

Marion Military Institute's

Academic Success Center

Hours of Operation

Sun: 1800-2100

Mon-Thurs: 0800-2100

Closed Fridays and Saturdays

The primary goal of Marion Military Institute's Academic Success Center (ASC) is to aid and encourage MMI cadets in achieving their goals, to meet them where they are so that they can get to where they want to be.

The ASC employs a full-time writing specialist/activities director, an academic success specialist, and an administrative assistant. It is located in two rooms on the bottom floor of Baer Memorial Library. Resources in the ASC include:

- Mobile desks and chairs
- Computers
- Printers
- Mobile white boards (two per room)
- Mondo pad (one per room). The Mondopad looks like a large flat screen television but has all the functionality of an iPad.
- Workshops on academic and life skills such as time management, goal setting, test preparation, critical thinking, communication skills, and more.
- Cadet Connect (aka Starfish) an early alert system that will aid in timely notification to pertinent staff and faculty members regarding those students who may be experiencing academic difficulty and who could benefit from Center services.

Tutoring is provided free of charge in:

- All levels of chemistry
- All levels of physics
- All levels of math
- Writing for all courses
- Other subjects as demand and tutor availability allow

Note that all student tutors must be recommended by an MMI faculty member to be eligible to tutor a specific course. In addition, all tutors must attend a minimum of ten training sessions to enhance their own understanding of the requirements of college level work, which they can then pass on to their students.

In addition, the ASC hosts events throughout the academic year to provide various types of assistance, events such as gatherings to organize study groups for specific classes or instructors and to meet their peer tutors, workshops, and once in a while, a game or movie night. Every semester, on the Sunday night before final exams begin, we host the “Final Blitz.” This includes a full spread of food and many faculty volunteers and tutors to answer last minute questions and help students prepare for their final exams.

To further strengthen academic excellence at MMI, the ASC also funds various faculty development activities and advisor training.

During the Fall 2018 semester, Center attendance exceeded 2550 visits. Individual students came for a quiet place to study and/or for tutoring. In addition, we hosted twice-weekly study halls for some athletic teams, with supervision and tutoring provided. This contributed to the Center’s outstanding overall attendance, and to significant improvement in many students’ GPAs.

History: The Center opened on October 1, 2016. The establishment of the Center was made possible by a federal Title III grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program. The grant provides \$1.9 million over a five-year period, with additional funds contributed by the college.