ONLINE ORIENTATION





Orientation Overview

After this presentation, you will be able to:

- Log into your online courses.
- Recall the lengths of online courses.
- Order your textbooks.
- Verify that your computer's technical settings meet the recommended technical requirements for online courses.
- Access MyInfo and describe what material is available through the portal.
- Navigate Concordia University Texas' Moodle course site.
- Recall important policies regarding expectations, office hours, refunds, and students with disabilities.
- Identify several support services available to CTX's students.
- Read several helpful tips for success.

Online Session Reminders

- Mark your calendars for the first day of class.
- Plan to log in on Monday.
- Log in at least 2-3 times per week to be successful in class.
- Classes are 8 weeks (Monday-Sunday)
- Week 8 ends on Friday!



Textbook Information

- Purchase your textbooks today!
- ADP Students: You must purchase your textbooks; the
 Online Center does not participate in the rental program.
- You may search for your textbooks on our bookstore website or in MyInfo.
- Bookstore URL: www.concordiabookstore.com



Technical Requirements

- Laptop or desktop computer with at least 4 GB memory (no more than five years old)
- Premium DSL Internet Service or better
- At least two Internet Browsers installed (Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox)
- Cookies Enabled
- Pop-ups enabled for Concordia Websites
- Current phone number in MyInfo
- Webcam (check with professor)
- Headset with USB (check with professor)



Technical Recommendations

- Computer mouse
- Computer keyboard
- Microsoft Office Suite
- E-mail set up on a password protected mobile device (the CTX helpdesk can assist with this)
- Confirm your computer is capable of playing various video and audio content.
- Know where the "Downloads" and "Documents" folders are located on your computer.



Accessing Your Course



online.concordia.edu

CTX Unified Login Service

Google Apps and online.concordia.edu both use this service to allow you to log in with common credentials.

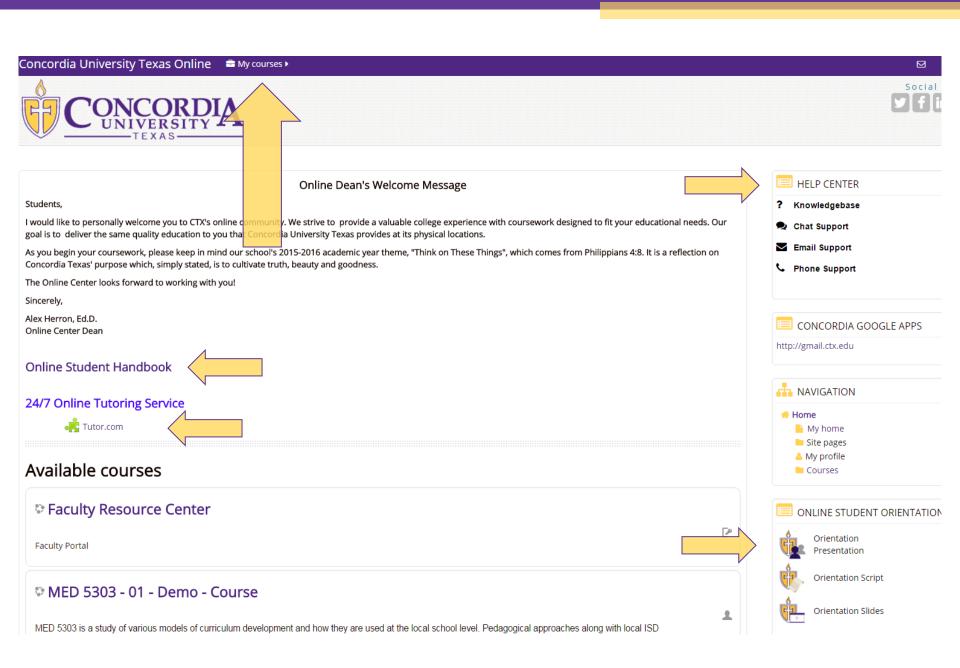
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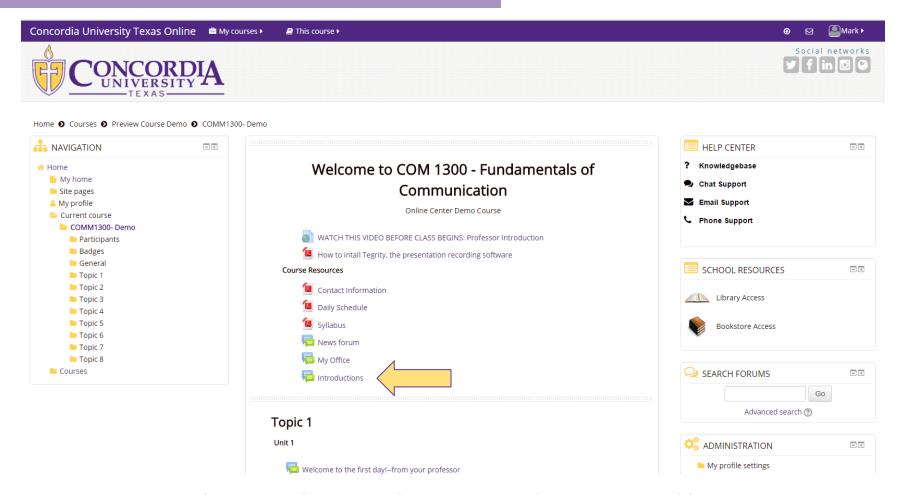
Help! I don't remember my password.

