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STUDENT FAQ OF THE MOUTH:

- I want to study abroad, where do I start?
- Here at AU, we strongly encourage anyone with interest to study abroad. That said, it is a process that takes time so start planning about a year in advance. You can begin by going to the AU Abroad website at: <http://auabroad.american.edu>. There you will find all the information you need regarding programs of interest, program requirements, financing, and much more. Also, be in contact with your faculty advisor and CAS advisor throughout this process to make sure you have the smoothest abroad experience possible.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER: HERE TO HELP!



For students that need academic assistance, there is a great place they can go to get the individual attention they need: the **Academic Support Center (ASC)**. Every student has different strengths and difficulties and the ASC is there to help each one be the best student they can be.

Who can take advantage of ASC assistance? According to the ASC website, "4,000 AU students on average each year access ASC services, including individual counseling appointments, writing help, tutor refer-

als, workshops, supplemental instruction sessions, and accommodations for students with learning disabilities." There are also services available to student-athletes and international students.

The staff in the ASC is highly trained in their respective fields. "ASC counselors are master's level professionals with backgrounds in education and counseling. Writing Lab counselors are graduate students with experience in teaching and tutoring. They also receive ongoing training and supervision in working with students for whom English is not their first language,

and with students who have learning disabilities and ADHD."

The ASC is located in the **Mary Graydon Center (MGC), room 243**. To make an appointment to meet with an ASC Counselor stop by the office or call **(202) 885-3360**. The hours of operation are convenient to a student's schedule, so take advantage of the services offered. **During the semester:**
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-5pm
Sat and Sun: Closed

For more information please visit the ASC Website at: www.american.edu/ocl/asc/

REGISTRATION AND YOUR PEER ADVISORS

It is almost time for Spring 2010 registration. Are you ready? You are probably being bombarded by information and might be a little confused by the whole process. We understand that choosing classes and putting together a schedule can be a daunting experience for new students.

The CAS Peer Advisors are here to help! We have the unique perspective of having gone through the registration process before and of having taken courses at

AU. We can sit down with you in a one-on-one setting and talk you through the whole process if you need to. Have a quick question? Stop by during our office hours, we would be glad to find an answer for you. No question is too big or too small.

You can schedule an appointment via our online scheduler through the CAS Website or send us an email at: CASPeerAdvisors@american.edu.

Here are some things we can help you with:

- Picking courses appropriate for your specific major/minor/General Ed. needs
- Putting together a class schedule that fits your individual work/volunteer needs
- Tools to help guide your strengths/interests to classes/majors/minors that fit you best.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: WRITING CENTER

Having trouble with those last few pages of your research paper, or are you still stuck trying to choose a topic? Whatever step of the writing process you might be in, you can visit the **CAS Writing Center** for assistance.

The Writing Center is an undergraduate and graduate student-staffed program, sponsored by the literature department, that offers AU students the writing help they need. You can get help with

everything from course writing assignments to cover letters and application essays.

In your 45-minute session with a writing consultant, you will gain insightful feedback on your writing as well as learn tools to develop your writing further. If you are already a skilled writer, the Writing Center also offers internships for credit to undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in gaining teaching experience.

The Writing Center is located in **Battelle 228**. You can schedule a writing session by calling **(202) 885-2991**. Each appointment begins on the hour and lasts about 45 minutes. The Writing Center is open **11-8 Monday through Thursday and 11-4 on Fridays**.

Visit their website for more information at:
www.american.edu/cas/writing/index.cfm

Writing Center motto:

"Students prepare papers, we prepare students."



PEER ADVISORS IN TDR?!?!

Ever wish you could get all of your course registration work finished over Mac' and Cheese Wednesdays in the Terrace Dining Room? Or have your questions answered while munching on a delicious TDR grilled cheese sandwich? Well now your peer advisors are coming to you!

Starting in November, CAS peer advisors will be in TDR to

answer any course registration questions you may have.

Peer advisors will be downstairs in MGC, available to answer questions about prospective classes and registration. Peer advisors can also help students, who have a strong idea of what their spring 2010 class schedule will look like, begin the registration clearance process.

If you would like dining advis-

ing, stop on by the Terrace Dining Room, downstairs in MGC, for convenient assistance provided by your CAS peer advisors.

Peer advisors will be in TDR the following days and times:

For lunch from 12-1pm, on November 16, 23, and 30.

For dinner from 6:40-7:40pm, on November 18, December 2, and 3.

Drop by TDR for special advising hours with your CAS peer advisors! We can help with the registration process or developing a class schedule for spring!

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- **Pre-registration workshops** ongoing throughout November. *Freshmen must attend.* Sign up on the CAS advising blackboard site.
- **11/18: School of Education, Teaching, and Health Open House** for interested undergrads. Gray Hall, Bentley Lounge. From 4:30-5:30pm. **FREE PIZZA!**
- **11/24:** Friday classes meet, instead of Tuesday classes.
- **11/25-11/27: Thanksgiving Break** no classes.
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- Don't forget to submit your ideas for what we should cover in the Peer to Peer Podcast! If we choose your idea, you will win \$5 in Eaglebuck\$!