

# Special Academic Resources

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## The Center for Academic Success and Engagement (CASE)

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<https://www.saintpeters.edu/case/>

The Center for Academic Success and Engagement (CASE) at Saint Peter's University provides students with the academic advising, programming, tools and resources needed to successfully manage the college experience and achieve their academic goals. In collaboration with the schools and colleges CASE assists students with the transition to college-level work and supports their academic endeavors throughout their entire college career. The following programs and services are provided to students in their first year and beyond:

- Academic Coaching and Learning Strategy Consulting
- Disability Services
- First-Year and Transfer Advising
- Freshman Common Reading Program
- Learning Support Programming & Workshops
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Testing and Registration
- Transfer Services
- Tutoring
- Study Groups and Study Skills Preparation
- Supplementary Instruction (SI)
- Undeclared Advising & Major Exploration Services

### Developmental Programs

Before registration, entering students take placement tests in composition, reading, and mathematics, which determine their enrollment in specific composition and mathematics courses. Based on their placement results, students who need supplemental academic assistance in composition, reading, mathematics, and reasoning ability, may be required to take one or more developmental courses. Tutoring assistance is also provided through the Center for English Language Acquisition and Culture (CELAC). These developmental courses do not carry academic credit and may not be applied towards degree requirements.

### Tutoring Services

Peer tutoring is offered Monday-Thursday from 10-5 and Friday from 10-4. Students can make their own tutoring appointments through EAB or email [learningsupport@saintpeters.edu](mailto:learningsupport@saintpeters.edu). Drop-ins are also welcome!

The easiest way to book an appointment is the Navigate App. Download it to your smartphone today! To book an appointment via a desktop, please visit [saintpeters.campus.eab.com](https://saintpeters.campus.eab.com) (<https://saintpeters.campus.eab.com/>) > log in with your SPU credentials > go to the right-hand side and click Schedule an Appointment > Tutoring > Tutoring > Select the kind of tutoring you need and the times that work best for you.

TutorMe is available 24/7 on blackboard. Students are able to utilize 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for tutoring in any subject, free of charge! Please visit blackboard to login to TutorMe.

## STEM Engagement & Empowerment Center

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<https://www.saintpeters.edu/centers-institutes/stem-engagement-center/>

The STEM Engagement & Empowerment Center is a hub for students of biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, chemistry, computer science, health sciences, mathematics, physics, and psychology. The STEM Center seeks to increase undergraduate retention and graduation rates, as well as empower students to achieve their academic and career goals, using a holistic approach that addresses the unique needs of our student population. Students are

provided with free academic support such as tutoring, supplemental instruction, and academic coaching, while also having access to free laptops, textbooks, and graphic calculators. In addition to its academic support for students, the STEM Center provides students with one-on-one career coaching and career workshops, as well as opportunities to connect with graduate schools and potential employers.

## **TRiO Student Support Services (SSS)**

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TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program that offers our students a comprehensive four-year program entitled the EDGE (Engage, Discover, Gain Experience, Excel), which features results-oriented support services. TRiO SSS is currently funded to serve and assist first generation, low-income students, and students with disabilities to persist to degree completion and embark on professional career paths or graduate degree studies. Participants also include disabled college students, who receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction. The Student Support Services (SSS) at Saint Peter's offers participants a comprehensive four-year program, entitled the EDGE (Engage, Discover, Gain Experience, Excel), that features result-oriented support services, rather than a series of non-connected activities. The goal of SSS is to increase retention and graduation rates of participants through quality interactions, clear expectations and pathways to academic preparedness.

## **Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)**

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The mission of the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program at Saint Peter's University is to provide students who come from disadvantaged academic and economic backgrounds with the necessary skills to enroll and successfully complete their college education. Furthermore, the EOF Program provides a bridge by which to close the gap between students' initial status and their academic development, and therefore, to build a stronger and more diverse student body.

## **Center for English Language Acquisition and Culture (CELAC)**

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Created to address the needs of our culturally and linguistically diverse student population, CELAC offers a wide range of resources to support and promote academic success for students whose first or strongest language is not English. Along with having a variety of undergraduate writing and reading classes, we also offer courses in English as a Second Language for students and community members who are seeking to improve their English skills.

## **Graduate and Adult Support Services**

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- EAB Navigate - Graduate students are now in our EAB system. In consultation with the graduate program directors, EAB will be an important tool to benefit graduate students. Part of the features of EAB includes institution reports to monitor the progress of students. We have seen great success with EAB on the undergraduate side, utilizing progress reports and retention alerts to provide support and guidance to struggling students.
- Tutoring Services - graduate students and adult learners often need evening or weekend tutoring options. These services can be housed in the reimagined School to align with the interests and needs of this population
- Mock Defenses - doctoral students can gain valuable experience through mock defenses. Those early on into their programs can attend these to become familiar with the process, and those who are nearing their

own defense can practice in front of both peers and mentors. The mentors would then provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.

- Career Services - partnering with CEEL, the new School will develop support and internship opportunities relevant to those in graduate programs.
- Workshops - professional development workshops in key areas to succeed both academically and in the workplace will be offered, for example, Microsoft Office, Excel for Business Applications, etc.