



Keys to a Successful Peer Tutoring Experience

HPU Peer Tutoring Center
TAC 304 & 314

Peer Tutoring – An active part of reaching your goals

- Reaching your academic goals requires work. Working *with* someone to reach those goals can make the experience more enjoyable and less stressful.
- Peer tutoring provides a way for you to work with other goal-driven students in the pursuit of your own academic goals.
- The following information outlines *your* role in making peer tutoring effective for you.



Visit the tutoring center EARLY in the semester

- *Don't wait until a big test or assignment is due.*

Come in early and find a tutor to help you. If you aren't sure who can help, talk to Mrs. Johnson in TAC 302. She can introduce you to the right tutor for your study needs.

- **Meet with a tutor frequently during the semester to review important concepts, check your notes, and discuss upcoming assignments.**

Discuss your learning style, study needs and academic goals with a tutor.



- Are you a procrastinator?
- Are you a morning person or a night owl?
- How do you take notes?
- Need a better way to take notes?
- How often do you talk to your instructor?
- What are your academic goals this semester?
- Do you want to improve in a particular subject, raise your GPA, learn how to test more effectively, etc?

Honest answers to these questions will help your tutor understand how you study and how he/she can help you reach your academic goals.

Not sure what your learning style is? [Click here to learn more.](#)



Make, and keep, appointments with a tutor throughout the semester.

- Studying with a peer tutor should be a regular part of your academic schedule.
- Your peer tutor will help you;
 - prioritize your assignments so you can meet deadlines
 - improve study skills and notetaking
 - work on specific areas of weakness in your work
 - effectively prepare for exams, and
 - feel more confident about your overall academic performance.
- This isn't possible in only one visit. You need multiple sessions throughout the semester to help you reach your goals.

Come to the tutoring session prepared to STUDY.



- This may sound silly but each semester students arrive for tutoring without necessary materials. The tutoring session is for *your* success. Here are some of the tools you need to make each session productive.
 - The Basics – pen/pencil, paper, calculator, etc.
 - Class Notes – Bring any notes you have taken in class.
 - Previous Graded Assignments/Exams—These items will help your tutor understand where you are having the most difficulty and guide you toward success in these areas.
 - Your textbook –Your tutor needs to see the book you are using for assignments. Bring it with you when you come in for help. Also, bring any other books or articles you are using for reference.
 - Course Syllabus and any handouts from your instructor – If these are online, you can show the tutor the copies on your laptop. (If you don't have a laptop, come prepared to login to one of the computers in our center)
 - Your laptop- If you have a laptop, bring it. This building is wireless. You and your tutor can use your computer to access your class notes, information online from your course, assignments you are working on, etc.
 - Bring a Flash Drive to save your work.—Even if you are using your own laptop, bring a flash drive to save work. This makes it easier for you to access an HPU computer for printing.



Take a "time-out" from texting, cell phone games, headphones, etc.

- Give yourself time to focus on study for about an hour a time.
- Focused study sessions that last about 45 minutes to 1 hour are highly effective. That is the length of an average tutoring session.
- Take a break after that time. Then, come back later in the day to work for another short time. Doing this several times throughout the week helps you get all your studying done without increasing your stress level.
- Marathon, last-minute, study sessions are stressful and are not an effective way to learn.

Contact Information



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Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10:00am – 9:00pm

Friday, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Email: tutoring@hputx.edu

Individual tutor schedules are available on the HPU Peer Tutor Center webpage. Just click on the subject area schedule.