

the New Leaf

Ready for Midterms? We Can Help!

Math Review Sessions

The Learning Center math specialists have a host of midterm review sessions to get you ready for midterms! New this year, we will have open group sessions on Friday, October 6th and Thursday, October 12th from 8am until 1pm. We'll have tables set aside for each math class; find your table, work on the review, and a tutor be close by if you have questions. Come for a few minutes, an hour, or stay all day.

We will also offer our traditional group review sessions. A math specialist will walk your group through the solutions to any questions you have. See the schedule below, and mark your calendar now!

October 9

- 8:30 a.m. Pre-Algebra
- 1:00 p.m. Introductory Algebra
- 5:00 p.m. Intermediate Algebra

October 10

- 8:30 a.m. Introductory Algebra
- 1:00 p.m. Intermediate Algebra
- 5:00 p.m. Pre-Algebra

October 11

- 8:30 a.m. Intermediate Algebra
- 1:00 p.m. Pre-Algebra
- 5:00 p.m. Introductory Algebra

Never Too Late to ACE Your Semester!

This fall, The Learning Center kicked off a series of workshops designed for students looking to get ahead this semester. Michelle Branton, the Director of Developmental Education Programs, invited TLC to help support students by offering sessions focused on attitudes, behaviors, and strategies like motivation, perseverance, and self-control, as a way to remove barriers to student success.

TLC came up with six workshops to meet these needs. First up is Accountability: Take Control of Your Learning, which focuses on accepting responsibility for all aspects related to student learning. Next is Working When You Don't Feel Like It, because let's face it, most of us would rather put off homework as it's sometimes hard and time consuming. Setting SMART Goals focuses on setting goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time bound. The 30 Day Study Challenge aims to help students start and complete new study skills habits. In Magical Thinking vs. Time Management, students will plan for the unexpected by not "magically" thinking things are going to get done without effort and an effective plan. The last of the sessions is Finding Your Balance: Managing Stress, where students will learn to manage their stress using physical and psychological relaxation techniques.

Please consider attending at least one or all of these sessions. Stop by The Learning Center for more information or see flyers about Ace Your Semester around campus.

Accountability: Take Control of Your Learning	October 25 at 3:30 p.m.
Working When You Don't Feel Like It	October 26 at noon
Setting SMART Goals	November 1 at 3:30 p.m.
30 Day Study Challenge	November 2 at noon
Magical Thinking vs. Time Management	November 8 at 3:30 p.m.
Finding Your Balance: Managing Stress	November 9 at noon



It's Snow Fun to Miss a Snow Day!

Imagine a dark, frigid morning. You hear the crunch of snow with each step you take toward your car. After fifteen minutes of scrapping ice and snow from your windows, you drive to ECC shivering with cold all the way. As you pull into the parking lot, you notice there are no other cars. You check your inbox, and see emails from your professors cancelling class—it's a snow day.

Don't be the only one in the parking lot because you missed that classes were cancelled because of snow! Double check that you have registered with ECC for notifications of emergencies.

Follow the directions on ECC's website: <http://www.eastcentral.edu/campus-safety/emergency-notification>. Fill out the secure and confidential form. You may choose whether to receive text message, email or phone notifications.

If you have already signed up for emergency notifications, take a moment to update your information. Using the link above, scroll to the bottom of the page, and log in to your account.

Sign up today so you don't miss the first snow day!

Pearson VUE, Certiport, HiSET, Oh My!

With over 3,500 visits last semester alone, the Testing Center needed more room to accommodate ECC students and visiting testers, so we've expanded!

The computer testing lab that previously housed our online exams is now exclusively used for Pearson VUE and MoGEO exams. We still have our testing room for paper exams and two individual testing rooms used for CLEP, Certiport, and students with ACCESS services (all by appointment only), but the real expansion starts at BH182. Complete with new computers, this lab is used for all other computerized exams such as ECC exams; proctored exams for other institutions; HESI A2 and LPN to RN Mobility; and Accuplacer.

