

Academic Support

Academic Achievement Center

The Academic Achievement Center is a full-service learning center for Towson University students. Located on the fifth floor of the Cook Library, we assist students in achieving their academic goals. Our mission is to facilitate a community of learners by coordinating high quality tutoring, supplemental instruction, peer-assisted learning sessions, academic coaching, study groups, study skills workshops and facilitating reading placement testing. **(Contact your program directors Dr. Elana Ehrlich or Dr. Michelle Snyder if your needs exceed what is offered in the Academic Achievement Center).**

Tutoring

The Academic Achievement Center provides tutorial support in many lower-level courses for undergraduates. These services help many students succeed in the classroom.

Tutorial services will be provided free-of-charge and depend upon the availability of a qualified tutor. Students will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis and are provided group appointment-based or group drop-in tutoring, depending on the course. Group tutoring appointments are scheduled weekly and limited to four students for up to one appointment per week, per course. Sessions are held in the AAC (fifth floor of the Cook Library) and other approved campus locations. **Spring tutoring begins on February 5!**

Schedule Tutoring

For courses with group appointments, schedule your tutoring session by using TutorTrac™ at least 24 hours before the desired day and time. If you cannot attend, cancel the session by using TutorTrac™. We require at least 24 hours' notice for cancellations. More than two cancellations less than 24 hours or missed appointments, will result in being unable to schedule future appointments during the semester.

- Complete the [Tutor Request Form](#) for assistance with scheduling your appointment or checking availability
- [Check available schedules](#) for appointment-based tutoring using TutorTrac™
- View available [PAL sessions](#)
- Sign up for [Tutoring Text Alerts \(PDF\)](#)

Preparing for Tutoring

When you arrive for your tutoring session, please come prepared with your course syllabus, book and specific questions. Tutors will assist but will not do your work for you.

Class attendance is imperative. Always discuss course difficulties with your instructor first. Use the AAC as a secondary resource.

Natural Sciences

Science tutoring is free of charge for Towson University students taking classes. The tutoring center is located in Smith Hall, room 538, and is a drop-in service.

Please bring your OneCard and use it to sign in at the beginning and sign out at the end of your tutoring session.

Coordinator

Ms. Lina Ladon

410-704-3054

[Website](#)

Schedule

- **Main location:** Smith, 538
[Spring 18 Tutoring Schedule](#)
- **STEM location:** Smith, 304
[Spring 18 STEM Schedule](#)

Course Information

Biology

- 120, 191
- 200, 202, 221, 222
- 309

Chemistry

- 100-level courses
- 210
- 310, 330, 331, 332, 345, 351

Physics

- 100, 102, 103, 131, 135, 143, 185
- 202, 211, 212, 241, 242, 243

Astronomy

- 161, 162

When You Arrive

- Type in your Towson ID into the log-in computer
- Choose the reason you are visiting and the course with which you need help

After Your Session

- Type your Towson ID number into the log-in computer
- Select the name of the tutor with whom you worked

About Tutoring

- Bring appropriate course textbooks, class notes, and returned tests or quizzes to your sessions. Be prepared to identify and discuss course difficulties.
- Tutoring sessions can be cancelled if you are not prepared.
- TU faculty recommend all peer tutors. Your tutor will help you understand significant course concepts, develop problem-solving strategies and suggest study strategies.
- Your tutor may not be able to answer all questions.
- Your tutor will not complete or assist with homework, project, writing and research assignments.
- Your tutor will contact you and the center if an absence is anticipated. Tutors will also provide a make-up session if time permits.
- If you no longer need tutorial assistance, or drop or withdraw from a course, please inform your tutor and the AAC immediately. Other students may be waiting for help.
- Your feedback is very important to us. We expect you to evaluate our services after the final exam period.