

# The Academic Success Center


Learning Support and Academic Advising Services



We are excited to begin this academic journey with you!

The Academic Success Center provides many forms of Learning Support and Tutoring throughout your academic journey at Jefferson, including Professional Writing, Math, Science, Design, and Academic Skills, as well as Peer Tutoring for many subjects.

We will also assign your First-Year Academic Advisor closer to the start of term. Your faculty advisor will reach out to you and introduce themselves within the 1<sup>st</sup> week of classes; they are faculty members who also teach in your College.




The university uses a directed self-placement method for Writing placement- it puts you in charge (with help as needed). You choose the class that best fits your needs:

- **WRIT-100 (3 cr): Intro to Academic Writing (or WRIT-100 Global for multilingual learners)**
  - Counts as elective
  - Students progress to WRIT-101 after successfully completing WRIT-100
- **WRIT-101 (3 cr): Writing Seminar 1 (or WRIT-101 Global for multilingual learners) -**
  - Minimum required writing course for all programs
- **WRIT-101S (4 cr): Writing Seminar 1, Studio: Introduction to Academic Written Communication,**
  - Comparable to WRIT-101 but moves at a slower pace.
  - Meets for one additional required class session/week.
- **WRIT-201 (3 cr): Writing Seminar 2**
  - Final writing requirement for all programs
  - Students with WRIT 101 AP or transfer credit can enroll in WRIT 201.



## USING CANVAS: MATH PLACEMENT

Math course enrollment depends on math placement results along with requirements for your specific major. Students are placed into one of the following:

- MATH-099 (3 cr): Fundamentals of College Mathematics
    - Counts for Financial Aid purposes, but does not contribute to graduation requirements
    - Students must earn a “C” or better to progress
  - MATH-100 (3 cr): College Algebra
  - MATH-102 (3 cr): Pre-Calculus
    - Students must place into Pre-Calculus to be eligible to enroll in CHEM-103/L: Chemistry 1 and Lab
  - MATH-103 (3 cr): Applied Calculus
  - MATH-110 (4 cr): Pre-Calculus for Science and Engineers
    - More intensive Pre-Calc for majors with extended Math study
    - Students must place into Pre-Calculus to be eligible to enroll in CHEM-103/L: Chemistry 1 and Lab
  - MATH-111 (4 cr): Applied Calculus
    - Required for those in majors with extended Math study and moving into MATH-112: Calculus 2
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## Think you already have course credit for Writing or Math?

- We accept Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and/or Dual Enrollment courses.
- Check how your AP Scores would equate: [www.jefferson.edu/life-at-jefferson/handbooks/policies/undergraduate-policies/advanced-placement.html](http://www.jefferson.edu/life-at-jefferson/handbooks/policies/undergraduate-policies/advanced-placement.html)

## Students must send official AP scores to Admissions to receive credit.

- Don't assume your high school sent your AP Scores or College transcripts for you.

## Schedule updates

- We will evaluate credit once your official documents have been received. If you qualify for AP credit, we will notify you updates through your **university e-mail**. All AP and dual college credit must be received within the first semester.

Questions? Contact Gina May at [Gina.May@Jefferson.edu](mailto:Gina.May@Jefferson.edu)

### How to read the schedule:

- Example: FYS-100-8, T 4-4:50
  - First Year Seminar-100- section #8
  - Meets Tuesdays from 4-4:50 p.m.

Instructors, buildings, and classroom assignments are typically added one week prior to start of the semester

Schedules are viewable on BannerWeb ([banner.jefferson.edu](http://banner.jefferson.edu))

- Fall schedules are subject to change throughout the summer
- Check university email for schedule change notifications

### Class days:

- M- Monday
- T- Tuesday
- W- Wednesday
- R- Thursday
- F- Friday
  - Some courses meet 3 days/wk, e.g., M/W/F which means you go to class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
  - Some classes meet 1 day/wk, e.g., R, which means you only go to class on Thursdays

# Sample Student Schedule- Accounting

CLASS NAME	COURSE NUMBER	DAYS/TIMES
First Year Seminar	FYS-100-6	W 1-1:50 p.m.
Writing Seminar I	WRIT-101-15	MWF 12-12:50 p.m.
Finding and Shaping Opportunity	DECF-102-1	TR 4-5:15 pm
Principles of Marketing	MKTG-102-9	TR 9:30-10:45 a.m.
College Algebra	MATH-101-3	TR 11-12:15 p.m.
Financial Accounting	ACCT-101-1	MW 8-9:15 a.m.