If you do not remember your password you can contact the <u>Concordia Helpdesk</u> for assistance.





Introductions



After you log in, please introduce yourself in the "Introductions" forum.

Course Expectations

- Read the syllabus carefully to understand course procedures and policies.
- Download and save the CTX Online Student Handbook.
- If you have a question, don't hesitate to ask!
 - Email
 - Moodle message
 - "My Office" discussion forum



Attendance Policy

- You will need to log into class by Friday of the first week.
 Doing so establishes intention to participate in the course.
- If you are unable to log in to class by the first Friday of class you will be dropped from your courses.
- Online attendance for all students is maintained by logging into Moodle and *participating* in classroom activities at least once per week.



Attendance Policy Continued

- The students' instructors and Student Support
 Coordinators will monitor attendance and make:
 - Two attempts to contact students who have not participated in class activities for seven consecutive days.
 - If the student does not communicate with the professor or Student Support Coordinator within 48 hours of the second attempt, the student will be administratively withdrawn from class.



Office Hours & Communication

- Office hours can be held virtually by appointment.
- Contact your professor to schedule a meeting.
 - All emails must go through the @ctx.edu e-mail or Moodle messaging system



Refund Policy

- If you drop a class...
 - Within one week after the first day of class: 100% refund
 - After one week from the first day of class: 0% refund
- Online Course Admin Fee
 - This fee applies only to On-Campus Students taking online courses
 - 100% online students do not have to pay this fee
 - This fee is not refundable
- *At 12:00 a.m. on the first day of class, the \$250 Online Course Admin Fee is nonrefundable and is not a part of the tuition refund policy.*



Proctoring Fee

- Concordia University Texas partners with a company to offer remote proctoring services for exams for some online classes.
- A \$15 charge per exam will be added to your account for utilizing this service.
- If you are enrolled in a class that utilizes this service you will be notified by the professor the first week of class, and within the add/drop window so that you are able to choose another class without the charge if needed.



Academic Integrity

- Concordia Students are expected to practice academic honesty at all times. This includes avoiding all forms of dishonesty such as:
 - Plagiarism
 - Fabrication
 - Cheating
 - Academic Misconduct such as tampering with grades or transcripts.



Library Staff

Three librarians:

Mikail – Director of Library Services



Angelica – Head of Public Services

One paraprofessional:

