade:

- Degree to which work is edited, proofread, free of style errors, and meets the standards of a graduate program
- Whether work is submitted in a timely manner
- Degree of professionalism in demeanor and self-presentation
- Attendance at all class sessions - especially extent of "non-excused" absences
- Involvement in out-of-class events (such as dyad meetings and group participation)
- Degree of promptness to class either at the beginning of class or in coming back from breaks, etc.
- Strict avoidance of any kind of ethical or legal violations
- Extent of enthusiastic and positive exchange with fellow students and the teacher
- Ability to ask questions and offer comments that further class discussions and Moodle Forum discussions.

For more details on grading policies and professionalism expectations of the MAC program, please visit the MAC website and utilize your Student Handbook.

SMU AND MAC POLICIES

GRADE REQUIREMENT

MAC students are expected to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 ("B") or better in their coursework and to receive a grade of at least a "C+" in any MAC course. Students whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0, or who receive a grade of "C" in any single class, will be placed on immediate academic probation and their candidacy reviewed by the core MAC faculty. A student who: 1) fails to return the grade point average to a 3.0 by the end of the next semester, or 2) receives two grades of "C," or 3) receives any grade lower than a "C" in any class may be withdrawn from the MAC Program and from Saint Martin's University.

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

Confidentiality is an essential principle in all MAC courses. Because at times we may discuss highly personal material and actual clients, we will hold to standards of strict confidentiality. This means that what is said in class must stay in class.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR SCHOOL CLOSURE

In case of unexpected instructor absence, every attempt will be made to notify you via email or phone call prior to the class session. Please also check my website/moodle. In case of inclement weather or school closure emergency – please review status on the university website.

ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Your experience in this class is important to me. If you have already established accommodations with Disability Support Services for Students (DSS), please communicate your approved accommodations to me at your earliest convenience so we can discuss your needs in this course.

If you have not yet established services through DSS, but have a temporary health condition or permanent disability that requires accommodations (conditions include but not limited to: mental health, attention-related, learning, vision, hearing, physical or health impacts), you are welcome to contact DSS at 360-438-4580, dss.testing@stmartin.edu, or smu.dss@stmartin.edu. DSS offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and/or temporary health conditions. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and DSS. It is the policy and practice of the Saint Martin's University to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Saint Martin's University is a community of faculty, students and staff engaged in the exchange of ideas in the ongoing pursuit of academic excellence. Essential to our mission is a focused commitment to scholarly values, intellectual integrity and a respect for the ideas, beliefs and work of others. This commitment extends to all aspects of academic performance. All members are expected to abide by ethical standards both in their conduct and their exercise of responsibility to themselves and toward other members of the community. As an expression of our shared belief in the Benedictine tradition, we support the intellectual, social, emotional, physical and spiritual nurturing of students.

Acts of academic dishonesty, plagiarism and cheating are considered unethical actions and a violation of university's academic policy. Please make sure you are citing all sources and doing your work individually unless otherwise instructed. Students in the MAC Program are expected to hold the highest ethics which includes ethics in writing. Plagiarism, intentional or unintentional, will result in consequences. Copying another student's paper or helping another student write a paper are examples of academic dishonesty. Consequences will range from a 0 on the assignment to dismissal from the MAC Program.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is an important aspect of overall professionalism. In fall and spring semesters, one missed class is equal to an entire week of an undergraduate class. In the summer it is equal to 2 weeks. Of course, illness, family emergencies, and professional opportunities happen. Such problems/opportunities always involve costs and academic grades may be part of that cost. It is unrealistic to hope that absences, even “legitimate” ones will have no consequences since they represent lost classroom work, missed lectures and group/class process. Nor can absences be made up by extra papers or assignments which would not be fair to other students. We expect students to monitor their own attendance as part of overall professionalism. Please do not shift the burden to the faculty, putting them into the position of police or judges.

Please do not come to class ill, especially if you are contagious. You can arrange with a classmate to skype or facetime in. There may be times that format will have to be turned off.

POLICY ON BABIES IN CLASS

It is the policy of the MAC Program to not have babies or children in classes. We do, however, want to support parents of infants. If you have someone to be on campus with your baby you can leave class to tend to the baby when needed.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT/SEXUAL HARASSMENT REPORTING

Saint Martin's University is committed to providing an environment free from sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence. There are Title IX/sexual harassment posters around campus that include the contact information for confidential reporting and formal reporting. Confidential reporting is where you can talk about incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. Confidential Reporters at Saint Martin's include – Dr. Emily Coyle, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Angela Carlin, Director of Campus Ministry, and Kelly Simmons, Director of the Counseling Center. This confidential resource can help you without having to report your situation formally unless you request that they make a report. The formal reporting process is through the following individuals: Dean of Students – Ms. Melanie Richardson, Associate VP of Human Resources – Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Director of Public Safety – Mr. Will Stakelin, or the Interim Provost |Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Kate Boyle. Please be aware that in compliance with Title IX and under the Saint Martin's University policies, all educators must report incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. If you disclose any of these situations in class, on papers, or to me personally, I am required to report it.

CENTER FOR LEARNING, WRITING, & ADVISING

The Center for Student Learning, Writing and Advising offers free academic services for all Saint Martin's students at all levels of achievement in pursuit of intellectual growth and academic excellence. The Learning Center is home to the STEM Study Center which provides subject area peer tutoring (science, technology, engineering, and math as well as business/accounting/economics, and world languages). At the Writing Center, students meet with trained peer readers to discuss their academic, personal and professional writing. The Advising Center works with students with academic advising, connecting with campus support resources, transition and self-exploration guidance, personalized academic improvement plans, learning workshops, and support major change. The Advising Center staff also works closely with the University's Early Alert Program — a referral system that supports student success. Saint Martin's Disability Support Services is located in the Center for any student with a disability who is interested in using their accommodations. These students can connect with the Disability Support Services Coordinator who will evaluate the documentation, determine appropriate accommodations, and serve as a learning resource and advocate with assisting students in meeting their academic goals. <https://www.stmartin.edu/academics/academic-resources/center-student-learning-writing-and-advising>

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS CENTER

The Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC) is committed to helping you meet the challenges of life you may experience during college. The CWC promotes and enhances the health and development of students through professional mental health services, education and training. Integrating faith, reason and service, we empower you to develop self-awareness, knowledge and skills, necessary to make healthy choices and build relationships in a multicultural world. Integrating faith, reason and service, the CWC empowers students to develop self-awareness, knowledge and the skills necessary to make healthy choices and build relationships in a multicultural world. <https://www.stmartin.edu/directory/counseling-and-wellness-center>.