



## WHAT WE DO

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The University Learning Center provides academic support through a combination of resources and instructional activities for the entire university community. Instructors, tutors and staff help students enhance their skills in Mathematics and Statistics, Reading, Writing and Study Skills. ULC staff use a variety of teaching and learning methods and resources including print, audio and videotape, and computer programs to assist students with course work and test preparation.

## READING SERVICES

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Everyone's **reading and study skills** can use a boost now and then, and the Learning Center's Reading Program is here to assist students across the curriculum. Whether you are **Taking On the Challenge** with our **speedreading** program or participating in a **workshop** devoted to **specific class material**, you are sure to find something to help you make the most of your classes.

- Critical Reading Research Project
- (TOC) Taking On the Challenge
- Note-taking
- Vocabulary Building
- Time Management
- Test Preparation / Test Wiseness
- Reading Comprehension / Literal & Critical
- Speed Reading

## CLAST PREPARATION

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The **CLAST** is an achievement test that measures selected communication and mathematics skills adopted by the State Board of Education. It includes four subtests: essay, English language skills, reading and mathematics. This measure of academic proficiency is required for (1) the award of an associate in arts degree from a community college or state university and (2) admission to upper-division status in a state university or receipt of a baccalaureate degree from a state university.

*Check with the Registrar's office for CLAST alternatives.*

## WRITING SERVICES

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Writing is a complex, time consuming process often fraught with uncertainty, but the Learning Center can make tackling those tough writing assignments a lot easier. You can start at the beginning by practicing **brainstorming** and topic and thesis development. You will learn techniques for listing, clustering, and **free writing** as well as prewriting strategies for developing topics and thesis statements. You can also work on improving **sentence style** and **structure**.

Is grammar your worst enemy? Tackle it by learning the common **grammar errors** found in novice writing. Make your writing more polished, by learning the purpose, process, and product expectations of academic and

professional essay writing. And when it comes time to write "**the big paper**," the Learning Center can show you the purpose and process of **doing research** as well as how to cite sources with the most up-to-date style manuals, and bibliographical information.

*Using the Learning Center was the best thing I could do to enhance my skills. They helped me to discover what I needed; they delivered, and the rest was up to me....*

*Mildred Munoz, SJMC*

## MATH SERVICES

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Students learn the skills necessary to succeed in mathematics or statistics courses. This is a free service provided by FIU for FIU students. **Tutors**, computer software, **video tapes**, and on-line resources are available to help you learn critical methods and concepts necessary for your courses. **Software**, as a result of cutting edge research in the area of adaptive assessment, allows you to learn at the right pace and at your level.

- Timely workshops
- Live Tutoring On-line
- No appointment necessary!

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