# Sample Student Schedule- Pre-Med

CLASS NAME	COURSE NUMBER	DAYS/TIMES
First Year Seminar	FYS-100-25	R 11-11:50 a.m.
American Visions	AVIS-101-1	TR 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Pre-Calculus	MATH-110-5	MWF 1-1:50 p.m.
Biology I	BIOL-103-7	MWF 9-9:50 a.m.
Biology I Lab	BIOL-103L-2	R 6:30-9:15 p.m.
Chemistry 1	CHEM-103-1	MWF 11-12:10 p.m.
Chemistry I Lab	CHEM-103L-4	T 7-9:45 p.m.





# Sample Student Schedule- Architecture

CLASS NAME	COURSE NUMBER	DAYS/TIMES
First Year Seminar	FYS-100-3	R 11-11:50 a.m.
Writing Seminar I	WRIT-101-2	TR 8-9:15 a.m.
Landscape Ecology	SCI-110-1	F 8:30-9:30
Landscape Ecology Lab	SCI-110L-1	F 9:40-11:30
Pre-calculus	MATH-102-7	TR 4-5:15 p.m.
Drawing I	ARFD-103-2	MW 8:00-8:50 a.m.
Design I	ARFD-101-1	MW 9:00-12 p.m.
Topics in the Built Environment	ARFD-104-1	R 6-6:50 p.m. (online)



One-on-one peer and professional tutoring is available for writing assignments in any course.

We offer content tutoring for all undergraduate courses, as well as professional academic success skills coaching.

Academic success sessions cover topics such as time management, active studying & note-taking, test-taking, and more. Academic coaches host 1:1 appointments and group workshops. Check out our workshop dates on Instagram and Canvas.

In addition to 1:1 and group tutoring, we offer:

- Weekly Drop-In Sessions for Math and Writing
- Exam Prep for BIOL and CHEM courses

Schedule Advising or  
Tutoring Appts by  
logging into STARFISH

Tutoring is available to students throughout your Jefferson education. For more information, visit:  
<https://www.jefferson.edu/east-falls/academic-success-center.html>

## You will be assigned a First-Year Advisor

- Advisors are both faculty members and academic advisors.
- Advisors are assigned by major and are proactive in student outreach.
- Students can benefit from professional contact in their area of interest starting in the first semester.
- Advisors guide students in course planning, goal setting, and making informed choices for their academic careers.

## Drop/Add

- Advisors help students think through the decision-making process around dropping and adding courses. First-year students must have an advisor's signature to make schedule changes.

## Starfish

- Starfish is a web-based platform designed to help students succeed in their academics. It is a way for faculty to let you know if they have concerns about your course progress, or give you kudos when you are succeeding.
- Use Starfish to schedule meetings with advisor, tutors, and academic skills coaches.

## Degreeworks

- DegreeWorks is an online set of academic planning tools that assists students and advisors in tracking and planning academic progress and degree requirements.
- DegreeWorks can be accessed through BannerWeb

# The Jefferson Student Portal

- **Your Digital Doorway to University Resources**
  - University news and announcements.
  - Connect to your student email account.
  - See course content from Canvas
  - Review your information including financial aid, class schedules, account balances and more.
  - Access to other University offices
  - Plus, much more
- **Log in with your Jefferson Campus Key and password.**

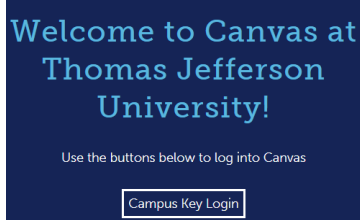
- **Mobile native versions available on the Apple Store and Google Play Store by searching for “Jefferson Student Portal”**



- **Also available on the web at**  
<https://studentportal.jefferson.edu>




# Countdown to Campus: Open now

- Canvas ([Canvas.Jefferson.edu](https://Canvas.Jefferson.edu))
- Countdown to Campus *To-do* activities (after orientation; access up to August 17th).
- Learn about the campus, its systems and online platforms.




