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Charge On To Success



Session Objectives

1. Begin to understand the skills needed for a successful transition, both in and out of the classroom, at UCF.
2. Become knowledgeable about academic support programs and resources for students at UCF.

Academic Expectations

Your student's responsibilities during their time at UCF:

- To develop a strong working, communicative, and open relationship with their Academic Success Coach, professors/faculty, and staff – *connect at least once a semester*
- To be honest about their academic performance and connect with appropriate assistance when necessary
- To understand **academics and well-being are priority #1**
- To check their UCF e-mail daily and respond accordingly
- To understand they are responsible for their academic journey and career readiness

Never be hesitant to ask for assistance

Academic Support Programs & Resources for Students

- Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)
- University Writing Center (UWC)
- Math Success Center (MSC)
- High Impact Practices (HIP)
- Peer Knights
- Soar Program & Student Success Initiatives
- UCF Libraries
- University Testing Center (UTC)
- SLS 1501: Strategies for Success



Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)



- **SARC offers a variety of FREE academic support services to help students succeed, including:**
 - Peer Tutoring
 - Supplemental Instruction (SI)
 - Peer Academic Coaching
 - Academic Success Workshops
 - Admissions Exams Prep Tutoring and Workshops
 - Study Union - Final Exam Review Sessions



facebook.com/UCFSARC



@ucfsarc

Trevor Colbourn Hall, Room 117

(407) 823-5130

<http://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/sarc/>

University Writing Center (UWC)



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Writing Center

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



Trevor Colbourn Hall, Room 109

(407) 823-2197

<http://uwc.cah.edu/>



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What Does the UWC Do?

- Offers writing instruction and support to all UCF students, faculty, and staff
- Helps all types of writers improve
- They serve to provide feedback for documents students create, provide writing resources, both print and online, and foster an environment of collaborative learning about writing.



What Can the UWC Help With?

Anything Involving Writing

- Academic writing assignments
- Speeches
- Digital projects
- Personal statements
- Résumés
- Proposals
- Dissertations

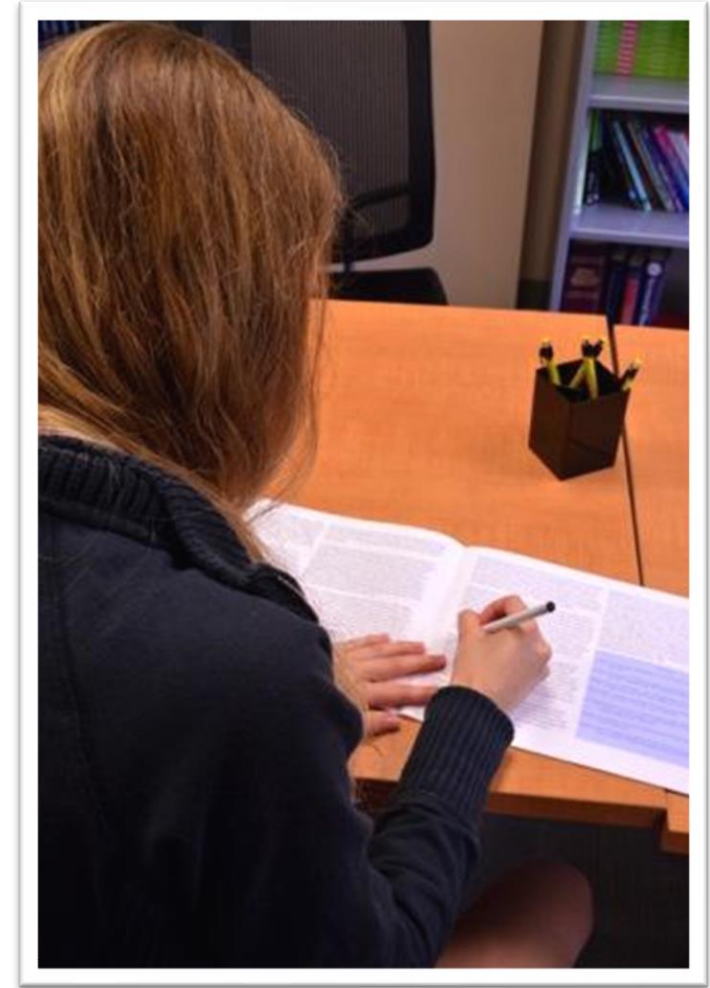
Any Stage of the Writing Process

- Getting Started
- Drafting
- Outlining
- Revising
- Editing
- Formatting
- Citations



