When Should I Go to a Tutoring Center?

Always start with getting support from your instructors and TA’s. They know the format of the course, as well as the requirements for the assignments and the format of tests and quizzes, so their support may be the most effective.

Here are a few situations in which you should consider using the peer tutoring center or department tutoring centers:

☑ You know the course is going to be difficult.

*There are some courses or subjects that you know are going to be challenging.*

Begin working with a tutor at the start of the term, scheduling a regular meeting each week, to support your learning.

☑ You are having difficulty completing the homework – or even starting it

*If reading the text and reviewing your notes does not help you to understand how to complete the homework, work with a tutor to address your gaps.*

Remember to attempt as much of the homework as you can independently, before your meeting with the tutor. This will allow you to make the best use of the tutor’s time and to ask targeted questions.

☑ There is a major paper or project due at the end of the term

*Major, lengthy assignments can be divided into more manageable chunks of work. You can work with a tutor to plan your approach to the assignment and develop interim deadlines. Tutors can also support you as you draft, revise and edit your work.*

☑ You got the first test back from the instructor. It wasn’t good.

*If you aren’t satisfied with your grade, a tutor can help you to analyze your errors to develop a more effective approach. If you lost points because you didn’t understand the material, regular review of the content with a tutor can support your understanding and retention.*