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## Post-Orientation (July 9 - August 17)

-  Complete Starfish Survey assignment, *Tell Us about Yourself*
  - Login to [Starfish](#)
  - Click on the 3-dot vertical ellipsis on the left-side navigation menu
  - Scroll to Student Survey
-  Complete the [Bookmark Website Assignment](#)
-  Complete the [Countdown to Campus Trivia Quiz](#)
  - You may find this [interactive campus map helpful!](#)

## 2-Weeks Prior to Classes (August 1 - August 17)

-  Complete the [Find My Advisor Assignment](#)
- 1-week prior to beginning of semester, check course meeting locations on Banner ([banner.jefferson.edu](https://banner.jefferson.edu)).
- Attend *It's All Academic Resource Fair* from 8/18 to 8/20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the Kanbar Performance Space. Here you can learn about the Academic Success Center, Financial Aid, Public Safety, Registrar's Office, Student Accounts, and more.

# It's All Academic Orientation

To access NSO presentation and materials, please go to the "It's All Academic" module.

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## It's All Academic Orientation



### Overview

*This reference module reflects the academic-related information presented to you during your new student orientation. Sometimes it's good to both hear and see information, as well as refer back to content in case you missed important details. Revisit any of the areas below to refresh your understanding.*

### Content



#### Academic Success Center

The [Academic Success Center](#) (ASC) provides resources for students at all levels who wish to get the most from their academic experience. We are a one-stop-shop, offering free advising and tutoring services. Stop by the office for advising, tutoring, and help with adjusting to your college journey. The office is located in Haggar Hall, across the parking lot from Downs Hall on the East Falls campus.



#### New Student Orientation Materials (for reference, available in July)

See below for department or course resources, information, and supply lists presented during new student orientation (as applicable).

- [Pre-Semester assignment and supply list](#) ↓ for students taking Biology or Chemistry courses (BIOL 112/L or BIOL 103/L or CHEM 103/L)
- College of Architecture & the Built Environment (CABE) [Foundations Supply List](#) ↓
- Fashion Design Students [Supplies and Materials List](#) ↓
- [Textile-Design Resources and Information](#) ↓
- Check-out course supplies, books, and materials from the [University Campus Store](#).

# Academic Success Center Canvas Site: Available in August



## One-stop shop for academic resources

- Advising
- Contact advisor with questions/concerns (schedule through Starfish)
- Tutoring
- Professional and peer tutoring in person, online, and through asynchronous feedback
- College Academic Success Skills
- In-person meetings and self-paced academic skill modules



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Student Accommodations:

Register with the Office of Accessibility Services, if eligible.

- SEARCH: TJU East Falls, Accessibility

### Student Athletes:

- You are expected to give your professors a copy of your athletic schedule to work out any issues in advance.
- Never miss a class for practice.

### University Calendar:

Classes begin: Monday, August 18

Last day to ADD: Monday, August 25

Last day to DROP: Wednesday, August 27

- SEARCH: TJU East Falls, Academic Calendar

### University e-mail:

- Begin checking your Jefferson University e-mail.
- All communication from Jefferson, including schedule updates, will come through your university email account.

# FIRST-YEAR ADD/DROP ADVISING Special Event

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th -- 11:00am - 3:00pm

Downs Auditorium

In-person scheduling and registration support for  
first-year students



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# RAMS resource FAIR

August 18,19,20 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. | Kanbar Performance Space

→ Got questions? Our experts will be in one place to help you out! Come talk to:

FINANCIAL AID | ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER | PUBLIC SAFETY | REGISTRAR  
STUDENT ACCOUNTS | STUDENT HEALTH | AND MORE

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

- **TUTORING**

- Haggard Hall, 1st floor
- Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Weekend Hours available
- Tutoring begins Week 2 of the semester
- [TJU\\_EF\\_Tutoring@Jefferson.edu](mailto:TJU_EF_Tutoring@Jefferson.edu)
- 215-951-2799

- **FIRST YEAR ADVISING**

- Haggard Hall, 2nd floor
- Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- [TJU\\_EF\\_Advising@Jefferson.edu](mailto:TJU_EF_Advising@Jefferson.edu)
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