FRESHMAN TIPS 2016
CENTERS FOR LEARNING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

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Southwick Hall, 3rd Floor
Phone: (978) 934-2936

SOUTH CAMPUS
O’Leary Learning Commons, 1st Floor
Phone: (978) 934-2941

EAST CAMPUS
Fox Hall, 1st Floor

DOWNTOWN
ICC, Room 821

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WEB: WWW.UML.EDU/CLASS
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ADVISING CENTER SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF ARE AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND TO:

- Advise students in all majors
- Explain how to change your major or add a minor
- Clarify academic policies & procedures
- Review the academic advisement report
- Offer study skills instruction and coaching
- Provide SIS support
TUTORING CENTER SERVICES

FACULTY-RECOMMENDED TUTORS PROVIDE:

- Drop-in tutoring in 75 subjects
- Review sessions
- Facilitated study groups
- Writing sessions by appointment
- Daytime tutoring - Southwick Hall and O’Leary Learning Commons
- Evening tutoring - Fox Hall and the Inn & Conference CTR. (ICC Residents Only)

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EDUCATIONAL COMPUTING SERVICES

- Drop-in Computer Labs Available to All Majors
- Trained Lab Assistants
- Classroom Instruction Labs
- Convenient Locations in Southwick, O’Leary, Fox Hall and the Inn and Conference Center

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**Steps to Success**

- **Understand Professors’ Expectations:**
  - Go to class, go to class, go to class
  - Read and follow your syllabus
  - Go to class prepared
  - Speak up in class discussions—Be Engaged
  - Ask questions

- **Set Goals for Yourself:**
  - Utilize the support services of the Centers for Learning
  - Consider Joining the UMass Lowell Honors College
  - Work towards a 4.0 GPA
  - Aim to finish in 4 years
  - Refine/learn time management and study skills
  - Gain professional experience – internships, co-ops, research

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- **STARFISH**
  This early alert system allows faculty to contact students with academic updates – kudos for good performance or flags for academic or attendance issues. Not all first year courses are using Starfish, but you may be enrolled in a class that does. If you receive a Starfish alert, please contact us and/or your professor. For more information email Doug Cooper at Douglas_Cooper@uml.edu

- **COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT**
  The grant provides ongoing support to students who are first generation, economically disadvantaged, or in need of assistance during their first year in college. For more information contact Centers for Learning main office: (978) 934-2936.

- **URBAN MASS LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION**
  The mission is to increase the number of minority students who successfully complete degrees in the STEM fields: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. For more information contact Reaksmey_Roeung@uml.edu

- **GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION WORKSHOPS**
  Planning to attend graduate school? The Centers offers exam preparation workshops for GRE, MCAT/DAT and LSAT. Contact the Centers for Learning for more information.

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STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

This Academic Orientation Program will help you acquire skills to achieve your goals at UMass Lowell. Programs are organized by colleges and majors so that information is focused on specific areas of study. Contact the Centers for Learning for more information.

August 2016: Dates TBA
## Important Dates: Spring 2016

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