Did you know . . . 

• 40% of all students enrolled utilized CASA services
• Freshmen – Graduate students seek our assistance
• We have SIX academic support programs to serve you
• There are no additional fees to utilize our assistance
• We have weekend and evening hours, as well as some online services!
• We exist to ensure your success!
The Center for Academic Student Achievement (CASA), winner of the National Tutoring Association Excellence Award, is committed to providing academic support services to help you reach your educational goals and succeed in the university and beyond. Our motivation is to help students develop the skills necessary to achieve academic success and independence in a supportive learning environment that fosters intellectual growth.

At CASA, students work collaboratively with our staff to achieve success by setting educational goals, gaining an understanding of individual learning styles, and improving study skills.
CASA Tutoring

• We have a staff of over 70 tutors in various subjects to help you on a walk-in basis.

• Most commonly asked about subjects:
  • Math
  • Science
  • History
  • Business
  • Engineering

• Tutors are highly recommended by TAMUCC faculty and must meet the highest standards of national certification.
CASA Writing Center

• We are staffed with peer, graduate, and professional Writing Consultants to help you enhance your writing and reading.
• We work with all stages of writing, from ideas to final drafts!
• We can help writers with any type of writing, from a poem to a dissertation.
• We take appointments and walk-ins (If available)
• We have online, live chat sessions for those who can’t make it to the Center!
Supplemental Instruction

• Upper-division class leaders who work closely with professors to provide out-of-class assistance in small group settings.
• Generally hold sessions 2-3 times a week
• Review lecture content and answer questions
• Common SI Courses:
  • History
  • Political science
  • Engineering courses
  • Psychology
  • Business
Mentoring Programs: Students Helping Students

• Two Mentoring Programs
  • First Generation Students: First Islanders Scholars’ Academy
    • Staffed by graduate and upper division First Generation students who can relate to being the first in the family to attend college.
    • Weekly meetings, workshops. And events geared specifically for First-Gen students’ needs.

• CASA Mentors
  • Successful upper-division students who are assigned to every freshman student
  • Classroom visits and collaboration with your instructors
  • Monitor your progress and reach out to you to ensure you are succeeding
  • Drop-in or appointment-based meetings available
  • Help you navigate and acclimate to college (it can be a culture shock!)
CASA
Academic Success Coach

Full-time, professional staff provide referrals and recommendations for students requiring academic support.

- Help create academic strategies with students to avoid or recover from academic probation/suspension
- Offer Academic Success Plan to accomplish academic goals
- Track and monitor TSI/Developmental Education students’ progress and success
- Provide compliance assistance in regards to TSI/Developmental Education coursework
Starfish Early Alert and Connect

Starfish Early Alert & Connect is accessible within Blackboard and is administered by the Center for Academic Student Achievement.

- Starfish Early Alert & Connect is TAMUCC’s Undergraduate academic early alert system; Starfish is designed for faculty to simultaneously communicate student course progress to students and to campus support responsible for assisting students.

**How it works:**

- Starfish connects students to faculty, advisors, mentors, and other staff from TAMUCC.
- Starfish has four primary communication features: Flags, Kudos, Referrals, and To-dos, which are used to communicate the current academic progress of students.
Helpful Tips from CASA Coaches & Mentors:

• Get a planner.
  • Fill in important assignment, exam, presentation, and due dates from all your course syllabi. Academic Planners are available at CASA!

• Use your planner for time management.
  • Set time aside outside of class each week for reading, writing, and study time.

• Get an alarm clock.
  • Don’t rely on your phone as an alarm. Use an actual alarm clock as back-up to ensure you don’t oversleep.

• Get in the habit of checking your Islander email & Blackboard daily.
  • This is how your professors and campus services will communicate with you, so it’s important that you check & respond to all communications. Also, be sure to check email before class, in case class is cancelled.

• Visit Career Services if you need a job.
  • On-campus student employment provides flexibility around your class schedules and valuable experience to take with you after graduation. You can also look for jobs off-campus in your field of study.
QUESTIONS?

Please take a moment to fill out a survey for us.

CASA-SURVEY Thank you for participating; survey results are anonymous and used to gauge student understanding of the academic support services provided by the Center for Academic Student Achievement. Please circle or fill in the answer that best fits your understanding.

1. All CASA academic support is part of tuition and no additional fees are required:
   True or False

2. First year students participate in a Learning Community where they have access to a CASA LC Mentor:
   True or False

3. Name three academic support service that CASA offers to all students
   1)________________________  2)________________________  3)________________________

Comments:____________________________________________________
Thank you... Have a great day!