Colleen - Information Desk Coordinator





Concordia University Texas Library

www.concordia.edu/library

All available 24/7 From anywhere with an Internet browser



140,000+ eBooks

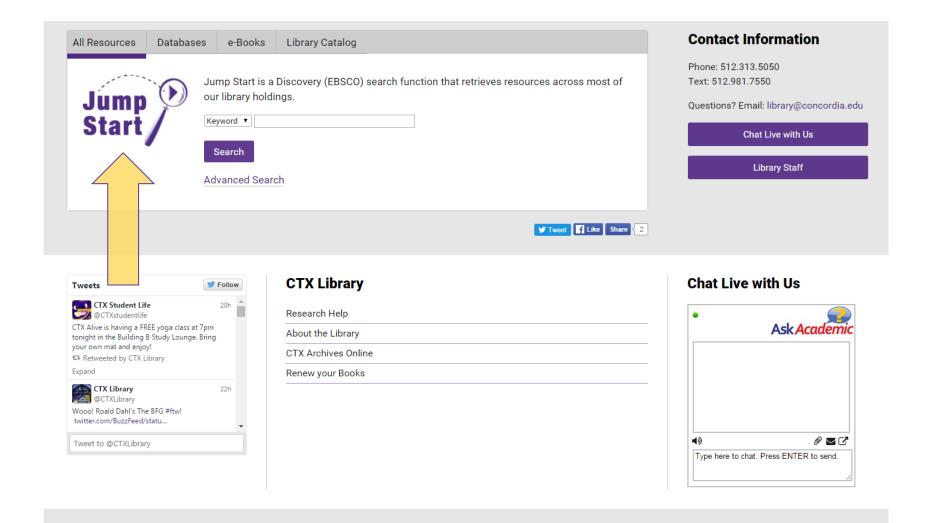
Online Reference Tools (e.g. Research Starters)

100 plus subscription databases with access to 100s of thousands of full-text articles

50,000 plus in-house print and media resources



"Jump Start"

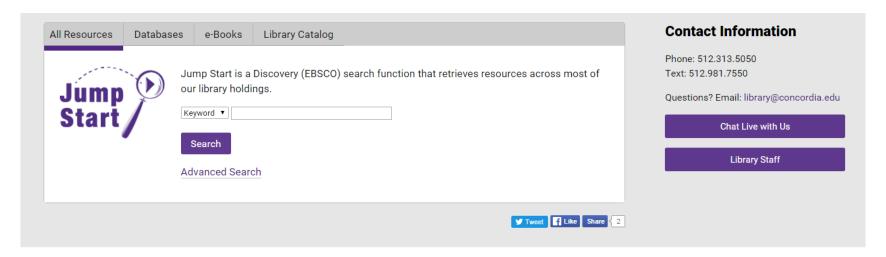


Things to Know About Jump Start

Jump Start searches all standard databases

- After you enter your search term, you can
 - Limit resources by discipline (advanced search)
 - Restrict by full-text and scholarly/peer reviewed (limiters on the *left* on the main results page)
- Grab citations in MLA, APA, or Turabian (humanities) format (options on right when an item is open).
- There are still *specialized databases* by discipline that you can't get from Jump Start: Standard & Poor's *NetAdvantage*, *Hoovers*, parts of *Lexis/Nexis* and *Eric*. Go to the **Databases** TAB and pick the ones you want by subject/title.
- Don't overlook excellent newspaper resources (you will exclude these if you always pick scholarly/peer-reviewed, so don't if you want news sources): NY Times (back to 1850s); LA Times; Christian Science Monitor; Wall Street Journal; and local papers on Access World News; etc. Or go to Databases TAB.

Research Help







Chat Live with Us



Research Help

Here you can find:

- **Video tutorials** of simple suggestions to improve managing your resources, quick tricks for formatting your bibliography/ works cited/references page (will save you hours).
- **Resources** to help with plagiarism/copyright; APA, MLA, Turabian/Chicago, or other style guides; free resources that may help you. Email us for help or suggestions.
- Links to email or phone to speak with a librarian.
- Information about the TexShare card and links to other local libraries (for hours, location, phone, etc.).



If it is a citation only, how can I get the text?

CTX Library uses interlibrary loan (ILL) to get you full text articles that are not available via our databases.

upside: little or no cost to you

downside: time (can take up to a week or more)

For an interlibrary loan, email: library@concordia.edu

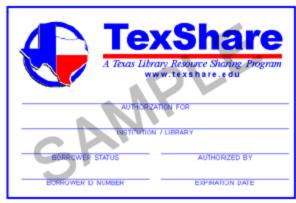


There are no dead ends.

WE DON'T HAVE AN ARTICLE/JOURNAL/BOOK OR YOU CAN'T WAIT?

