

# ACADEMIC RESOURCES

## Graduate Academic Advising

*Locations vary*

Graduate students are advised by their assigned graduate advisor who is a faculty member within their graduate program. Faculty advisors direct students in curricular studies and research advancement, as well as enrollment, student administration and paperwork. Graduate students should maintain regular contact with their faculty advisor. For information on graduate academic advisors, please visit Graduate Faculty Advisor - Texas A&M University-San Antonio ([tamusa.edu](http://www.tamusa.edu)) (<https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/graduate-advising/>)

## University Library

(210) 784-1500 | <http://www.tamusa.edu/library> (<http://www.tamusa.edu/library/>)

The University Library at Texas A&M University-San Antonio fosters collaboration among faculty, staff, and students to create an atmosphere of academic excellence and provides the university community with tools for lifelong learning. The library is actively engaged in the teaching, research, and outreach activities of A&M-SA. Library staff promote an inclusive culture through our services, resources, and support.

## Research Assistance and Instruction

The University Library's professional librarians and staff offer you individualized research assistance and advanced research consultations in person, over the phone, by text message or e-mail, and via the web whenever the library is open. Working with faculty, the librarians also provide course-specific instruction to aid you in successfully completing course assignments involving research. You can access tutorials and subject-specific guides to resources on the library's website.

## Information Resources

The University Library provides you with the information resources you need to be successful as a student. Most library materials are available in an electronic format, which you can access from any computer at any time. The onsite print and media collection consists of materials that directly relate to A&M-SA academic programs, course reserves, and K-12 curriculum support materials. If the library does not own a book, journal article, or other item that you need, you may request the library borrow it for you through ILLiad, the interlibrary loan service. A TexShare card provides you with borrowing privileges from more than 500 participating libraries across the state. For more information on the TexShare card, ask at the information desk.

## Library Facilities

You have access to computers, printers, print and media collections, and open study space in the new library building. Hours are posted on the University Library's website. You can reserve one of approximately 40 study rooms for yourself or a group from the library's home page or via a QR code on an available study room's door. Most study rooms are equipped with white boards and display panels for your laptop. If you need a break, you can borrow our private Reflection Room with a soft recliner and yoga mat available for your use. The library also has a family study room complete with toys for children. The library circulates laptops, headphones, calculators, and video cameras to students. You can create posters and other innovative projects for your classes in the library's Collaborative Zone. In addition, the library offers laminating

services. A coffee shop sits right outside the library. Drinks with covered lids and cold snacks and foods are allowed in the library.

As a graduate student, you have exclusive access to El Centro, the official space for graduate students located on the third floor of the Library in BLH312. Swipe your ID at the door to gain entry. El Centro includes three small meeting rooms and a large collaborative display.

## Archives & Special Collections

<http://www.tamusa.edu/archives>

The University Library's Archives & Special Collections provides access to collections of enduring historical value that are relevant to the academic programs at A&M-SA. Researchers can find manuscript collections, photographs, maps, artwork, books, newspapers and more. Topics focus on San Antonio, South Texas, Mexican American Studies, borderlands, the military, and local political figures. Staff provide one-on-one research guidance to students, faculty, staff, and the general public. The hours for the Reading Room are listed on the library's website.