In addition to these changes, September 12th was our official start date for administering the HiSET (The High School Equivalency Test). East Central College previously offered the HiSET once per month on Saturdays, June through February, and twice per month, March through May, in the Health and Science Building. The Testing Center now offers the HiSET Monday through Thursday from 12:30pm-5:00pm and on Fridays from 8:00am-12:30pm, along with Saturday hours during midterms and finals when the Testing Center is open.

So if you haven't already, come visit the Testing Center and check out our expansion, familiarize yourself with our policies, or stop in to say hello.

Meet the staff-Justin Kavanagh

Meet our new full time Testing Center Assistant and resident renaissance man, Justin Kavanagh! Justin joins us this fall semester holding a B.A. in Education Studies and a Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) French Certification from the Alliance Française in Brussels, Belgium. Justin is looking to make an investment within the College because he is passionate about student support. Stop in and welcome Justin to ECC!



Fun Facts About Justin:

- He speaks the international language Esperanto
- He grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah
- He has been performing improv for 10 years
- His middle name is Tadhg, which means "poet" in Irish

Likes:

- Studying electoral systems
- Sandwiches

- Knitting

- Turkey hand crafts

Dislikes

- Things that flutter
- Soup served in a bread bowl
- Generic Q-tips
- Unrestricted submarine warfare

Meet the Staff-Lauran Spier

Say hello to student tutor Lauran Spier! Lauran joined the Learning Center Fall Semester '16 assisting fellow students with College Algebra, Psychology, Human Development, and Comp. 2. Along with tutoring in the Learning Center, Lauran is also a substitute teacher working on her degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in mathematics.



Fun Facts About Lauran:

- She's a dizygotic twin
- She's an experienced tennis player
- She's been haunted by a ghost
- She has a collection of Christmas mugs

Likes:

- Turtles
- Her Bichon Frise, Chewbacca

- Freud jokes

- Sushi

Dislikes:

- Mean people
- Poorly groomed dogs
- Hard avocados
- Rocket-powered dinghies

Hey! Don't Forget!

The Learning Center is more than just a computer lab! We have:

- **Free math and writing tutoring** M-Th 7:30am-7:30pm. Tutoring in most other subjects available throughout the day. Make an appointment or just show up!
- **Whiteboards and markers** available for student use
- Two **group study rooms** with whiteboards, projectors, and eBeam capabilities
- **Free printing**; 500 sheets per semester

Meet Our Tutors!

McKenzie Struckhoff is in her second year at ECC and is a member of the volleyball team. She has been tutoring since last fall. Her favorite color is blue. Don't let your homework make you blue, come see McKenzie!

Moriah Swoboda loves to help others studying her favorite subject: chemistry. If chemistry isn't covalent bonding to your brain, come down and talk to Moriah!

Jessica Nugent is an aerospace engineering major—she loves the idea of outer space. She also loves hoodie sweatshirts and sipping from a water bottle full of orange and lemon slices.

Jensen Crenshaw is a sophomore at East Central and a catcher for the school's softball team. She enjoys finger lickin' good chicken, eating her body weight in French fries, and watching SpongeBob just to get a good laugh. She tutors math, English, and Spanish.

Samantha White is a sophomore at East Central and plays outfield for the softball team. Sam enjoys cleaning and planning. She can help you clean up your math homework or plan for that big psych test!

Grace Goedde has been a tutor at East Central since the spring semester of 2017. She tutors math up to calculus, chemistry, and English. Grace also plays volleyball for the East Central Falcons!

John Beuke has been a tutor for almost a year now. He likes running and being outdoors. He plans to transfer to Missouri S&T next fall to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Brand new this year, **Hannah Tomasovic** tutors English, Spanish, and science. She plans on majoring in forensic science.

Cameron Hackmann is a sophomore at ECC and plays volleyball for the college. She has been tutoring since last spring. Her favorite movie is *23 Blast*. Her favorite food is tacos.