Hit the Ground Running with the ASC!

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ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER
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Academic Success Center (ASC)

- Help *all* Aggies enhance their academic performance
- Variety of programs that promote academic success
- Open door policy
- Struggling in some way? Start with us!
Challenges Facing New College Students: Learning Time Frames

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<th>HIGH SCHOOL</th>
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<td>In class exercises – daily</td>
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<td>Exams: weekly to every other week</td>
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<td>Learning to testing time span: 5 – 10 days</td>
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How does the Academic Success Center Support Students

- Classes
- Workshops
- Academic Coaching
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- Tutoring
- Transfer Student Programs
- Texas Success Initiative (TSI)
- StudyHUB
Classes

STLC 101: Application of Learning Theories to College Studies
STLC 102: Career Awareness

Semester long
2 hour, for credit courses
Elective for all degree plans
Workshops

**3-week:**
- Commit to Success

**Wednesday Workshops:**
- Starting Off Right
- I’m Late, I’m Late, I’m Always, Always Late
- Do or Die: Test Preparation
- Why Do I Have to Write that Down?
- My Heart is Racing and My Mind is Blank
- Memory Matters
- I Have to Buy the Book?
Academic Coaching

- One-on-one with professional, full-time staff
- Individualized based on student needs
- May refer students to other departments
  - Disability Services: http://disability.tamu.edu/
  - Student Counseling Service: http://scs.tamu.edu/
  - Scholarships & Financial Aid: http://financialaid.tamu.edu/
  - Money Education (ME) Center: http://money.tamu.edu/
  - College, department faculty and advisors

- Not to be confused with: Academic Advisors, Tutors, Counselors
Supplemental Instruction (SI)

- 3, 50-minute regularly scheduled sessions per week for selected core-curriculum courses
- SI leaders attend class
- Improves students’ academic performance and increases retention
- Not just for students who are struggling
- FREE
Tutoring

- Drop-in tutoring in a variety of classes
- Tutor Zones on campus
  - Evans Library
  - Hullabaloo Hall
  - White Creek Apartments
  - Rudder Tower (10th Floor)
- Sunday-Thursday, 5 pm – 9 pm
- Free
Transfer Student Program

- Resources specifically designed for transfer students
- Peer Mentors
- Fun Activities
Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

- Determined by the State Legislature

- Subjects: Math, Reading, Writing

- Place out of this requirement based on scores from the following
  - ACT/SAT
  - EOC tests
  - Dual credit courses that qualify

- Housed in the ASC
StudyHUB

Searchable database for on-campus academic support

http://studyhub.tamu.edu/
What can you do?
Encourage successful behaviors

- Be supportive

- Attend class regularly

- Stay up to date with their course work (even when “nothing” is due)

- Read the textbook before going to class

- Be organized with their time and materials

- Seek HELP!!!
What can you do?
Help Seeking Rule of Thumb

- 100/80 Rule

- If you are earning less than 80%
  - Go see faculty member, TA immediately after the exam
  - Change behaviors (time, strategies)
  - Get help ASAP from the ASC and other resources
Questions?

Ask now...or later!
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