Learning Resources (OLR)

The OLR is located in the CTLR. Professional staff and specially trained student staff work with students to enhance their overall academic excellence. Study skills, time management, effective note taking, test preparation, oral presentations and discussion skills are available to all Middlebury students free of charge.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING RESOURCES is available beginning the first week of the semester, on weekdays; to meet with students for individual appointments. The Director assists students in assessing their academic needs and developing skills to meet these needs. Academic time management skills, select study skills including effective note taking, test preparation, oral presentation and class discussion skills, and skills for managing stress and reducing anxiety that interferes with academic performance are necessities for all students to master. OLR also responds to student academic emergencies such as failing a test or receiving a course warning. The Director also works with students with Learning Disabilities. For additional information, call extension 3131 or visit the OLR at go/olr.

Resources for Course Content Areas

Among Middlebury College's strengths are the accessibility of faculty and their willingness to help students. All faculty members maintain regular office hours, which are posted on office doors or within department offices. Whenever students experience difficulty in a course, they are encouraged to first seek help from the respective faculty member. The following additional support is also available to help students reach their academic goals in individual courses.

PEER CONTENT TUTORS approved by departmental faculty and trained by professionals at CTLR, are also available to provide supplementary assistance for entry-level courses. The peer tutor program provides group drop-in study sessions in a dozen or more academic subjects. In addition, individual peer tutoring is provided for subjects not covered by study group sessions, among them, foreign language tutors or when recommended by the faculty in a specific course. For additional information, call extension 3131.

STEM/ Quantitative Support

Quantitative skills and reasoning ability have become an important component of many courses and majors. Professional and peer tutors are available to help students in a wide variety of quantitative subjects. These services are free of charge to Middlebury College students.

DIRECTOR OF QUANTITATIVE SUPPORT is available to assist students in a number of ways, including reviewing prior mathematics knowledge, discussing homework, preparing quantitative reports, and practicing for tests. Students may schedule weekday sessions in advance (online at go/appt) or may drop-in as needed.

PEER QUANTITATIVE TUTORS have experience and training in quantitative methods that are studied in a variety of elementary math courses and courses in other departments that have a significant quantitative component. Peer tutors can assist students with homework and other quantitative projects in study group sessions or individually when recommended by the faculty in a specific course.
Writing Center

The Writing Center at CTLR provides all Middlebury College students with assistance in writing. Professional and peer writing tutors can help students in every phase of the writing process—from getting started on a topic to polishing a final draft. Sessions with professional and peer writing tutors are free for all Middlebury College students.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING TUTORS
Starting the first week of the semester, on weekdays, students may make appointments with professional writing tutors. To schedule an individual appointment time, students can either drop by the CTLR, call x3131, or schedule an appointment online at go/appt. Some students schedule regular weekly appointments with professional writing tutors. Others come as needed.

PEER WRITING TUTORS AND WRITING AND ACADEMIC MENTORS
Peer Writing Tutors and Writing & Academic Mentors are trained to give authorized help in writing and in oral presentations. Writing tutors ask probing questions about the papers they read, and make practical suggestions for improvement. The tutors can also offer tips and critiques for giving oral presentations. Starting the second week of the semester, peer writing tutors are available in CTLR Sunday through Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to midnight (except during winter term, school vacations and exams). Some Peer Writing Tutors are also available evenings in all five Commons. This is a drop-in service--no appointment is necessary (schedule available at: go.middlebury.edu/commonswriting). College writing classes (CW) may also have peer writing tutors assigned to work with them.

Writing and Academic Mentors (FYSM) are assigned to First-Year Seminars to give authorized assistance in writing and to assist students in developing competency in skills related to academic success. These include: effective time management, workload management skills, enhanced study techniques, and oral presentation skills. FYSMs are available for individual appointments with students and for small group workshops.

ESL/ELL STUDENT SUPPORT
If you are a non-native speaker of English, and would like help with writing, reading, speaking, or any other aspect of your academic experience, please contact the Héctor Vila Ph.D. (hvila@middelbury.edu) or Shawna Shapiro, Ph.D. (sshapiro@middelbury.edu).

Fellowships and Undergraduate Research
The Associate Dean for Fellowships and Research assists students in making applications to be nominated for nationally competitive fellowships through Middlebury — such as a Fulbright, Watson, or Rhodes. In addition, they assist students in applying to fellowships and scholarships for summer or post-Middlebury experiences. More information can be found at: go.middlebury.edu/fellowships.

Undergraduate Research has funding available for students to support academic conference travel, senior research projects, and on-campus summer research assistants. The staff will also assist students in starting, completing, or presenting academic research projects. URO provides opportunities for students to share their work at the Spring Student Symposium and helps students connect with research and scholarly opportunities year-round, on or off campus. More information is available at: go.middlebury.edu/uro.