

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Section Seven

ACADEMIC STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Other Student Support Services include the Academic Computer Support, Instructional Support Labs, Instructional Technology and Distance Learning Services, Library, Military Opportunities, and Veterans' Services.

A. Academic Computer Support

Technology Services operates the computer labs and classrooms on campus to provide students and faculty the support necessary for the academic programs. Darton recognizes the dynamic changes in the computer industry and offers services using the latest in technology within its reach. In addition to hundreds of PCs in the labs and classrooms, Technology Services operates several systems, including Windows, UNIX, LINUX Servers, as well as, ORACLE databases, in a networked environment with Internet connection to thousands of sites around the globe. Web-based courses are supported for distance learning, while many faculty maintain web pages as additional support for their courses.

Technology Services supervises a central computer lab of over 60 computers and one multi-function printer available to students. Windows 7 is installed on each intel PC with Office 2013 Professional, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Google Chrome, and other software required for classes; also, an Apple iMac computer running Mac OSX. Student workers rotate shifts to provide assistance in troubleshooting the computers. The lab worker is not responsible for helping students with their homework assignments.

B. Instructional Technology

Technology Services staff and facilities, along with the Online Learning Division, support the design, development, and production of instructional content. The divisions also facilitate the integration of instructional technology into traditional academic settings, distance learning initiatives, and community enrichment programs. Instructional technology is implemented across the curriculum through the use of multimedia courseware and content, web-based instructional materials and activities, and other appropriate learning technologies. Faculty and staff development, one-on-one faculty support, technical assistance and helpdesk support for faculty, staff and students are also available.

C. Writing Center and Math Center

The Humanities and Mathematics departments provide a Writing and Math Center to assist students in achieving maximum success in their coursework.

The Writing Center, located in room C-102 in the Student Center building, offers individualized assistance with writing assignments for all subject areas. The Writing Center is staffed by professionals and student tutors who provide constructive feedback throughout the writing process, utilizing an active learning approach that allows students to take complete responsibility for their success. Computers, printers, Internet access, style manuals, and other writing aids are available for student usage free of charge to assist in research and the preparation of writing assignments.

The Writing Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening and summer semester hours may vary. For more information, call 229-317-6943 or visit the online Writing Center web site at www.darton.edu/WritingCenter.

Distance learning students have complete access to all services provided by the writing center and may access those services at <http://www.darton.edu/programs/Humanities/writing/online.php>.

The Math Center, located in room I-110, offers individualized assistance in all mathematics subjects.