

LECKRONE ACADEMIC  
RESOURCE CENTER

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The Leckrone Academic Resource Center (LARC) delivers quality programs and services that encourage independent lifelong learners, address the diverse needs of the Lewis University student, and foster a holistic learning environment. Through Academic and Career Services, the Center

helps students (both traditional and adult) improve academic performance through advising, tutoring, and innovative academic programs. These programs focus on strategies proven to help students succeed in the University and beyond graduation by creating learning communities, achieving competency in important academic and professional skills, and providing an enriched educational experience. Also, students with questions about degree requirements, University regulations and services, or students in need of help with career and employment concerns, study skills, reading, writing, test-taking, or advising will find help at LARC.



## Academic Services

LARC offers a variety of services to help students achieve college success and enhance their learning through enriching opportunities and experiences.

## Academic Support Services

Through individual assistance, group gatherings and seminars, the academic support services offered through LARC provide multiple support options for students with academic concerns. For more information, contact Barb Seppi by calling (815) 836-5593, via e-mail at [seppiba@lewisu.edu](mailto:seppiba@lewisu.edu) or stop by LARC for assistance.

## SUCCESS and Bridge

- First-year supervision, encouragement and support
- Two-week intensive college preparation program
- Peer mentoring and faculty collaboration

SUCCESS and Bridge assist identified incoming students with academic preparation and advising to support their academic success throughout the first year. For more information, contact Patricia Jones by calling (815) 836-8286 or via e-mail at [jonespa@lewisu.edu](mailto:jonespa@lewisu.edu).

## Academic Skills

- Academic skills reinforcement
- Individualized assessment and advisement
- Workshop and seminars addressing learning concerns

LARC provides multiple opportunities and resources for students to access assistance for improving their academic skills, including test-taking, critical thinking, reading, and study habits. For more information, contact Denise Rich by calling (815) 836-5284 or via e-mail at [richde@lewisu.edu](mailto:richde@lewisu.edu).

## Tutorial Services

- Essential skills
- Content-specific
- Individual and study groups

LARC offers content-specific tutoring in approximately 100 courses by more than 30 competent and trained peer tutors who must meet specific selection criteria and who are often recommended by faculty. These one-on-one tutoring opportunities are available for students who need more individual and sustained attention in a particular subject area. Students can schedule tutoring sessions in advance or drop in during the day. For more information, contact Barb Seppi by calling (815) 836-5593 or via e-mail at [seppiba@lewisu.edu](mailto:seppiba@lewisu.edu).

## Program Advising

- College and program selection advisement
- Athletic specialty advising

Designed for students who have not declared a major or program, LARC's advising services assist students in understanding their interests and capabilities to aid them in selecting an appropriate academic course of study among the many options provided by Lewis. For more information, contact Barb Seppi by calling (815) 836-5593 or via e-mail at [seppiba@lewisu.edu](mailto:seppiba@lewisu.edu).

## Scholars Academy

- Course enhancement through contracts
- Collaborative course-connected program
- Enriching on-and-off campus activities

The Scholars Academy programs are designed for students eager for academic challenges and ways of enhancing their education through a rich variety of curricular and extra-curricular experiences. To learn more about the program, visit [www.lewisu.edu/academics/scholars](http://www.lewisu.edu/academics/scholars) or call (815) 836-5691.



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## **IMPACT Lab** (Innovative Multimedia Projects, Assessment and Coaching with Technology)

- Multimedia project development
- Self-discovery and improvement

The IMPACT Lab features equipment and software which promote and enrich the learning experience and offer greater options for self-discovery and improvement. The lab offers opportunities for multimedia project development, and writing and research support in conjunction with the Writing Center. It accommodates the production of work related to critical and creative thinking in a dedicated environment. Lab facilities include dual-boot Macintosh computers and various software programs that assist students with basic computing tasks, programmed instruction in specific academic skills, and discipline-specific assessment programs. For more information, contact the IMPACT Lab Coordinator by calling (815) 836-5668.

## **Writing Center**

- Writing assistance in grammar and development
- One-on-one peer tutors
- Collaborative guidance and processing

In the Writing Center students review their course writing with a peer tutor for real-audience response and guidance. Students at all levels of writing and at any stage of the writing process benefit from this one-on-one collaborative process. The tutors, most of whom are English majors studying to be teachers or writers, ask useful questions and offer appropriate strategies to help students write more effectively. Tutors are available during the day in LARC, and during the evening in the library. Though walk-ins are also welcome, students are encouraged to make an appointment by calling (815) 836-5593. For more information, contact Dr. Sheila Kennedy by calling (815) 836-5580, or via e-mail at [kennedsh@lewisu.edu](mailto:kennedsh@lewisu.edu).

## **Career Services**

Career planning is a developmental process and an integral component of each student's educational experience. Lewis University's Career Services counselors are committed to helping students research career options that correspond with their individual skills, values, interests, and goals. Career Services promotes students' personal and professional development by providing career counseling, resumé writing and job/internship search assistance. Students and alumni are encouraged to take advantage of the various services and resources offered. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred. For additional information, contact Smret Smith, Director of Career Services or to make an appointment with a career counselor, contact Eileen Tondini by calling (815) 836-5282, or via e-mail at [tondinei@lewisu.edu](mailto:tondinei@lewisu.edu).

## **Learning Styles Assessment Center (LSAC)**

- Diagnostic evaluation for learning disabilities and disorders
- Consultation/liaison for remediation services, accommodation, and counseling
- Workshops, seminars and structured groups

LSAC provides evaluations and recommendations for accommodations and remediation services to students with learning needs and factors affecting academic functioning. Current Lewis students are eligible for a screening appointment, at which time a relevant history and current difficulties will be reviewed and appropriate referrals will be made. If needed, an assessment will be conducted, including intelligence, achievement and other testing. The Learning Styles Assessment Center also offers educational workshops and structured groups on topics of academic concerns and support such as ADHD, study skills, and time management. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Barich by calling (815) 836-5362 or via e-mail at [barichan@lewisu.edu](mailto:barichan@lewisu.edu).

## **Study Abroad**

- Opportunities for education outside the United States
- Semester and course options
- Faculty and program facilitated

## **Service Learning**

- Off-campus educational activities
- Course-connected service

For further information about Study Abroad or Service Learning, visit the LARC website or contact Dr. Julie Krahl, Associate Provost for Academic Support by calling (815) 836-5593.



## **Academic Major Advising**

- Undergraduate advising for undeclared students
- Graduate school information

## **Alumni Mentoring Program**

- Alumni volunteer to mentor students
- Job shadowing
- Informational interviews and networking

## **Career Counseling**

- Exploration of careers and career paths
- Employment preparation and advancement assistance

## **Career Services**

- Assistance with resumé, cover letter and thank you letter writing
- Mock interviews
- Assistance with locating internships
- Part-and-full-time job search
- Career fairs
- Career preparation workshops
- Career Library and resources

## **Employer Services**

- Job posting
- On-line and on-campus recruitment
- Job fairs and employer visit tables
- Interviewing days and opportunities



**Location**

North wing of Benilde Hall

**Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Academic Services**

(815) 836-5593

**Career Services**

(815) 836-5282

**Web Site**

[www.lewisu.edu/larc](http://www.lewisu.edu/larc)