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University academic expectations are often very different from the secondary school experience. Adjusting to a new educational system can be challenging. Here at JMU, we not only hope you will be successful, but we provide a number of academic services (free of charge) for all students. The services listed below are excellent resources to more efficiently assist in your academic success. Also, you are always encouraged to contact your academic advisor, your professor, and/or ISSS for recommendations, assistance and direction.

Career and Academic Planning (CAP)

The [Career and Academic Planning](#) resource center is available to address your academic and career needs. It is located in the Student Success Center and is to be used as a tool to guide and support visitors in each stage of their academic and professional development - from researching majors and careers, to writing resumes and preparing for the job search, to searching for internships and jobs, to exploring graduate school options.

University Advising

The [University Advising](#) office's goal is to provide accurate and accessible advising to all students to help them plan well to meet all graduation requirements and begin to prepare for their careers and lives after graduation. The office oversees the [Madison Advising Peers \(MAP\)](#). MAPs are JMU students who work in conjunction with faculty advisors by providing supplemental academic advising information and assist other JMU undergraduate students who may have general advising questions, but don't know where to go. A MAP can be a supportive and friendly resource for students who feel overwhelmed and confused.

Learning Centers

The [Learning Centers](#) offer one-to-one academic skills help to students working on specific classes in math and science as well as university-wide assignments and academic skills in writing, English language, communication, and digital communication. Located on the 1st floor of the Student Success Center. Types of assistance available:

- [Communication Center](#) helps you plan and and practice individual and group presentations, and supports studying for the MREST and COMM exams.
- [Digital Communication Consulting](#) helps with digital portfolio design and other digital assignments.

- [English Language Learner Services](#) provides individual consultations and programs for English language development on assignments and academic skills including writing, listening, speaking, reading, and accent reduction.
- [Peer Assisted Study Sessions](#) provides supplemental instruction by peers in specific courses. Check the website for a complete list of courses.
- [Science and Math Learning Center](#) is a tutoring center for first and second year science and math courses.
- [University Writing Center](#) can provide writing consultations on resources for writing strategies and help with writing assignments.

Disabilities Services

The [office of Disability Services](#) assists the University in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experiences at JMU.

Learning Strategies Instruction

[Learning Strategies Instruction](#) (LSI) enhances the educational outcomes of students through explicit training in various learning strategies which are based on personal strengths and weaknesses, specific course demands and modified according to academic progress or changing needs. Topics include but not limited to: reading, note-taking, test-taking and test anxiety, studying, memory, time management, stress management, personalized learning style assessments. The web site includes a number of helpful academic tips for success, so check it out. Individual appointments can be scheduled at the LSI web site.

Handout: [Academic Support Resources for International Students](#)