Students take advantage of Academic Success resources at USC

The majority of students utilize academic support services provided by the University.

Participation in academic support

- Supplemental Instruction - 2,180 students
- Academic Centers for Excellence - more than 1,100 students
- Residential Learning - 1,585 students

Average student study time ranks high

USC students show their dedication to academic success by consistently spending about 30 hours a week on school work and academics.

USC students prefer using a variety of strategies to achieve academically

- Talking with professors outside of class
- Taking detailed notes in class
- Studying in a group setting
- Working 1-on-1 with another student
- Reading additional assignments and class materials

Faculty play an important role in academic success at USC

Nearly 60% of USC students say they are motivated to work harder as a result of instructor feedback and interaction with professors outside of class.

Around campus, students and faculty collaborate on a variety of projects outside the classroom, including research studies, career opportunities and informal academic debates.

Students satisfied with University support

Students are satisfied with their overall experience at USC, including the University’s successful facilitation of learning through academic support services.
These are just a few of the programs and services provided by departments in the Division of Student Affairs to improve students’ academic success. Please consider referring students to these programs and don’t hesitate to contact us for more information.

**Student Success Center**  NEW!

Newly opened in October, the Student Success Center will enable students to take advantage of a variety of academic support services. Conveniently located on the mezzanine level of the Thomas Cooper Library, the Center will include a new ACE site, SI opportunities and tutoring services in both writing and math.

To find out more, visit www.sa.sc.edu/ssc or contact Dr. Chrissy Coley at ccoley@gwm.sc.edu.

**Sophomore Initiative**  NEW!

The Sophomore Initiative was developed due to growing research indicating that sophomore students have more problems with academics than any other class. To combat this growing problem, the Sophomore Initiative supports academic success through programs, seminars and other means directed specifically toward the sophomore student.

To learn more about these initiatives, visit www.housing.sc.edu/rli/pdf/TSI_2006-07.pdf or contact Jimmie Gahagan at jsgahag1@gwm.sc.edu.

**Residential Learning Initiatives**

As part of USC’s Residential Learning Initiatives (RLI), residence life and professional staff strive to improve students’ academic standing through a variety of services. Using Academic Interventions and Academic Success Presentations, the RLI staff connects students with the appropriate academic support resources to best fit their needs.

For more information on Residential Learning Initiatives, visit www.housing.sc.edu/rli.

**Academic Success Web site**

The Academic Success Web site at www.sc.edu/academicsuccess allows students to plan their time at USC and make the most of their college experience. The Web site helps make sense of everything from the class requirements for specific majors, to financial aid and expenses, to personal learning styles and time management skills. Students also can find information about available academic resources on campus through the Tutoring, FAQ and Campus Offices links.

To find out more, visit www.sc.edu/academicsuccess.

**Residential Learning Communities**

USC Housing’s Learning Communities integrate students’ residential and academic environments into an innovative community. This theme-based housing option gives students the opportunity to live with others who have similar academic interests, creating a supportive academic atmosphere both in and out of the classroom. No matter what students’ scholarly interests are, USC Housing offers a variety of Learning Communities to choose from.

To learn more, visit www.housing.sc.edu/rescom.asp.

**Student Assistance Program**

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) exists as a liaison between students, faculty and university services to enhance students’ academic and professional success. SAP offers workshops throughout the year to address topics on note-taking skills, emergency preparation, financial aid, preparing for graduate school and much more. Students may be referred to SAP by a faculty member or they may participate independently.

For more information on these workshops and services, visit www.sa.sc.edu/sap.

**Academic Centers for Excellence**

At the Academic Centers for Excellence (ACE), peer and graduate student tutors help students improve their academic success by offering four major services: academic skills consultations, writing consultations, math tutoring and online learning inventories. The centers are conveniently located for students in Bates House, Columbia Hall and Sims residence halls. A new ACE will open this fall in the Student Success Center in the Thomas Cooper Library.

To find out more or to schedule an appointment, visit www.housing.sc.edu/ace.

**Supplemental Instruction**

An academic success program designed to support students in historically difficult classes, SI helps students through peer instruction and mentorship and collaborative learning strategies. SI leaders offer three weekly sessions that integrate what to learn with how to learn.

For details, visit www.sa.sc.edu/supplementalinstruction.

For your reference file. For additional copies, please call Maegan Gudridge at 777.4172 or e-mail gudridge@gwm.sc.edu.