

Mission, Values and Goals

The Academic Enhancement Center's Mission is to assist all URI students in achieving academic success. We seek to help students to build supportive relationships, strengthen academic and professional skills, and strive for personal and intellectual growth.

Our mission is grounded in the following Values:

- All students are capable learners, and are entitled to learning support that addresses their needs and best supports and enhances their ability to learn.
- All students are valuable members of the URI community, and are most likely to succeed when engaged in meaningful learning relationships with peers, faculty, and staff.
- All students are entitled to be treated with equal dignity and respect, and provided with learning services that are responsive to racial, ethnic, gender and cultural difference.

Environments

Walk-In Centers: This environment favors those who have specific questions on a few homework questions or about a particular topic. You may be placed with others who are also taking your class (but might be in a different section. The environment will be similar to the one pictured below.

Appointment Tutoring: This is good for those who might need more help, or more individual attention. The only downside is that time is more constricting, and not all classes have a tutor assigned to them.

Supplemental Instruction: SI is great if you want to go to review sessions. The SI leader works with the class instructor and actually sits in on your class, so they probably have some helpful hints to keep in mind for quizzes and exams!



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This brochure is meant to act as a resource summarizing what the Academic Enhancement Center offers. In addition to help in particular classes, you can also get help in time management, or study skills!

What the Center Offers:

Studying and Test Taking Skills

Very few students arrive at college knowing how to do college work. Some people might recognize it in the first week of class; others take longer. At one point or another, though, almost every student realizes they need to go about their work differently somehow. But how?

The AEC can help you develop study skill that work for you – with your unique needs, your unique style, and your courses. Their learning specialists know how people learn, and what they need to do to understand, remember, and apply what they are learning to papers and exams. They can even help you address the test anxiety that makes it so difficult to do well even if you've studied well.

Come by the AEC or call them at 874-2367 to set up an appointment, and tell the receptionist that your looking for help with studying or test taking. They'll look at your courses, your notes, your books, and talk about what you're doing and what you need to be doing to do well!

Time Management and Procrastination

Ask any group of students what their biggest academic challenge is, and it's likely the great majority will answer "time management". For most students, the challenge is not only to get work done, and to get it done on time, but to get it done *well*. And, of course, most students would also like to get their work done in enough time to have a social life as well.

The AEC knows that time management isn't just about filling out a schedule and sticking to it, and it isn't just about procrastination. It's about understanding the work that is required, knowing how to go about it in a way that is both efficient and productive, and feeling good about it.

If you're having trouble with time management or procrastination, there are two ways they can help. Students can set up an appointment with one of the AEC's learning specialists by calling 874-2367, or stopping by the AEC.

Class Help

The AEC is best known for how they can assist you if you are struggling to understand the subject matter in a class. If you are having trouble, they can help. Their undergraduate tutors are students like you – they've taken your classes and done well, and now they have been trained to help you figure out how to do better yourself.

You can come to AEC by yourself, or with classmates. You can walk in during open hours in the Math, Chemistry, or Biology Walk-in Center, or set an appointment in many other subject areas. You can get help with solving problems, preparing for or reviewing tests, or just learning how to study better -- in any course!

