



Embark!

Campus Resources

Concordia University Texas

Welcome

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- Brief introduction to the services CTX provides to you and your students
- Copy of this presentation available at www.concordia.edu/embark

Concordia's Vision Statement

We are the premier University where the **adventure of faith, learning, and life-changing experiences** leads to **meaningful work.**

FERPA

- The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
 - Is a 1974 Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.
 - Gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records.
 - Transfers these rights to the student upon reaching the age of 18 or attending a school beyond the high school level.
 - See www.concordia.edu/FERPA

FERPA

- 2 ways to be given access to your students information:
 - In MyInfo: Student logs in and gives Proxy access
 - Allows you to have view only access to student classes, grades, financial aid, etc.
 - By Form: Turn in today at Customs Check
 - Allows you to call and discuss student information with CTX staff

Campus Ministries

- Asking the hard questions of life & engaging in rich dialogue
- Understanding how our faith affects how we see the world
- Opportunities for Worship, Community and Outreach
 - Campus Worship, every class day at 10:00
 - 9:09 – Student Led Worship at 9:09 on Thursday evenings
 - Psalm 9:09: The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Student Central

- Your one stop office for all things CTX. Combines the administrative functions of the Student Accounts, Financial Aid & Student Registration and Records Offices.
 - Student Academic Planning
 - Student Financial Planning
 - Success Center
 - Center for Vocation and Professional Development
- A great resource to ask ANY question your student might have about anything on campus.

Contact them at:

512-313-4700

studentcentral@concordia.edu

Student Academic Planning

- Academic/registration/degree issues
- Change Personal Information (name, address)
- Enrollment Verification and Transcripts
- MyDegreeAudit
- Four Year Plans
- Study Abroad Applications
- Financial Aid Information
- Student Account Services

Student Financial Planning

- Financial Aid information
- Student Account services
- Payment Options
- 3rd Party Billing point of contact (VA, DARS, Texas Tomorrow Fund, etc.)

Career Services



Hello! I am so excited about working with students to identify their talents and interests, develop professional skills, and explore careers. When students are given the space to consider these, especially in a professional settings like internships and mentoring, students find purpose through life experiences that will lead to meaningful work.

Randa Scott, Director & Career Counselor

**The Center for Vocation and Professional
Development**

Library Building F, Room 208

careerservices@concordia.edu

512-313-5041



**ctxcareer
connection.org**

Build. | Connect. | Succeed.

Career Exploration & Development

- **Internship Adventures Program**
 - Finding an internship
 - Applying to the program
 - Coordinating with faculty advisor
- **Mentoring Adventures Program**
 - Professional mentor match (alumni & employers)
 - Job shadow
 - Assessment
 - Career counseling & exploration
- **Job Placement**
 - Full time
 - Part time
 - Internships
- **Handshake**
 - Virtual profile
 - Resume & video resume
 - E-portfolio
 - Job board / matching

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Resources & Events

- **Etiquette Dinner**

- November
- National speaker & etiquette guru
- Network with employers

- **CTXExplore Vocation & Career Fair**

- Early February
- Meet recruiters
- Professional panel sessions
- Practice networking
- Explore careers

- **Other resources**

- Resume Builder
- Interview Prep
- Career development & assessment resources
- Major exploration
- Self assessments
 - Strengths finder
 - Myers Briggs (MBTI)

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Student Success Center



Successfully reaching your educational goals can be stressful at times. When you need support whether it be for academic coaching, personal counseling or academic accommodations, the Success Center is available to help you.

Student Success Center – Academic Coaching

- Tutor.com is an online tutoring program for multiple subjects.
 - Math tutoring is available 24/7
 - Access tutor.com through Blackboard
- Peer Tutor/Academic Coaching
 - Most subjects can be accommodated.
 - Call, email or text tutors to schedule tutoring.
- Writing Center
 - Staffed by faculty members
 - Ties into English classes and other writing-intensive classes

Student Success Center – Mental Health/Counseling



- Concordia has a Licensed Professional Counselor who provides brief counseling for CTX students without charge.
 - Annie Ferrera, Counselor, 512-313-5032, annmarie.ferrera@concordia.edu
- Students needing ongoing counseling will be referred out to local counselors.
- Students contact the counselor by email or phone to schedule appointments.

