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University of Miami

Camner Center for Academic Resources

Camner Center: New name. Same great resources.

This past summer, the Camner Academic Resource Center changed its name to reflect the Camner family's dedication to ensuring all University of Miami's students have access to the academic resources necessary to be successful at the U. The Camner Center for Academic Resources, formally known as the ARC, will be affectionately called the Camner Center, for short.

Created in 1997 as the Academic Development Center, the Camner Center has undergone many changes and expansions since its inception, with no changes more major than the expansion of services and resources made available for UM students.

In 2010, the then Academic Resource Center became dedicated in honor of the esteemed Camner family, who are members of the South Florida and University of Miami community.

Alfred R. Camner is a distinguished alum of the University of Miami law school, Board of Trustee member, and long time supporter of the University of Miami community. It is with their continued support that the Camner Center operates today.

The Camner Center is comprised of four distinct units.

Camner Center Tutoring:

The Camner Center offers free peer tutoring to all undergraduate students during the fall and spring semesters. Peer tutoring is run in part by the many student tutors that assist students in courses they have already taken during previous semesters. Peer tutors must have received an A in courses they tutor and often collaborate with professors especially for final exam review sessions.

While peer tutors are available for a wide variety of subjects, students should schedule their appointments well in advance of any upcoming exams or in preparation for upcoming assignments. Tutoring appointments can be scheduled via www.umiami.gradesfirst.com. Appointments are available Monday - Friday in the Camner Center, and also during the evening hours in the Richter Library Monday - Thursday.

Students interested in becoming a tutor should apply online via www.umarc.miami.edu. Interested students must have completed at least one semester at UM and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Students must have also earned an A or better in the courses they apply to tutor.

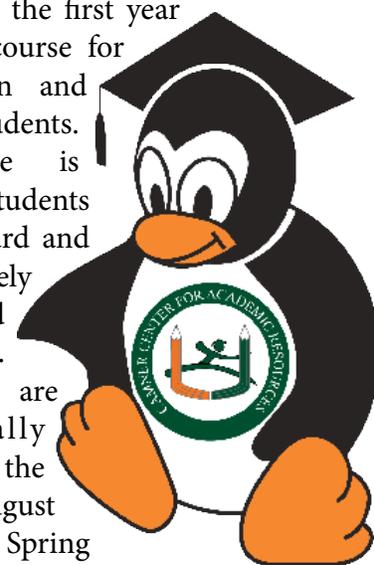
UMX 100:

UMX 100 is the first year experience course for all freshmen and transfer students. The course is available to students via Blackboard and is completely self-paced and online. Students are automatically enrolled in the Fall on August 1st or in the Spring on January 1st.

Students enrolled in the course will gain access to resources and opportunities essential to first year students! For more information about UMX 100, email umx@miami.edu.

Learning Specialists:

Learning Specialists work one on one with students to assist them in developing better study and time management skills while in college. Students can meet with a trained graduated assistant up to eight times during the fall or spring semester, or schedule to meet once to address concerns. Focusing on individualized



University of Miami: Top 13 Tips for First-Year Students

By: Mario Diaz



Starting college for the first time is filled with a mix of exciting independence and vital decision-making. Both of which will sometimes overlap. Below are a few tips students should keep in mind to make the most out of their first year college experience. The University of Miami is now your new home and the first step towards your future career!

1. Being involved in your campus is just as important as your classes. While sporting a double major may look very appealing on your resume, being involved and committed to a campus program can also reward you with professional networking and leadership skills!

2. Don't miss classes! What you may miss one day may be crucial for the lecture the next day. Keep organized and make sure you contact your professor if you missed a class for an emergency.

3. Get UMX 100 done ASAP! UMX 100 is UM's first-year experience class. It's completely online and covers everything you need to know about the campus and all its resources. The quicker you get it done, the better!

4. Make use of whatever calendar app you have and take smart notes! Focus on learning the content rather than just copying it down. Try using flashcards too. If you're struggling to keep

organized, visit the Camner Center to make an appointment with a Learning Specialist!

5. Miami's heat is no joke! If you're expecting to dress to impress, make sure you have back up clothes to change into. This will reduce the number of trips to the laundry room.

