



We are here for you.

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Greetings, fellow bulldogs. This is the first edition of the Learning Resource Center Newsletter. We hope these newsletters will help keep you up to date on available resources and scheduled activities in the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

The staff and tutors in the LRC are always ready and willing to help you whether it's helping you study for that major exam, looking over that research paper, or simply helping you log on to your student portal. No question is too big or too small. We will do everything we can to help you develop the skills you need to succeed in your classes.

The LRC is located in the Vera Dial Dickey Library. Our hours are a little different than the library's hours.

Our hours are:

Mon & Tues from 8 AM to 10 PM
Wed & Thurs from 8 AM to 9 PM
Fri from 8 AM to 4 PM
Sun from 5 PM to 10 PM

Preference is given to students needing tutoring, but all students are encouraged to come in and use the facility. Make sure you swipe your Student ID Card in and out at the Card Swipe PC each time you use the LRC. This helps us keep track of how many students are using the LRC, and that information is then used for reporting purposes.

If you need tutoring, just ask at the LRC front desk. We will be happy to set you up with one of our friendly student tutors. The white board, as you enter the LRC, displays the

name(s) of the tutor(s) currently available to tutor along with the subjects they tutor. Our tutors this semester are Breanna Demars (English), KC Martin (Speech and History), Matt Reeves (Chemistry and Math), MK Greenlee (English) and Taylor Gains (English and Math). You may also ask me or Dr. Paul for help with English, History, Political Science, Speech, or Psychology.

As for activities, this semester we are planning to have Nik and Dusty Green from the PBS show *"Two for the Road"* visit with our students. Nik and Dusty are travel adventurers, and, if you don't know what that is, you should check them out. The second season of their show airs on PBS in the fall, but you can watch clips from the first season at their website:

<http://twofortheroad.com/>

Nik and Dusty are locals who live out at Greenbelt Lake. The first season of their show was so well received that it was recently picked up for nationwide distribution by PBS. Check out their website for a list of channels in your area. They are an awesome couple with some amazing stories from their world travels.

Nik and Dusty have visited with our students in the past, and the students found their presentation exciting and informative. They will make you think outside of the box regarding planning your future career, so I hope you consider attending their presentation. You won't be sorry you did. I will post the date and time of their next visit as soon as it is set.

By the way, I sometimes bring pizza and soda in late at night for students who are studying in the LRC. These are unannounced and random pizza parties, so the more you use the LRC to study in, the more likely you are to be one of the lucky ones.

Wednesday, February 15th we will be playing movies in the back corner of the library in celebration of Black History Month. The movies begin at 5:00 PM and will run until 9:00 PM. Feel free to bring a blanket and pillow and make yourself comfortable.

The Director of the Library, Mrs. Reed, and I are also planning other student activities this semester, so watch for the announcements.

In closing, drop in and talk to me if you'd like to work in the LRC as a tutor. You must be approved for work study by the Financial Aid Office. You must also have an A or B in the subject or subjects you wish to tutor and a letter of recommendation from a Clarendon College instructor.

Have a great semester, and don't hesitate to ask us for help if you need anything. - Mr. Gordon

" Always have the highest bar for yourself. Wake up everyday and no matter how crappy you feel, want to change something for the better. Do something that makes someone happy. Create something that inspires someone. Be someone's light when they are hopeless." - Dave Grohl

Ever wonder what you can do to succeed in your classes?

by Dr. Laura Paul

It's time for the best kept secret to be told. Faculty want to see students succeed. They are not out to fail their students.



"The purpose of education is not to fill the minds of the students with facts,... it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves."

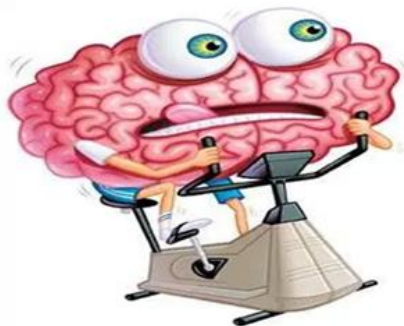
-Robert Hutchins

Some faculty prefer lecturing while others are hands on. There is no right or wrong way to teach, BUT often there is a skewed perception that the faculty are not helping students reach their full potential. Learning is a partnership between faculty and student. In college, faculty members focus their attention on providing examples or descriptions to help students learn. Often faculty members bring the material to the classroom, but students sometimes do not carry through with their part.

What really is the student's part of learning? Students must prepare themselves for the class. This includes reading the textbook and completing any assignments prior to class or due date. If a student is ill prepared, more than likely he or she will not receive the message.

Think of it this way... many students either work out or are involved in sports. In order for you to get the most out of your workout or practice, you need to warm up your muscles. If you fail to warm up, your muscles will not perform and an injury may occur.

Let's apply this to the classroom. If you do not read or prepare before the class, your mind is not ready to receive the information. The more work you do outside the classroom, the more you will get out of the class.



Ever wonder why you are not understanding the material?

Simple! Do you really know yourself? Do you know how you process information?

Completing a **Learning Style Inventory** can help you understand yourself better and help you become a more successful student.

Learning Styles

There are three basic learning styles: auditory, visual, and kinesthetic.



What exactly does this mean in the classroom?

If you have an instructor who lectures and uses no visual aids, an auditory learner may be very successful whereas a visual learner may struggle. Or, maybe you are a kinesthetic learner in a class where the instructor uses a lot of visual aids and reading assignments. Instead of thinking the instructor does not know how to teach, think about how you can be successful instead. You may not fully understand your learning style and how to adapt to your instructor's style of teaching.

How do you become successful so that you can "GET THE GRADE"? Easy!

Convert the information into a way that matches your learning style and meets your needs as a student.

Helpful HINTS to be a successful student:

Organization skill and time management is essential to learning. Set aside a specific time in a quiet area to study each day. CHECK OUT THE LRC or library.

Have you ever stopped by your instructor's office during his or her office hours? Have you ever requested to see a tutor in the LRC? Have you ever accessed 24 hour tutoring with Brainfuse through your student portal? Have you ever joined a study group in the LRC?

These and many more tools and resources are available here to help you succeed, so check them out.

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think" – Albert Einstein