Academic Excellence Programs

Your path to life long excellence
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Academic Excellence Programs at The University of Tampa is to provide academic support services that will assist all students in their pursuit of excellence in higher education. The Academic Excellence Programs office provides services in a holistic manner that addresses the emotional, social and vocational aspects of learning to include diverse learning styles and skills. Our main focus is to prepare students to become self-supporting, life-long learners.
Services and Programs

- Tutoring by Trained Peer Tutors
- Individualized Academic Assistance
- Coaching for Student Success (CSS)
- Major Exploration Program
- SOAR (Students Overcoming Academic Roadblocks)
- ASK 100 Course
- STEP UP
- Student Disability Services
- Testing Services
Myths

• Only dumb students need help.
• It’s too soon in the semester. I'm sure I’ll get it sooner or later.
• I’ll just go before the dig exam.
• It’s a subject I've never been good at.
Tutoring

- Trained Peer Tutors
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- A or AB in class he/she is tutoring
- Traditionally Challenging College Courses
- All Tutoring is at North Walker Hall*
- Student may utilize the services on a walk-in basis
- Check the UT website or call the office for lab hours and all tutor schedules

*Languages and HSC Lab
Individualized Academic Assistance

• Transition to college
• Goal Setting
• Major Exploration
• Organization/Time Management
• Procrastination
• Stress Management
• Learning Styles
Coaching for Student Success

- Trained graduate student coaches
- At-risk* undergraduate coachees
- Weekly meetings
- Coaches are not friends or tutors
- Assistance with resources, time management, transitioning to college, etc.
ASK 100

• Academic Skills Course based holistically on understanding of self

• Life/Academic Assistance

• Twice a semester for seven weeks or one full semester
STEP UP Program

- ASK 205/205L/215L
- Super-sized ASK 100
- Summer I
- Taken with another academic course
- Combines traditional classroom lecture with coaching
- Program is from Summer I through the Fall semester
Academic Exploration Program

• Assistance choosing a major
• Identify interests and passions
• Identify strengths and weakness
• Work with Career Services to understand career opportunities
SOAR – Students Overcoming Academic Roadblocks

• The SOAR program is specifically designed for UT students on academic probation
• Assistance with overcoming their own individual academic roadblocks.
• Setting an Academic Plan for success
• Understanding diverse learning styles and skills
• Becoming self-responsible and self-motivated
TEST PROCTORING

• CLEP Testing

• Distance Learning Exams

• Disability Exams
Student Disability Services

- The student MUST:
  - Register with SDS office.
  - Provide appropriate documentation and disclosure form.
- And THEN:
  - The student will be notified when/what accommodations are in place.
Student Disability Services

Must meet with Associate Director to receive LOAs

*Student self-advocacy*

SDS office – North Walker Hall
(813) 257-3266
How Can You Help?

• Let them make a mistake
• *Let go*
• Don’t make that call for them
• *Let go*
• Remember there are two sides of the story, theirs’ and the other side
• *Let go*
• Support them without carrying them
• *Let go*
• Be proud of the independent, self-sufficient young adult you produced!