How To Get Started

- Make an appointment in advance via their website (<https://uwc.cah.ucf.edu/>) or calling at (407) 823-2197
- Offer both in-person and Zoom consultations
- Appointments are 45 minutes long;
Recurring appointments welcome!
- See website for Summer and Fall hours



UWC Contact Information



 facebook.com/ucfuwc

  @ucfuwc

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(407) 823-2197
<http://uwc.cah.edu/>



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Math Success Center (MSC)

“A Friendly Place to Learn Mathematics”

Mathematical Science Building, Room 113

(407) 823-2697

<http://sciences.ucf.edu/math/success-center/>



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Academic Support for Math Courses

Intermediate Algebra (MAT 1033)

College Algebra (MAC 1105)

Concepts of Calculus (MAC 2233)

College Trigonometry (MAC 1114)

Matrix & Linear Algebra (MAS 3105)

Precalculus Algebra (MAC 1140)

Calculus I, II, III (MAC 2311/2312/2313)

Mathematics for Calculus (MAC 2147)

Ordinary Differential Equations I (MAP 2302)

For Explorations in Mathematics (MGF 1107), students should contact SARC for the schedule of the Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions.



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MSC Services

Students registered in a UCF Mathematics course will be able to receive tutoring in two ways:

- **In person** at the physical location (MSB 113)
 - *Just walk in, sign in and talk to a tutor!*
 - Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am – 7:00pm,
Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- **Online** by scheduling on-demand tutoring sessions at: <https://success-center.sciences.ucf.edu/>



Engage In High Impact Practices (HIP)

HIPs help students select experiences that will give a **competitive edge** for their **post-graduate goals** by blending what is learned in the classroom to real-world experiences.

Engage In High Impact Practices (HIP)

- Undergraduate Research
- Study Abroad
- Internships & Co-Ops
- Service Learning
- Integrative Learning



Learn more: HIP@ucf.edu
<http://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/HIP>



UCF Abroad



The UCF Global Building
1st Floor, Front Desk
Email: studyabroad@ucf.edu
Phone: 407-823-2337

- Programs for all majors
- Benefits:
 - Enhances student experience at UCF
 - Expands cultural understanding and worldview
 - Makes more competitive candidate for career opportunities
- Connect students to the best fit program and advise through all of the steps
- Do not need to know a language other than English
- Will not delay graduation
- Start planning as early as feasible in their time at UCF
- Attend OPEN ADVISING, held weekly on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00



Connect



Advise



Manage



Support

Peer Knights

- Peer-to-peer academic and co-curricular support
- Navigate campus, get connected to resources, find opportunities for involvement, & strengthen academic skills

Learn more: PeerKnights@ucf.edu
<http://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/peerknights>



Soar Program & Student Success Initiatives

(under The Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement)



Student Union, Room 207
(407) 823-2716
<http://mass.sdes.ucf.edu>

Soar Success Program
Soar@ucf.edu



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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Soar

6-week summer program that helps incoming first-year students develop academic skills and prepare for college life

DREAMERS

Support and resources for students who identify as DREAMERS, DACA, TPS, etc.

