

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Our mission is to provide resources for achieving academic excellence. We are proud of our constantly changing and improving menu of academic support services. We encourage you to work with our friendly staff to use our services to make your time at UT Martin a great success.

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Student Success Center

Supplemental Instruction	1,021 student visits (Spring)
Small Group Math & Science Tutoring	241 student visits (Spring)
Distance Learning Tutors to Centers	25 student visits (Spring)

Department Sponsored Labs

Hortense Parrish Writing Center	1627 student visits (Spring)
Mathematics Learning Center	883 student visits (Spring)
Reading Center (Ed Studies)	6 student visits (Spring)

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Section 508 Update

Updated Section 508 Standards for Federal ICT

The Access Board's final rule revises and refreshes its standards for information and communication technology (ICT) in the federal sector covered by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Examples include computers, telecommunications equipment, multifunction office Machines such as copiers that also function as printers, software, websites, information kiosks and transaction machines, and electronic documents.

Major Changes

The final rule revises both the structure and substance of the ICT requirements to further accessibility, facilitate compliance, and make the document easier to use. Major changes include:

- restructuring provisions by functionality instead of product type due to the increasingly multi-functional capabilities of ICT;
- incorporating the **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)2.0** by reference and applying Level A and Level AA Success Criteria and Conformance Requirements to websites, as well as to non-Web electronic documents and software;
- specifying the types of non-public facing electronic content that must comply;
- requiring that **operating systems provide certain accessibility features;**
- clarifying that **software and operating systems must interoperate with assistive technology (such as screen magnification software and refreshable braille displays);**
- addressing access for people with cognitive, language, and learning disabilities; and
- harmonizing the requirements with international standards.

<https://www.access-board.gov/attachments/article/1890/ict-rule-overview.pdf>

Service Hours

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Students of Concern Team (SoCT)

The Mission of the Students of Concern Team is to identify, assess, and monitor students displaying moderately & severely distressful, and/or disruptive behavior, and to implement early intervention strategies that protect the welfare of the student and the UTM community.

SoCT is offering the following 1 hour trainings to all faculty and staff to provide a glimpse into the lives of our students who deal with these conditions on a daily basis. We aim to provide the attendees with some tools for recognizing these conditions and information for referrals.

The HAWKALERT link allows faculty, staff and students to report a student who might need assistance.

10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Legislative Chamber:

Thursday, March 23 Anxiety/Panic Disorders & PTSD

Thursday, April 20 Bipolar & Psychotic disorders

Students of Concern Team <http://www.utm.edu/departments/hawkalert/soct.php>

Hawk Alert <http://www.utm.edu/departments/hawkalert/hawkalert.php>

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Green Zone Training

Veteran Services will be sponsoring **Green Zone** training Wednesday, April 5th. There will be four (4) repeating sessions throughout the day so that all faculty and staff can attend.

What is **Green Zone**? It is an initiative to support student veterans by designating locations recognized as a “safe place”. The **Green Zone** sign identifies faculty and staff who are knowledgeable about issues faced by student veterans and have the resources to assist them. Displaying the UT Martin Green Zone sign on a door or syllabus lets a veteran know that he or she can connect with you for assistance.

Veteran Services Coordinator



Johnny Dyer has been hired as our Veteran Services Coordinator. Johnny is a graduate of UT Martin and brings valuable experience to the position.

He is responsible for creating a welcoming experience for our veterans, active duty military and dependents and spouses receiving benefits. He will (with a little time) be able to field most of the questions a student might have about GI Bill benefits, VA services, admissions, counseling, tutoring and general navigation through the higher education gauntlet.

Currently, Johnny has an office in 265 Clement Hall, jdyer@utm.edu and his phone number is (731) 881-1689.

Johnny hit the ground running. He has been working on updating the Veteran Services website, working with the Skyhawk Veteran Association, meeting with select people on campus to understand their roles and attending trainings and meetings.

Welcome Johnny!