Department of Psychology

STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES

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Academic Resources

I. Academic Advisors

The Department of Psychology is served by two academic advisors: Ms. Charlene Howard and Ms. Tamika Rapheal (their contact information is provided below). Ms. Howard and Ms. Raphael serve as the initial contact representative for the department relative to student advisement and play a fundamental role in engaging undergraduate students to ensure their academic success.

The academic advisors also keep records of students' academic progress and meet with students regularly to provide feedback and guidance toward the successful completion of psychology degree programs. They also focus on the individual academic and developmental needs of each student; spend time with our students to help them solve problems, explain options to them, and also help them to make academic decisions (as appropriate).

Academic advisors are assigned based on the alphabet. The Academic Advisor for students with Last Names beginning with A-J are served by Ms. Howard. The Academic Advisor for students with Last Names beginning with K-Z are served by Ms. Rapheal.

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Ms. Charlene Howard
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II. Academic Coaches

The mission of the Academic Coaching Office is to help all students reach their academic potential and function as independent scholars.

Academic coaches are support staff trained in evidence-based strategies to facilitate each session. The academic coach works to empower the student towards positive behavior change and improved academic performance. Students typically meet with an academic coach weekly throughout the duration of the semester by an appointment-based system. The goal of coaching is to promote an individual's self-efficacy and confidence during their time at Florida A&M University.

Academic Coaches work with students in achieving their personal, academic, and professional goals. Academic Coaching empowers students to:
- Identify barriers that may impede academic success
- Improve time management and organizational skills
- Learn how to balance the demands of school and social life
- Identify and utilize academic support services and resources
- Become active learners
- Learn how to establish rapport and build relationships with professors
- Become self-aware and emotionally intelligent
- Create S.M.A.R.T goals

Contact Information:
Phone: (850) 412-7994
Email address: Studentsuccess@famu.edu
Link: http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?retention&AcademicCoaching

To schedule an appointment with an academic coach, complete the referral form at: http://famu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0wEqgw9Eqk8bYfH
III. Learning Centers

The Centers provide academic support in various subject areas at no cost to students. They also offer subject-specific one-on-one tutorial sessions as well as group study sessions. Working closely with department heads and professorial faculty allows the center coordinators to train tutors to tailor sessions to lesson plans and syllabi.

The Undergraduate Student Success Centers (USSCs) consist of four centers:

1) **Gaither Learning Center**: The Gaither Tutorial Center offers tutoring services for courses offered in the following areas: Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, English/Writing and Math.

   Contact Information:
   Phone: 850.412.7958
   Email address: Studentsuccess@famu.edu
   Link: http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?retention&GaitherTutorialCenter.


   Contact Information:
   Phone: (850) 599.8568
   Email address: Studentsuccess@famu.edu

3) **Science Tutorial Center**: The Science Tutorial offers tutorial services in the following courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Biochemistry.

   Contact Information:
   Phone: (850) 412.7126
   Email address Studentsuccess@famu.edu
4) **Writing Resource Center**: The Writing Resource Center offers tutorial sessions in the following courses in English: Freshman Communication Skills I and II, Developmental Writing I and II, and Improving Writing General Writing Assignments.

Contact Information:
Phone: (850) 599-8391
Email address: Studentsuccess@famu.edu
Link: [http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?retention&WritingResourceCenter](http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?retention&WritingResourceCenter)

5) The **Career and Professional Development Center** offers a variety of ways to work together with the faculty and staff at FAMU to meet the career needs of our students via services, programs, resources, and communications:

- Drop-In Career Assistance
- Mock Interviews
- On-Campus Interviews
- Workshops
- Career Expos & Fairs

Contact Information:
Phone: (850) 599-3700
Email Address: careercenter@famu.edu
Link: [http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?careercenter](http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?careercenter)