First Generation

Support, resources, and mentorship for first generation students

Latinx & Hispanic Student Success Program

Collaborative programming and events for Latinx & Hispanic students



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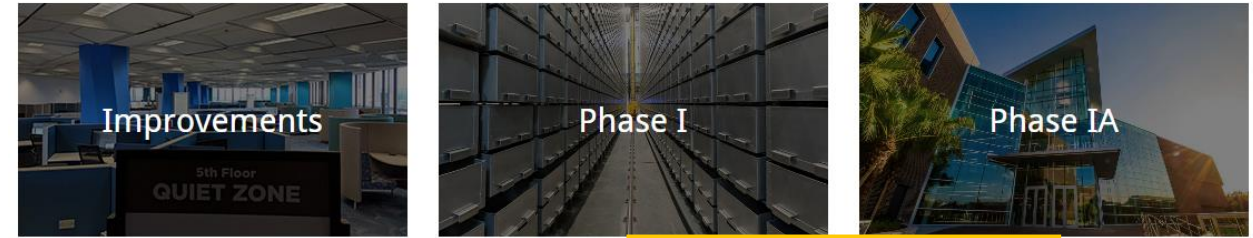
UCF Libraries

- 5 Libraries in Orlando
- 11 UCF Connect Libraries (State College Campus Libraries)
- Ask A Librarian Service
 - Chat, Text, IM, Call, Email
- Technology Lending
 - iPads, laptops, cameras, chargers, etc.
- Group study rooms and quiet study areas
- 24/7 access to libraries' electronic resources
- Subject Librarians to assist each UCF department & program

Learn more:

<http://library.ucf.edu>

21st Century Library



Learn more:

<http://library.ucf.edu>

The Library is currently in Phase IID. Renovations to the fourth floor include the following:

- 400 additional seats
- 27 additional study rooms
- A student organization conference room
- Technology studios for research and discovery



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University Testing Center (UTC)

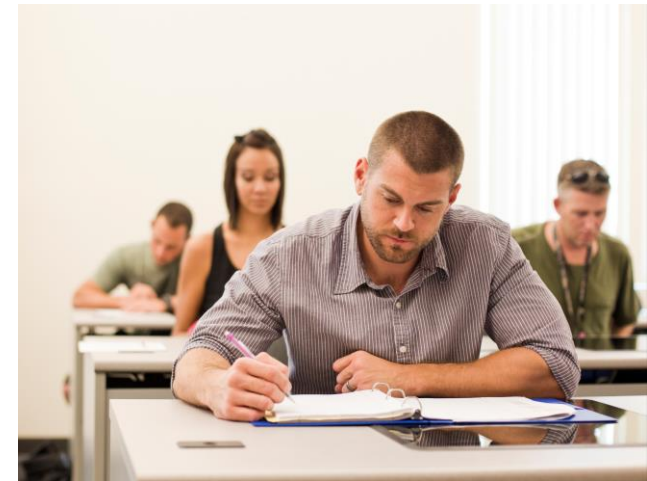


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University Testing Center

Student Learning and Academic Success

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



Howard Phillips Hall, Room 106

(407) 823-5109

<http://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/utc/>



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UTC Services

- High-security proctored testing services
- Wide variety of placement, entrance, and exit exams for undergraduate and graduate programs
- Foreign language exams
- Distance learning
- Many professional certification exams

This includes:

- Academic testing
- Placement testing
- Professional licensure & certification



UTC Testing Services

Most frequently needed tests for students:

- ACT On-Campus Test (Residual)
- Biology Exit Exam
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**
- Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE)
- Florida Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE)
- **Foreign Language Achievement Testing Services (FLATS)**
- Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE)
- GRE General Test
- **UCF Math Placement Test**
- Pearson VUE (Professional Certifications)
- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)



SLS 1501: Strategies For Success

- **SLS 1501 is a 3-credit hour, elective course that counts towards graduation hours.**
- As a high-impact practice for college success, students learn important academic skills needed to be successful at UCF. These include goal setting, college-level research, writing, and the basics of being a college student!
- Helps reduce the academic and social barriers students face in their first-year of transitioning to college, and undoubtedly will help them be successful in their academic career at UCF.
- For more information refer to the SLS 1501 website: <https://ccie.ucf.edu/elhe/sls-1501/>

**Do the Knight thing
and enroll in SLS 1501!**

SLS 1501 **STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**



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