TexShare Card

- Austin Community College
- St. Edward's University
- Texas State University
- University of Texas
- Most Major Public Libraries
- All Major University, College, Community College Libraries



www.concordia.edu/sitefiles/
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texshareagreement.pdf



Google Scholar wants your credit card. Don't pay for stuff you can get for free through the library.

Questions?

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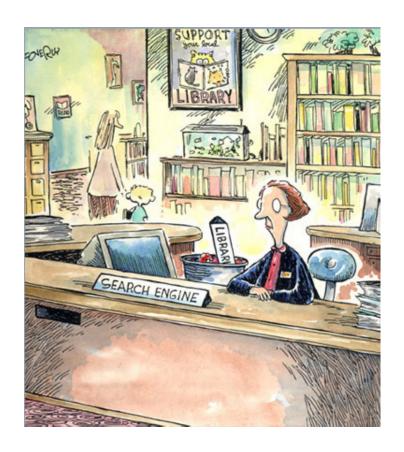
MA, MLIS, MAR 512 -313-5051 mikail.doty@concordia.edu

CTX Library Contact Information:

512-313-5050 library@concordia.edu

Text-a-Question Option for Mobile Phone Users:

512-981-7550





Tutor.com (Offers 24/7 assistance with an expert tutor)

Study for tests Review concepts Complete assignments

Five Centers – Math, Writing, Business, History, Science and Spanish

For more information: concordia.edu/onlinetutoring

Available through Moodle on any computer and on mobile devices



Services for Students with Disabilities

Concordia University Texas makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities according to federal guidelines.

Students needing accommodations should send a completed Intake form along with any documentation of a disability to Ruth Cooper, Director of the Student Success Center.

Ruth.cooper@concordia.edu

512-313-5031 (office)

512-313-5039 (fax)

More information about services and the Intake form can be found at this link: www.concordia.edu/page.cfm?page_ID=1568



CTX Helpdesk



- If you have questions about your Webmail or other technologies you use in class, call or email the CTX Helpdesk: 512.313.4357 or helpdesk@concordia.edu
- Automatic password reset service

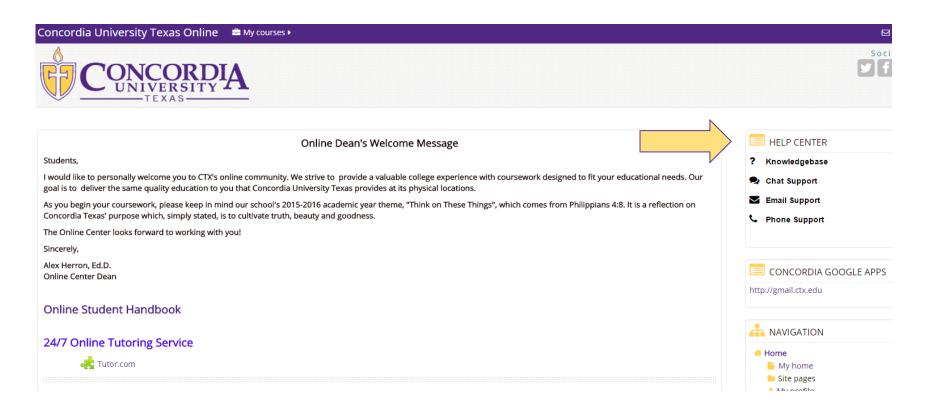


Technology and IT Assistance

- CTX.edu e-mail
- MyInfo (http://myinfo.concordia.edu)
- **online.concordia.edu** *course access*



Help!



- If you have questions about Moodle, call the 24/7 Technical Help Desk: 1.800.709.7975
- The 24/7 Technical Help Desk is also available as a link in Moodle.

Remember...

Seven Habits of Successful Online Students

- Order your books before class begins
- Read the syllabus to understand the professor's expectations
- Log into class often to see what's new
- Schedule time to work on your assignments
- Create a "school space" at home
- Communicate with your instructor
- Don't be afraid to ask for help



"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men."

Colossians 3:23

Questions?

If you have questions, please type them into the chat pod to be answered.

If you don't have questions, you are free to leave.



