

## CONTENT AREA SUPPORT

***Guided Study Sessions:*** This program offers free, regularly scheduled study sessions for traditionally difficult courses. 50-minute sessions are held each week using a group learning process. Attend once or attend every session. The choice is up to you, but our data suggests that the more you attend, the higher your final grade will be in the course.

***Peer Assisted Learning:*** Peer educators who have previously experienced success in difficult courses meet individually with students to improve their performance. PAL sessions are designed to address the problems you are facing in the course and help you learn strategies that will help you study the course material more effectively. Check online to see if a peer educator is available for your course.

## WORKSHOPS

Academic Success Workshops help students become successful, active learners. Workshops focus on helping students manage their time, and improve their approach to studying and learning. **Workshops are held** once or twice a month on Mondays. Math Success workshops are also held regularly throughout the semester.

### Topics include:

- ◆ Time Management ◆ Procrastination ◆
- ◆ Math Learning ◆ Effective Studying ◆
- ◆ Mid-Term and Final Exam Preparation ◆

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# LEARNING ASSISTANCE SERVICE

*Ensuring Student Success*



*By strengthening skills & enhancing academic performance*

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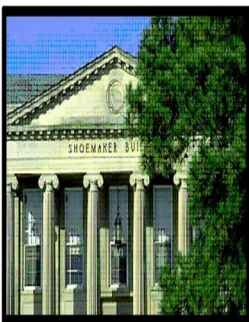


**Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Or by appointment

Online appointments & registration  
<https://LASonline.umd.edu>

# Learning Assistance

The Learning Assistance Service (LAS) is the academic support unit of the University Counseling Center. LAS exists to help students achieve their academic goals by providing a range of services. All LAS services are **FREE** to UM students.



Start your semester off right with a visit to LAS

## ACADEMIC COUNSELING

Work with an academic skills counselor to evaluate your study skills and develop strategies for academic success. Counselors can assist you with:

- techniques to manage time
- ways to get more from your reading
- techniques for effective review
- developing a study plan

## LEARNING STRATEGY COURSES

**EDCP108B** (1 credit) helps students to diagnose their learning strengths and weaknesses and to apply strategies that will help them learn course material.

**EDCP108M** (1 credit) helps students to diagnose their impediments to learning math and learn new strategies for math success.

## CRITICAL READING & WRITING

Whether you are a first year student or doctoral candidate, a native speaker or an international student, language counselors at LAS provide *individual appointments, workshops, conversation partners* and *credit courses* to help you maximize your skills in:

- ◆ **Listening** ◆ **Reading Textbook** ◆ **Speed-reading** ◆
- ◆ **Grammar** ◆ **Note-taking** ◆ **Writing/Organization** ◆

### *International Students:*

ESOL Conversation Groups are offered for students to meet weekly for an hour with a volunteer group leader to discuss US values and customs, university life, current events, and other topics of interest. The program is designed to help international students expand their vocabulary, improve pronunciation, and increase their speaking and listening abilities.



## MATH LEARNING

What are the ABC's of learning math? Come to LAS and meet with the Math Learning Specialist who is here to help students succeed in any math course at UMCP.

Whether you are preparing for or are enrolled in a math course, we have strategies to help you improve your math learning and reduce your anxiety. We also provide supplementary resources for all introductory level math courses.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

### *Graduate Students:*

Trying to finish your dissertation? The Dissertation Support Group may be for you. Meet twice a month with other graduate students for support and advice to help you complete your dissertation project.

### *Students on Probation or Dismissal:*

If you are on probation or in serious academic need, enroll in **EDCP108B** to learn how to become a more efficient and active learner. The course is offered in Winter and Summer Term, specifically designed for those students in academic difficulty. For those who have been dismissed, the course offers an opportunity to refocus your efforts and prepare your letter of reinstatement.

### *Returning/Adult Students:* (students 25 years or older)

Services are designed to assist those who have experienced a break in their education and would like to return or begin college study and include:

- **EDCP108R:** learning and study strategies for returning students.
- **Coffee and Conversation:** weekly support group designed to share experiences and important information. The group meets once a week.
- **Scholarships:** Two scholarships ranging from \$500 – \$1000 are available each semester for adults ages 25 and older. Emergency loans are available throughout the semester for adult students in financial need.

### *Transfer Students:*

Services are designed to ease the transition from 2- and 4-year colleges to UM. Each semester LAS hosts the **Transfer Student Welcome Event**. Enroll in **EDCP108G:** Learning and study strategies for transfer students.

