

UCCS Excel Centers

The Excel Centers at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, include the Languages and Social Sciences Center, the Mathematics Center, the Communication Center, the Science Center, and the Writing Center--five academic centers designed to provide critical academic and individual support to all students in the University in all major academic areas, both within and beyond the classroom. Originally founded in 1990 by a Title III Grant, these centers are now an integral part of the Student Success Initiative at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

In the 2013-2014 academic year, the Centers recorded more than 82,000 student visits. Students who use the Centers earn higher grades in their classes, achieve a higher grade point average, and are retained to a greater extent.

The Writing Center



Columbine Hall 316, 719-255-4336, wrtgcntr@uccs.edu

The Writing Center is staffed by UCCS undergrad and graduate students who have been specially trained and educated to provide effective peer feedback. Their goal is to make better writers, not just better papers. The Writing Center believes strongly in the importance of community and conversation to the writing process.

Services offered:

- One-on-one 50 minute consultations to receive help with:
 - Brainstorming
 - Thesis construction
 - Argument, evidence, & analysis
 - Idea generation
 - Organization & structure
 - Sentence-level concerns
 - APA, MLA, & Chicago citations & formatting
 - Interpreting assignments
 - Not just essays, but also creative writing, lab reports, resumes, scholarship applications, presentation outlines, etc.
- Online consultations by appointment
- Support for student writing groups
- Writing workshops for student groups/organizations

The Science Center



Centennial Hall 204, 719-255-3689

The Science Center helps all students excel! If you take lower-level courses in Chemistry, Physics, or Biology, the Science Center offers free, unlimited drop-in tutoring, scheduled problem-solving sessions (EI sessions), computers, and other resources to help you do well. They even help with many upper-level classes as well--ask us about specific courses. Even if you don't need tutoring, the Center is a great place to meet friends, study, eat your lunch, and just relax.

Services offered:

- Unlimited drop-in tutoring for a variety of lecture and laboratory courses
- Scheduled extra instruction (EI) sessions in chemistry, biology, and physics
- Computers with standard software and software specific for science students
- Printers and Xerox
- Text books and reference materials
- Past quizzes, exams, homework assignments, and notes from key classes

The Communication Center



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The Communication Center is here to help you with any of your communication needs! The Center is staffed by a team of communication experts who are committed to assisting and enriching the academic experiences of UCCS. They are happy to assist you with any course, help out with job search preparation, and help you generally improve your communication skills. Give them a call or stop by any time to hear more about the services they offer the UCCS community.

Services offered:

- Presentation practice and feedback
- Presentational aid (PowerPoint, Prezi, Haiku Deck, etc.) tutoring
- Small group facilitation
- Mock interviews
- In-class presentations
- In-Center workshops
- Informational resources

The Math Center



Engineering 233, 719-255-3687

The Math Center provides drop-in tutoring in mathematics and statistics, as well as help with some computer science, physics, and engineering classes. In addition, they provide Supplemental Instruction in math, space for small group study, and a limited amount of one-on-one tutoring for UCCS students free of charge. The computers in the Math Center have a variety of mathematical and statistical software for student use. Please stop by or contact them with questions or requests.

Services offered:

- Individual or online tutoring
- Math/Math for Elementary Teachers tutoring
- Physics tutoring
- Computer Science & Matlab tutoring
- Electrical Engineering tutoring
- Social Sciences Statistics tutoring

Languages & Social Sciences Center



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The Language & Social Sciences Center offers tutoring in languages (Spanish, French, German, Japanese, ASL, Chinese) and Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Geography and Psychology). They have a library of varied language resources to include books, magazines, VHS and DVDs. The great place to do homework and have computer access.

Services offered:

- Drop-in one-on-one tutoring or by appointment
- 29 computers with the Mango Language learning software, offering support for 51 languages
- Language specific conversation tables
- Placement and diagnostic language proficiency testing
- Access to international news
- LCD projector, VCR/DVD player
- Video recorder for language faculty check-out