6. Make friends with your professor. No, really! Professors are people too and love the subjects they teach. Most professors are genuinely interested in what questions you have and are willing to help you. It never hurts to expand your network!

7. Get tutored! Even if you feel you're doing okay, it never hurts to keep on practicing. You can schedule a tutoring appointment with a Camner Center for Academic Resources peer tutor through GradesFirst.

8. Don't feed the ducks. We really like ducks here at the U. And as cute as they are, the mess they leave behind might have you hopping your way through a duck poop obstacle course on your way to class. That's no fun.

9. Explore Miami beyond the scope of campus! Check out various parts of the city via local transportation, such as the Metrorail. Students can purchase a Metrorail College Easy Pass Ticket in the University Center. UM also offers ZIPCAR vehicles which can be rented on an as needed basis. Be sure to plan ahead. Miami's traffic can get pretty bad sometimes!

10. Connect with The Toppel Career Center ASAP! Mock up a resume if

you haven't done one already and have it critiqued by someone at Toppel. But don't stop there; advisers at Toppel can get you prepared for internships and professional connections as well.

11. Explore our campus! The University of Miami happens to be one of the most beautiful campuses in Florida. There are plenty of outdoor areas to eat, lounge and study. Change your routine up a bit!

12. Work on your communication skills. You can do this by joining clubs or taking a public speaking class (even if it's not required for your major).

13. Last, but not least: GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE! Now is the time to learn more about yourself and others.

On behalf of the Camner Center for Academic Resources: Welcome to the University of Miami Family!





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learning strategies geared towards the student, many students find one appointment beneficial.

For students seeking additional guidance or support throughout the semester, undergraduate students can apply to enroll in the Independent Learning Initiative, ILI. Students enrolled in the program will meet weekly with a designated learning specialist to review organizational skills, college reading and note taking strategies, and set and monitor semester goals.

Lastly, students are always welcomed to attend an academic workshop during the fall or spring semester. Workshops are hosted up to three times a semester. Check out our website at www.umarc.miami.edu for the workshop schedule.

Disability Services:

The Office of Disability Services works to coordinate auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities. ODS works to provide students with academic accommodations and support to ensure students with

disabilities have access to opportunities available to UM students. Students with disabilities must request academic accommodations through the Office of Disability Services. More information about the accommodations process can be found on our website.

Additionally, ODS encourages students to assist as note takers for students who may need to receive class notes as an accommodation. Students are contacted via email during the semester if a student requires notes. Note takers receive community service hours and a free gift at the end of the semester for their commitment.

Camner Center:

The Camner Center's mission is to provide innovative programming and quality services to support learning and academic success. If you are interested in learning more about the Camner Center, stop by and visit us today! Our office is located in the Whitten University Center in suite 2400. Office hours are M-F 8:30am-5pm.

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Camner Center Student Ambassadors Program

The Camner Center for Academic Resources will work with three student ambassadors during the 2016-2017 academic year. The Student ambassadors will serve as representatives of the Camner Center among their peers and will work alongside members of the Camner Center team to further promote our programs and services to students. Selected from the First Year Fellows group, the student ambassadors will work closely to direct students to campus resources and assist students with any concerns they may encounter as new students.



News & Events

UMX 100 Fall 2016



Course term is Aug. 1st - Dec. 14th

Tutoring Begins September 6th



Now Accepting Tutoring Requests
via umiami.gradesfirst.com.

Deadlines for ODS

June 1st: Last day to request accommodations for the Fall semester.

Sept. 7th: Last day to request notes for the Fall 2016 semester.

Nov. 18th: Last day to schedule a final exam for the Fall 2016 semester.

Dec. 1st: Last day to request accommodations for the Spring semester.

*Accommodations for summer and intersession courses must be submitted 6 weeks prior to the first day of classes.

Let's Get Social!

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Academic Workshops for

The Camner Center for Academic Resources workshop is designed to instruct students on specific academic skills and strategies to enhance academic performance.

Location: University Center suite 2400 Math Lab

Time Management & Organization



Wednesday

9/7/2016
at 1:00 PM

Note-Taking & Reading Strategies



Wednesday

10/5/2016
at 1:00 PM

Test-Taking Strategies



Wednesday

11/9/2016
at 1:00 PM



Please be advised that dates are subject to change. For location, date and time verification visit the Camner Center website.