Academic Support Center

Introduction
The Department of Academic Support offers a variety of learning support programs described below. These include the Tutoring Center and centers specializing in reading, writing, math, study skills, oral presentations, and English as a second language. Services for students with disabilities is also housed within the department.

Tutoring Center
Students who desire help beyond their regular classroom instruction may seek assistance at the Tutoring Center. Individual, group, or walk-in sessions are available. Tutors are chosen from students who have succeeded academically in the class, completed a tutor-training program, and have been approved by their department. There is no cost for this service; however, students are encouraged to seek first all possible help from instructors and class help sessions before signing up for tutoring. To sign up and schedule tutoring appointments, see the tutor request link on your my.byui.edu page.

Reading Center
The Reading Center helps students improve basic reading skills as well as learn the skills necessary to study university textbooks. Students receiving help at the Reading Center may register for credit or complete a non-credit program. Each student receives individual diagnosis, advising, and instruction. The Reading Center offers one-on-one tutoring for comprehension, phonics, vocabulary, efficient textbook reading and critical thinking. In addition, reading courses offer instruction in comprehension and specific reading skills (English 102), the study of university textbooks (English 107), and a writing course (English 106) emphasizes basic writing conventions.

English Transitional Center
The English Transitional Center (ETC) is designed to help students with English as a Second Language (ESL) adjust to their role as matriculated college students. The ETC helps students improve and practice their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Through English 102 modules, students may receive individual (peer tutor) help with pronunciation, grammar, writing, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and conversation skills. English 102 may be taken for credit or non-credit. English 108 (orientation and verbal communication) and English 109 (writing) are classroom setting courses offered through the Department for ESL students who have been accepted to BYU-Idaho. Students receive college credit towards graduation for all of these courses.

Writing Center
The Writing Center provides a relaxed environment for students who want to improve their writing skills. Qualified student assistants work individually with writers in free, twenty-minute sessions. Walk-ins are welcome. Because the Center teaches writing as “re-writing,” students may expect help throughout the writing process as they move their papers from rough drafts to the final product. Writing assistants and students work together to accomplish the following:
• Discover and generate ideas for essays
• Compose strong introductions and conclusions
• Develop support through detailed, concrete discussions
• Organize and focus evidence
• Construct topic sentences and transitions
• Write research papers, resumes and letters of applications, proposals, summaries, responses, and literary critiques
• Reinforce skills through practicing on C.L.I.P.S.* a computer program that utilizes rules, advice, examples, and computer drills to strengthen weak areas in punctuation, grammar, and usage

The writing assistants work as an objective audience for writers and involve students directly in the critical thinking/writing process. The Writing Center is a great resource for students especially when they come for assistance in the early stages of the drafting process.

Math Study Center
The Math Study Center provides support for all math students on campus with three separate services:
The drop-in Math Study Center is open 55 hours per week, 9 am - 5 pm on Monday and Friday, 9 am - 9 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and 11 am - 2 pm on Saturday, (closed for devotions and forums) with a staff of tutors available to answer math questions for all math classes. Test review is also available for Math 100 and 101.

One-on-one tutors: This service is recommended for those desiring more individualized help than what is offered in the drop-in center. Free tutors are available for all math classes offered at BYU-Idaho. One-on-one tutoring sessions can be scheduled online. Go to my.byui.edu and under the links select Tutor Request. Any inquiries can be directed to MCK 272.

Math requirement preparation courses (Math 100A, Math 100B, and Math 101) are designed to prepare students for their university math requirements: They are taught in a lecture based setting by a dynamic group of professors.

Study Skills Center
The aim of the Study Skills Center is to assist students in improving their study skills practices. To improve these skills, student may enroll in any one of six on-line study skills modules or sign up for one of the following face-to-face classes:
• GS 102 Study Skills – This block class is designed to help students improve their learning effectiveness, attitudes, and motivation. The following are part of the curriculum: Time management, concentration, note taking skills, textbook study methods, test taking strategies, and critical thinking skills.
• GS 105 College Success – This semester-long class is designed to help students make a smooth transition from high school to BYU-Idaho. The purpose of the class is to introduce students to the BYU-Idaho Learning Model, equip students with basic college study skills, familiarize students with campus resources, and connect students with academic planning tools.

Study Skills Modules:
The GS-103A-F study skills modules are on-line courses that are four weeks in duration. Each module is worth .5 credits and has staggered starting and ending points throughout the semester. The following modules are offered:
• Concentration
• Note Taking and Listening
• Thinking Skills
• Textbook Study
• Time Management
• Test Taking Skills

For more information on these modules, see the course descriptions in the General Studies section of the catalog.

Additionally, there are many non-credit options available for receiving study skills assistance. These include on-line presentations, study skills videos, assessments of student study practices, and study skills workshops (see http://www.byui.edu/tutoringcenterformoredetails). Furthermore, students may receive one-on-one counseling by scheduling an appointment with a study skills assistant at: https://tutortrack.byui.edu/TracWeb40/default.html or by calling (208) 496-4291 or by stopping by the study skills booth at the north-east end of the Readying Center (McKay 190).

Presentation Center
The Presentation Center is designed to give students a place to practice individual and group presentations. The presentations are taped digitally so students can watch their own presentation. Then, they are given constructive feedback and suggestions about how to improve their presentations. The goal of this center is to help students speak publically with confidence.