REACH (Resources for Academic Achievement)

Geoff Bailey, Director
Strickler Hall...

- Welcome Center
  - Main Lobby/Strickler 126
- Learning Resource Center
  - First Floor (West)
- Math Resource Center
  - Second Floor (East)
- GEN/103 & 104; GEN/105
  - Third Floor (East); First Floor (West)

...and across campus!

- Computer Resource Centers
  - 1st fl. Ekstrom Library
  - iTech Zone, MiTC, Lower Level
- Supplemental Instruction
  - Classrooms
REACH helps students...

CONNECT to the university

TRANSITION successfully

SUCCEED in the classroom
CONNECT to the university

Research suggests that students who find a personal connection to campus are more likely to persist in their studies.
CONNECT to the university

REACH Ambassadors Offer...

• Peer mentors for all 1st years, Cardinal Covenant, transfers < 60 hrs, TRIO, Latino/a, veterans, & returning students
• Social and academic support — online and in person
• Leadership and service opportunities
CONNECT to the university

At “Finals Blitz” Events

REACH & our campus partners sponsor academic, social, and stress-relieving events to help students through finals
TRANSITION successfully

REACH helps students…

adjust to differences in academic rigor, study/preparation needs, class size, and campus environment.
TRANSITION successfully
with Student Success Seminars

50-minute seminars that develop skills essential to college success

- Meeting the Challenge of Time
- Becoming Savvy with Textbooks
- Taking Effective Notes
- Acing the Test
- Studying Smarter
- Becoming a Disciplined Student
- Preparing for Finals
SUCCEED in the classroom

Academic success = persistence to graduation

• Resilience / grit
• Time Management
• Spaced study / review
Computer Resource Centers
Ekstrom Library (1st floor) & iTech Zone (Miller IT Building)

- Drop-in assistance for general computer questions
- Tutors specialize in Business CIS and Speed programming courses
- Scheduled study sessions for select classes
- Help with Microsoft Office products
- Assistance with UofL software such as Blackboard, CardMail, and ULink
Math Resource Center
Strickler 226 East

• Drop-in tutoring for math basics through Calculus II and ENGR 101,102 & 190

• Mini-computer Lab for MathCDs, MATH XL, and MyMathLab
Learning Resource Center
Strickler 107, 109, 111 West

• Small group tutoring
• 50-minute sessions each week for 100, 200, and many 300 level courses
• Guided study and review of course material
Supplemental Instruction & Learning Assistance

- Large group recitation-style study sessions
- Offered for traditionally difficult courses including Biology, Chemistry, Economics and Physics
- Peer SI leaders work with the course professors
Intervention Courses & Programs

- GEN 103 Supplemented
- GEN/103 & 104
- GEN/105
- Speed Calculus Preview Program
- Brown Forman Engineering Academy
Graduate Prep Seminars

• Workshops offered each semester to help enrolled students prepare for graduate exams
• GRE seminar offered every semester
• LSAT, MCAT, DAT, and GMAT offered different semesters
Who Uses REACH?
In 2015 - 2016

- 6,158 individual students used REACH instructional services
- 55,873 student contact hours
  - 9 hours on average per student
2015 – 2016 Students

• 69% of all first-year students (2,566/3,709)

• 41% of all second-year students (1,322/3,211)
REACH students earn higher GPAs!

Cumulative GPAs were 7 points higher on average for Freshmen that used REACH

* 2015 first term, first year freshmen cohort N=2,708. Source: Office of Enrollment Management.
REACH students earn higher grades!

Pass rates were 16 percentage points higher for SI participants.

* Excludes students that withdrew from the course or earned an incomplete.
94% of students agree that the Math Resource Center’s drop-in tutoring helped them improve their academic skills.

95% of students agree that the Learning Resource Center’s scheduled tutoring improved their academic skills.

HELPFUL!
All REACH services and programs are FREE to enrolled UofL students.
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