General University consists of freshman seminar classes, UNIV 1101 and 1102, and Developmental Studies courses in mathematics, reading, and writing. Additionally, this department coordinates the learning community offerings during freshman students’ first year to ensure a smooth transition from high school to university.

University College provides first year students with “roots and wings:” roots that are strengthened and deepened by strong academic support and wings that allow them to experience academic success, and turn their career dreams into reality. University College accomplishes this by providing a full array of academic support services: 1) UNIV 1101 and 1102 freshmen seminars connected to learning communities and the Reading the Globe freshman common read, 2) peer mentoring and academic advising through the Advising and Mentoring Center, 3) tutoring services through the University Learning Center and the Writing Center, 4) student support services through the TRiO grant program, 5) student support services through the Title V: Sophomore Success grant, 6) testing services offered through the Testing Center, and 7) developmental coursework in mathematics, reading, and writing.
The University Learning Center (ULC) provides comprehensive academic support to Texas A&M International University students to further the academic mission of the University. Central to our mission is creating an academically focused, student-centered, supportive environment that encourages the development of the students’ maximum academic potential.

Activity
Student activity increased 47% from 19,050 in calendar year 2009 to 28,085 in 2011. Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction activity at the ULC increased 66% from 10,884 in 2009 to 18,097 in 2011.

The TAMIU Writing Center (WC) develops increasingly independent writers and supports the instructional goals of the faculty by providing individual and small-group tutoring; writing workshops and presentations; writing resources; and online, helpline, and fax line requests.

Activity
Traffic increased in several areas: Supplemental Instruction visits increased 97% (356 visits in 2010 to 702 visits in 2011), Writing Field Day participation increased 217% (340 visits in 2009 to 1,076 visits in 2011), and total Writing Center activity increased 17% (15,220 visits in 2009 to 17,746 visits in 2011).
The Testing Center offers a variety of exams to the TAMIU students and community in a quiet, secure, professional environment suitable for testing needs.

We also serve as a test proctoring center for distance education classes.

The Advising and Mentoring Center is committed to student success. Our full-time staff consists of academic advisors who provide degree evaluation and registration assistance for freshmen and sophomore students, retention specialists who monitor the academic progress of students who have been placed on academic probation, and an athletic academic coordinator who assists student athletes as they progress through their degree plans in compliance with NCAA regulations. Our part-time staff consists of student mentors who offer resource information and academic guidance to freshmen and sophomore students.

Freshmen enrolled in UNIV 1101 and 1102 meet with student mentors throughout their first year at TAMIU while sophomores have the option of meeting with student mentors as necessary. Each mentoring session consists of a variety of topic discussions such as time management, exploring UConnect, reviewing degree plans, GPA calculations, and is tailored to each student’s interests and academic concerns. Student mentors also provide assistance with campus resource referrals if needed.
TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program that helps increase college retention and graduation rates of its participants. SSS offers academic tutoring, personal and academic counseling, and cultural travel opportunities.

TRiO Program Results 2010-2011

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Office Visits

Visits Increased 4.1%

The Council for Educational Excellence (CEE) is committed to providing leadership and support aimed at increasing participation and success among all students, pre-kindergarten through college, in postsecondary education and the workforce through effective partnerships with the independent school districts (ISDs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), business, and communities in our service area. This critical work will be undertaken in a spirit of collaboration and mutual interest for improving the quality of education in our communities.

To fulfill this mission, the CEE represents key stakeholders in education in the South Texas region: Jim Hogg, Maverick, Webb, and Zapata counties.

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