
Academic Support Services

The University provides a variety of academic support services that complement the academic programs and help students reach their educational goals.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC TESTING

The Office of Academic Testing provides testing services for students and the community. Some of the exams administered include the GRE subject exam, CLEP, THEA, and correspondence exams. For information on TExES examinations, see the “College of Education” section of the catalog. For additional information regarding Academic Testing services, please call (361) 825-2334 or visit the website at <http://testing.tamucc.edu>.

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Center for Academic Student Achievement (CASA) is committed to providing academic support services to help students reach their own educational goals and succeed in the university environment. CASA programs are designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of university students. Students are encouraged to contact the Center for Academic Student Achievement, located in Room 216 of the Bell Library, or call (361) 825-5933 for further information.

CASA Services: The center’s primary service is tutoring in various subjects, including writing, and graduate students may receive assistance from CASA writing consultants. CASA services are free and available to all A&M University-Corpus Christi students. In order to receive tutoring in a subject, a student must be enrolled at A&M University-Corpus Christi. The writing consultants strongly encourage students to make appointments to ensure sufficient time for a session. For more information, visit the website at casa.tamucc.edu.

CASA Computer Lab: The CASA Computer Lab provides academic assistance by utilizing computer software in subjects areas such as writing, math, reading, political science and history.

SMARTHINKING: In Fall 2008, CASA provided a new service called SMARTHINKING. SMARTHINKING is a web-based tutoring service which covers a variety of subjects. The classes offered include writing, math (basic through Calculus II), accounting, statistics, finances, economics, biology, introductory human anatomy and physiology, physics, chemistry, and Spanish.

MARY AND JEFF BELL LIBRARY

For information on library resources and services, see “Mary and Jeff Bell Library” in the catalog section entitled “The University.”

COMPUTING RESOURCES

For information on computing resources, see “Campus Facilities” in the catalog section entitled “The University.”

ACADEMIC ACCOMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Academic accommodations for persons with permanent disabilities are arranged through Disability Services. For more information, see “Disability Services” in the catalog section entitled “Student Services” or call (361) 825-5816.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Courses for Teaching Assistants

The College of Liberal Arts/First Year Learning Communities Program offers a summer workshop to prepare graduate teaching assistants for teaching first year seminar courses. The college also offers ENGL 5392 (Practicum for Composition Instructors), which focuses specifically on preparing English Teaching Assistants.

The College of Science and Technology offers SMTE 5104 (Seminar for Teaching Assistants), which prepares graduate teaching assistants in the sciences for classroom responsibilities.

Faculty Renaissance Center

The Faculty Renaissance Center (FRC) promotes professional growth and development for the faculty at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. FRC activities, such as workshops, are open to graduate teaching assistants who teach composition courses, First-Year Seminars, science labs, or any for-credit courses.