CTLR Welcomes You!

Please read the next three pages to discover important events at the CTLR on September 5th of orientation and learn about the Office of Learning Resources and all the academic services available at the CTLR.
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PRE-ADVISING SESSIONS

for First-Year Students

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research

Suite 225, Main Floor in the Davis Family Library

Wednesday, September 5

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research (CTLR) is offering pre-advising sessions specifically designed to assist all new students with exploring their options in course selection and understanding distribution requirements. The pre-advising session will help you be well-prepared for the all-important individual meetings your instructor/adviser, where spring course selection plans will be finalized and long-term academic planning will begin. Join us for personalized attention from CTLR faculty, and professional staff, and students with specific expertise in academic pre-advising.

The morning session is available to students who have consulted the placement exam chart and determined that they do not need to take any exams. The afternoon session will be a repeat of the morning session and offered for those who could not attend the morning session due to placement exams and are available during these afternoon hours.

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Quick Reference Guide
to services available at the
Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research

The Office of 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 and content tutoring are available to all Middlebury students free of charge.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING RESOURCES
Beginning the first week of the semester, on weekdays, the Director of Learning Resources is available 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, 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. For additional information, call extension 3131 or visit the OLR Web page at go/olr.

Academic Advising
The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research maintains an Academic Advising website with helpful links for choosing course, planning distribution credits, and preparing to meet with your academic advisor at go/advising.

For first-years, the CTLR also runs pre-advising sessions during fall and spring orientation. These sessions prepare students for meetings with their First-Year Seminar Advisers. In these sessions, students learn techniques for choosing courses and for negotiating arena registration. Most importantly, students acquire information so they can have meaningful conversations with their academic advisers.

Quantitative Skills Office
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 SKILLS 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 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.

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. Additional support is also available to help students reach their academic goals in individual courses.

PEER CONTENT TUTORS
Peer Content Tutors approved by departmental faculty and trained by the coordinator of the peer content tutors, 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, or when recommended by the faculty in a specific course. For additional information, call extension 3131.
Writing Resources for Middlebury College Students

The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research (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 through Accutrack at go/accutrack. Some students schedule regular weekly appointments with professional writing tutors. Others come as needed.

MULTILINGUAL/ESL 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 Shawna Shapiro [sshapiro@middlebury.edu] or visit go/esl.

PEER WRITING TUTORS
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). This is a drop-in service—no appointment is necessary. Many first-year seminars and college writing classes also have peer writing tutors assigned to work with them. Peer Writing Tutors 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.

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.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR WRITING COLLEGE PAPERS
Consult the following online resources for help with all aspects of the paper-writing process:

- **Student Resources** [http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/writing/writingcenter](http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/writing/writingcenter)
  On this page the CTLR has collected a number of useful links, ranging from citation guidelines to online tutorials and digital storytelling resources.

- **Writing College Papers** [http://blogs.middlebury.edu/middwrite/](http://blogs.middlebury.edu/middwrite/)
  This site provides an introduction to the college-level analytical essay and offers worksheets to aid in the paper-organizing process. It also includes helpful sections about integrating quotations and citing sources.

- **The Purdue Online Writing Lab** [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/)
  This site offers comprehensive writing assistance, including research guides, style and citation manuals, suggestions for developing outlines and links to information about writing in English as a second language. It also offers guidelines for writing in different disciplines.

  This site provides self-correcting exercises dealing with grammar, rhetoric, and organization of writing.
Office of Learning Resources

Our staff will assist you in achieving your highest level of academic excellence.

What we offer:

- Time Management for academic and other commitments
- Effective Planning for long-term academic projects
- Select study skills in reading, compounding learning, effective note taking in class, etc.
- Test taking strategies
- Oral presentation skills for in-class presentations and for leading discussions
- Goal setting for academics
- Peer tutoring in subject areas
- Pre-advising to get you ready to meet with your academic advisor
- Peer Mentors to assist you in navigating BannerWeb registration

And More...

We provide one-on-one services by appointment and when possible on a walk-in basis. We work in small groups with students via scheduled workshops and study groups. We also provide services in Commons and in classes by request.

Office of Learning Resources (ext. 3131) is located in the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research at the Davis Family Library, Suite 225. Contact Yonna McShane, Director of Learning Resources, for more information.