What's going on in PASE?

Mission Statement

Programs for Academic Support and Enrichment (PASE) provides a full range of academic support services delivered in a supportive environment designed to maximize the intellectual and social potential of all TAMIU students.

Freshman Cohort Fall 2007 (681)
- Retention = 72%
- GPA 2.0 or above = 76.62%
- 29 Learning Communities - 33 Freshman Seminars

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The Center for Advancement of Scholastic Achievement (CASA) provides an academically focused, student-centered, supportive environment for students at Texas A&M International University by providing quality comprehensive academic support services to TAMU students with the goal of supporting the University's mission for student success.

Student visits to CASA increased 18.44% from 11,256 in fiscal year 2007 to 13,343 in fiscal year 2008. The number of tutoring sessions at CASA increased 21.06% from 7161 in fiscal year 2007 to 8669 in fiscal year 2008.

CASA Services:
- Drop-in tutoring
- Group tutoring
- Supervised Group Study
- TRiO/SSS Student Tutoring
- Computer Resources
- Workshops
- Supplemental Instruction
- Academic Advising

The TAMIU Writing Center 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.

Writing Center student visits increased 42% from 7693 in 2007 to 10,945 in 2008. Additionally, the number of Writing Center tutoring sessions increased 49% from 4264 in 2007 to 6361 in 2008.
“Keep up the great work because I feel that without the help I would have been lost in my first year of college.” “She not only felt like a mentor, she felt like a friend and a counselor.” “Thank you for listening to me when I needed advice! You were thoughtful and caring.” “She helped me to see things in different ways.”

These are just a few of the comments our mentors received at the end of the Fall semester. The First Year Success Program (FYSP) works with all 700+ freshmen in the University Seminar classes. The FYSP is a resource specifically designed to help new students adjust to academic life at TAMIU, whatever form that may take for each student. The mentoring is individual and the mentors are TAMIU Junior, Senior or Graduate students who have gone through similar situations and are willing to share their experiences. They are prepared to assist each new student to find his or her own best path through the university and to be successful!

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program that serves first generation, economically disadvantaged, and disabled students at TAMIU. Our goal is to increase retention and graduation rates of our participants. SSS offers academic tutoring, personal and academic counseling, and cultural awareness activities.
Our mission is to operate a Testing Center with a quiet, secure, and professional environment suitable for testing and to provide a variety of examinations in an effort to meet the testing needs of TAMIU students and test takers from the community.

We currently offer:
- ACT Residual
- CLEP
- COMPASS - Alternative THEA
- THEA
- TOEFL
- GRE
- TExES
- Quick THEA
- TOPT

University of Wisconsin Spanish Language Exam

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

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

Developmental Studies-Met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Standards - passed class or TSI exam

- 2005-2006
  - Reading: 67% (n = 78)
  - Math: 65% (n = 177)
  - English: 57% (n = 58)

- 2006-2007
  - Reading: 68% (n = 70)
  - Math: 74% (n = 139)
  - English: 60% (n = 56)

- 2007-2008
  - Reading: 74% (n = 63)
  - Math: 81% (n = 144)
  - English: 82% (n = 55)