

# Academic Enrichment Center

## Academic Support Services

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The Academic Enrichment Center (AEC) is housed in the southwest wing of the Zondervan Library. In keeping with Taylor University's mission statement, the AEC serves as a compassionate outreach to all students by providing academic study support so that all students may reach their academic potential.

Services provided by the Academic Enrichment Center include: academic skills courses, study counseling, tutoring, disabled student services, Writing Center, Math Center, academic support for students on academic probation, and academic support for provisionally accepted students. In coordination with the Office of Academic Assessment, the AEC offers academic support for students who are unable to meet proficiencies required by the University, including the math, reading, and writing proficiencies of the general education program.

The learning-assistance services and programs in support of the Taylor University mission statement collaborate to assist and encourage all students to become active and independent learners. The specific goals of the Academic Enrichment Center are to:

- Make students the central focus of the program.
- Assist members of the campus community in achieving their personal potential for learning.
- Provide instruction and services that address the cognitive, affective and sociocultural dimensions of learning.
- Introduce students to the expectations of faculty and the culture of higher education.
- Help students develop positive attitudes toward learning and confidence in their abilities to learn.
- Foster personal responsibility and accountability for one's own learning.
- Provide a variety of instructional approaches that are appropriate for the level of skills and learning styles of the student population.
- Assist students in transferring previously learned skills and strategies to their academic work.
- Provide services and resources to faculty, staff, and administrators that enhance and support classroom instruction and professional development.
- Support the academic standard and requirements of the University.

The Academic Enrichment Center offers the following courses intended to assist students in learning effective time management, efficient reading techniques, meaningful note taking strategies, excellent study models for test preparation and taking and math knowledge for college success. Courses are provided to help students meet the math and reading proficiency levels as outlined in the degree requirements for the University.

**IAS 180** **1 hour**

**Applied Learning Techniques—Verbal**

Emphasizes techniques for the improvement of study skills, listening and note taking, reading and comprehension. The course meets two hours a week, with the third hour reserved for extra assignments. Work is completed in a lab setting and may be repeated one time only. *Pass-fail only.*

**IAS 285** **1 hour**

**Applied Learning Techniques—Math**

Emphasizes techniques for the improvement of math study skills, listening and note taking and mathematics skills. The course meets two hours a week, with a third hour reserved for make-up or extra assignments. May be repeated one time only. *Pass-fail only.*

**IAS 185** **1 hour**

**Applied Learning Techniques—Math**

Emphasizes techniques for the improvement of math study skills, listening and note taking and mathematics skills. The course meets two hours a week, with a third hour reserved for make-up or extra assignments. May be repeated one time only. *Pass-fail only.*

**IAS 410** **1 hour**

**Speed Reading**

Emphasis on speed reading techniques and effective comprehension. Meets two hours a week. *Prerequisite: 13<sup>th</sup> grade-level reading; not open to freshmen. Pass-fail only.*

**IAS 280** **1 hour**

**Applied Learning Techniques—Verbal**

Emphasizes techniques for the improvement of study skills, listening and note taking, reading and comprehension. The course meets two hours a week, with the third hour reserved for extra assignments. Work is completed in a lab setting and may be repeated one time only. *Pass-fail only.*

**IAS 440** **1 hour**

**Advanced Test Preparation**

Individualized instruction and review of both quantitative and verbal materials in preparation for passing exams such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT. Meets twice a week for seven weeks. *Pass-fail only.*