Student Success Center – Disabilities Office

- CTX provides reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified students with disabilities according to federal guidelines.
- Need to fill out **Intake Form** and submit with supporting documentation to the Director of the Student Success Center www.concordia.edu/disabilities
- Academic accommodations are available, e.g. extra time to test, note takers, etc.
- **Unlike K-12, in higher education the student is responsible to request accommodations, inform professors of need and stay in contact with the Director.**
- Contact: Ruth Cooper, Director, 512-313-5031, ruth.cooper@concordia.edu

Student Services – Food Service

- Food Service
 - Meal Plans
 - 19 meals/week, 14 meals/week, or 180 meals/semester
 - Commuter plan – 5 meals per week
 - Change plans in Student Central during the 1st 2 weeks of school
 - Dietary needs, schedule constraints, etc.

Student Life

- **Student Activities**

- Week of Welcome
- Tornado Tuesday
- Coffee House
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Finals Fuel Up
- Clubs & Organizations
- Intramurals
- Outdoor Recreation

- **Residential Life**

- **Athletics**

- **Can-Do Missions**

- **Service Learning**

Student Clubs & Organizations

- Art Club
- Behavioral Sciences Club
- Biology Club
- Communication Club
- Concordia Veteran Corps
- CTX Alive
- DCE Club
- Entrepreneurship Club
- Helping Hands
- International Club
- Mission Club
- Student Government
- Twister Dance Club



Student Services – Special Opportunities

- Can Do Missions
 - Travel to: Guatemala; Cambodia; Botswana; Alaska; New Orleans; South Dakota; Texas (Los Fresnos, Alpine, Laredo, Mercedes, Houston, San Antonio)
- Study Abroad & Travel Courses
 - Tropical Biology of Belize; Inside the Entertainment Industry (Hollywood); Culture & the Classroom (Shanghai, China); Drama at Stratford (Canada)
- Service Learning

Health Resources

- Make sure your student knows insurance information and you have previously checked for local facilities that are covered by your insurance.
- What if my student gets sick?
 - <https://www.concordia.edu/student-life/student-services/nearby-medical-facilities.html>
- Encourage students to communicate with professors.

Protect your student's personal property with College Renters Insurance

- Ideal for students living in residence halls
- Covers laptops, smart phones, bikes, and other items
- \$100 deductible
- Cost as little as \$12 per month



www.CollegeRentersPlan.com/concordia



Tuition Insurance Plan

Protection against the unexpected

Tuition Refund Insurance helps reimburse the following expenses if you can't complete classes due to an illness or injury. It covers:

- ☑ Tuition
- ☑ Room and Board
- ☑ Other academic expenses

Annual Cost starting at \$110.

www.TuitionInsurancePlan.com/concordia

Examples to consider:

- Sports injury (Club, Intramural or just plain horsing around) that results in a concussion or other serious injury
- Flu or mononucleosis
- Depression or other mental health issue*

* Two-day hospitalization is required; hospital stay must occur prior to the date of withdrawal

Communication

- When in doubt about who to contact on campus, always contact Student Central – 512-313-4700 or studentcentral@concordia.edu.

Communication

- MyInfo Proxy
 - Myinfo.concordia.edu
 - Official place to:
 - See grades
 - Add/drop classes
 - Accept/decline financial aid awards
 - See balance information
 - Update address/contact information
 - Payroll info (for student workers)

CTX will communicate with you when

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- Remember FERPA
- There is a life-threatening emergency regarding your student.
- Official CTX communication comes in MyInfo, Blackboard, or through CTX email.
- Emergency Alerts

Communication

- Some ways for you to stay connected
 - Website:
 - www.concordia.edu/studentcentral
 - Social media:
 - Twitter:
 - Concordiatx
 - CTXstudentlife
 - Facebook:
 - Concordia University Texas
 - CTX Student Life

Safety & Security

- Education
- Safety resources
 - <https://www.concordia.edu/resources/ctx-safety/>
- CTX Police
 - 512-313-3311

Some ways you can help

- What if my student is struggling academically, socially, or emotionally?
 - Try to “coach” your student through the difficulty rather than handle it for them.
 - Early alert form: <http://www.concordia.edu/resources/early-alert-form/>
 - Call: Student Central (512-313-4700) or Office of the Dean of Students (512-313-4304).
- How You Can Help
 - Ask them questions
 - Encourage your children to get involved and make connections
 - Encourage them to use resources and ask for help





QUESTIONS?

Thank you for being here this week. We look forward to you and your child becoming a part of the Concordia family!