

University Center for Learning Assistance University College, Illinois State University

The University Center for Learning Assistance helps students –

- *Improve their understanding of course content*
- *become better writers*
- *learn how to learn*

The UCLA builds on students' strengths to help them achieve their full academic potential.

- **The UCLA provides free tutoring in a variety of academic subject areas, including support for many of the courses in the Inner Core of the General Education program.**

Tutor-facilitated Study Groups: These groups meet weekly and are for any student who wants to succeed at a higher level than he or she might achieve alone. Tutors help students learn course content, as well as helping students identify their strengths and develop individual learning strategies. To participate in this service students register at the UCLA.

Drop-in Tutoring: Students who have questions or need clarification on a topic in a supported course may take advantage of drop-in tutoring, no appointment needed. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the UCLA and on the UCLA web site.

- **The UCLA provides free one-on-one writing assistance to anyone in the University community.**

UCLA writing assistants help students with planning, composing, and revising any writing project. The goal of this assistance is to help students become better, independent writers. Writing assistants work with the student, encouraging, informing, and respecting the writer's decisions. While the UCLA does not proofread papers, students are helped to learn to proofread their own writing and make corrections. A student may be able to receive help on a drop-in basis if an assistant is available, but it is recommended that students call or stop in to make appointments for writing assistance.

- **The UCLA provides free study skills assistance individually and in small groups, as well as study skills workshops, for students who want to improve their ability to achieve academic success.**

UCLA study skills assistants help students analyze their learning strengths and develop individualized strategies. Students may register for small group and individual study skills coaching at the UCLA. The UCLA also conducts workshops to help students develop and refine academic strategies, including effective note taking, efficient time use, textbook reading, writing papers, test taking, and other topics. A schedule and description of these workshops is posted on the University Calendar, on the bulletin board outside the UCLA, and on the UCLA web site. Workshops for classes and other campus groups may be available by special arrangement.

- **Grammar Hotline: (309) 438-2345**

For answers to grammar and usage questions, anyone may call the Grammar Hotline, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday-Friday. If a staff member is not available to answer a question, a message and phone number may be left.

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