

ORIENTATION 2023

Welcome New Comets



Student Success

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The Campus
Experience

UT Dallas at
A Glance

Registering for
Classes

The Student Success Center

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Why the SSC?

- ▶ Students helping students
- ▶ Proactive vs. reactive

SSC Facts

- ▶ Open to all undergraduates
- ▶ Many courses supported
- ▶ Drop-in labs
- ▶ One-on-one appointments
- ▶ Convenient location



Academic Programs and Services

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- ▶ Academic Success Coaching
- ▶ CommLab
- ▶ Institute for Peer Education (IPE)
- ▶ Peer Tutoring
- ▶ Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL)
- ▶ Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- ▶ Writing Center
- ▶ Success Workshop Series



Peer Tutoring

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- ▶ Math: Drop-in tutoring for 1000 and 2000 level math courses
- ▶ Science: Majority of drop-in tutoring in general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics
- ▶ Exam reviews
- ▶ One-on-one appointments

Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL)

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- ▶ Collaborative group sessions
- ▶ Student-to-peer leader ratio: 8:1
- ▶ Registration required
- ▶ Subjects include:
 - * CHEM 1311, 1312, 2323 and 2325
 - * MATH 1325, 1326, 2413, 2414, 2417 (Fall), and 2419 (Spring)

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

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- ▶ 25+ historically difficult courses supported
- ▶ 75-minute sessions offered weekly
- ▶ Peer leaders prepare sessions based on class content
- ▶ No registration required
- ▶ Courses include:
 - * CHEM, ACCT, PHYS, BIOL, ECON

What's the difference?



	Supplemental Instruction	Peer-Led Team Learning	Peer Tutoring
Registration	None	Required	None
Weekly time commitment	90 minutes	80 minutes	Unlimited (within lab hours)
Increased grades and knowledge*	✓	✓	✓

Academic Success Coaching

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Meet individually with an Academic Success Coach for assistance in:

- ▶ Time management
- ▶ Prioritizing tasks
- ▶ Effective study strategies
- ▶ Note taking
- ▶ Goal setting and motivation
- ▶ Managing test anxiety

CommLab

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- ▶ Feedback and resources for improving individual and group presentations
- ▶ Develop skills for communicating effectively and work on overcoming stage fright
- ▶ Support for any stage in the process including planning and outlining, developing visual or supporting materials, rehearsing delivery, and recording
- ▶ Supports COMM 1311 and 1315, as well as other courses with a public speaking or presentation component.
- ▶ Workshops and online resources are available

Writing Center

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- ▶ In-person and virtual appointments are available for undergraduates and graduates
- ▶ Students will collaborate with a peer leader on any piece of writing for any course, as well as applications, cover letters, or personal statements
- ▶ Support for any stage in the writing process including:
 - * Planning and outlining
 - * Developing an argument
 - * Organizing
 - * Communicating ideas clearly
 - * Drafting and revising papers
 - * Working with citation styles and conventions
 - * Avoiding plagiarism
- ▶ Workshops and online resources are available

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Employment at the SSC

- ▶ Earn at least an A- or higher in a course the SSC supports
- ▶ Go to an open house to learn more about units that are hiring
- ▶ Apply, take content exam and/or interview

The Institute for Peer Mentoring

- ▶ Provides a certificate program for peer mentors and tutors on campus
- ▶ Currently offers levels 1, 2, and 3 of the International Tutor/Peer Educator Training Program
- ▶ Complete mentoring/tutoring experience hours and attend training

Success Workshop Series

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General Chemistry

For students entering CHEM 1311

Calculus

For students entering Calculus I

Organic Chemistry

For students entering CHEM 2323

Physics

For students entering Physics I

College 101

For all students



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