

A quarterly look at what's been happening at the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center (WEDLC)

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OUTREACH

Total Outreach Events: 64 (3,879 students)

First-Year Experience Workshops: 14 total sessions on 8 different topics

Professional College Partnerships: College of Veterinary Medicine Life Skills course (614.01): Memory Tools and Procrastination workshops; College of Pharmacy: Secrets of Academic Success lunch-and-learn; College of Medicine: Secrets of Academic Success brown-bag

Residence Halls: Smith Hall

Resource Fairs: Sophomore Celebration

Scholars Programs: Engineering, Humanities

Student Organizations: Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, Nursing Student Ambassadors, Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Society of Black Engineers

Survey Courses: Aviation, Biological Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Education and Human Ecology, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering (combined session), Exploration, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Middle Childhood Education, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Social Work, Women in Engineering

INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICES

Total Appointments: 128

New Intakes: 80

Follow-up Appointments: 48

Total Length: 5,120 minutes (85 hours, 20 minutes)

In the Spotlight

The November 18, 2009 issue of OSU Today and November 22, 2009 issue of OSU Weekly presented "Spotlight on...Walter E. Dennis Learning Center," shown below.

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Spotlight on ... Walter E. Dennis Learning Center

Through innovative courses on learning and motivation, an active outreach program, and individualized academic support, the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center serves students throughout the university.

The most recent study (Tuckman & Kennedy, 2008) on the outcomes of the Learning Center's flagship course, Educational Policy and Leadership 259, demonstrates that students who take the course achieve significantly higher GPAs, retention rates, and graduation rates than matched pairs who do not take the course.

In the areas of Outreach and Individualized Services, learning specialists develop campuswide partnerships to deliver effective academic interventions to students in the majority of Ohio State's colleges. Between autumn 2008 and summer 2009, 104 workshops and 214 appointments took place. All inquiries about new collaborations are welcome.

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Read more: <http://dennislearningcenter.osu.edu/>

Introducing Online Appointment Scheduling

At the end of October, the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center instituted a web-based appointment scheduling system, which has quickly become students' preferred means of booking appointments. The online system adds convenience for students, who may browse all available appointment times and choose the best fit without having to contact the Learning Center during business hours or settle for playing phone tag. The night after grades were posted, for instance, a number of students self-scheduled appointments for the first week of winter quarter. Increased administrative efficiency and a decreased no-show rate (as the system sends automated appointment reminders to students) are additional benefits.

Walter E. Dennis Learning Center

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Hours:

Mon 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Tue 9:00am - 7:00pm
 Wed 9:00am - 4:30pm
 Thu 9:00am - 7:00pm
 Fri 9:00am - 4:00pm

Payment Types:

(not specified)

Categories:

Colleges and Universities

Description:

The Walter E. Dennis Learning Center offers FREE appointments addressing such topics as study strategies, time management, and test-taking.

We are located on the second floor of the Younkin Success Center (<http://www.osu.edu/map/building.php?building=052>). Enter the computer classroom (Room 250) to access the Learning Specialists' offices (250C & 250K).

Services:

Service	Duration	Price
Free Appointment with a Learning Specialist ▼		
Appointment (Undergraduate)	60 minutes	book now
Appointment (Graduate/Professional)	60 minutes	book now



Leave A Message
 Fields marked with * are required

Your Name*:

Your Email*:

Your Phone:

1. Once students are directed to the appointment scheduler via the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center's main website, they select the type of appointment they are seeking in order to be matched with the appropriate Learning Specialist.

What time works the best for you?

Calendar for Dec 2009, selected date: Fri, Dec 18, 2009

Morning: 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 11:45AM, 12:00PM, 12:15PM, 12:30PM, 12:45PM
 Afternoon: 1:00PM

2. Students choose their preferred date and time (for the greatest flexibility, appointments are offered every 15-minutes, though each student receives a 60-minute block of time).

Make an Appointment

Business: Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
 250 Younkin Success Center, 1640 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

Service: Appointment (Undergraduate) (60 minutes) | [Change](#) |

Staff: Lauren H. (250C Younkin)

When: Friday, December 18, 2009 9:00AM | [Change](#) |

Client Information
 Fields marked with * are required

Name*:

Phone*:

Email*:

New? yes, I am a new client

Remind me? 1 day before start

Notes:

3. Contact information is sent securely, and the appointment is booked.

[Make Appointment](#) [Cancel](#)

What Students Are Saying

By means of 14 First-Year Experience Success Series workshops, more than one thousand new first-quarter freshmen learned about strategies for success from the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center's undergraduate Learning Specialists. Read some of their reactions below:

"I learned why my massive amount of studying did not pay off on my last exam. I know now how to properly study for exams and how to prepare physically for them."

"This session helped me learned ways that can help me improve my GPA. It was very specific on what methods I need to use to have effective studying and good test-taking skills. It was a very helpful session that I recommend other students take."

"I learned how to put procrastination aside and start doing my homework sooner, not at the last minute. I can take this information and use it to help increase my GPA. Everything about this discussion was helpful to me."

"I have learned to cope with my perfectionism and be realistic. I feel more empowered to tackle my first year; I feel like I am capable of achieving all of my goals."

"I feel like I have learned how to NOT procrastinate. I learned that I need to break things down into small tasks and start early. I will use this to hopefully alleviate stress that I experience because of my procrastination. I will also definitely take the Edu P&L class to help me as well, and the Younkin Success Center's resources."

"I think by using the active reading skills they taught us during this seminar, I'll be able to do better on my next midterms and upcoming final exams, as well as be generally better prepared for my classes throughout my college career."

"I learned the importance of not stressing out and of truly valuing my educational experiences at OSU. I will use the information as I take more coursework, reminding myself to keep a positive attitude."

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EPL 259 Expands on Columbus Campus

In Autumn 2009, the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center's flagship course, EPL 259, experienced growth in terms of number of sections and breadth of locations.

Seven new instructors joined five veteran instructors to teach twelve sections of the course on the Columbus campus of Ohio State, the most sections offered since the Learning Center's founding. A total of 296 students enrolled.

Another area of expansion was the location of the different sections of the course. Physically representing the Learning Center's more often symbolic spread across campus, three of the class sections were offered in locations other than the Younkin Success Center.

To meet the demand to serve students not located on South Campus, instructors taught the course in the Physical Activity and Educational

Services Building (located next to the Recreation and Physical Activity Center) and in Ramseyer Hall (on the corner of Woodruff Avenue and High Street, and also home to the college of Educational Policy and Leadership).

We are grateful for the collaborative spirit of these buildings' staff and administrators, which enabled a wider swath of students to benefit from the course.

About The Walter E. Dennis Learning Center

The Walter E. Dennis Learning Center is the major provider of academic support services at the Ohio State University. The mission of the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center is to provide students of all backgrounds with strategies

for college success that will enable them to enter, excel in, and complete programs of postsecondary education.

The Center's administrative staff, instructors, technology

specialists, and learning specialists strive to accomplish this goal by applying our expertise in education, psychology, instruction, and technology to the enhancement of learning and motivation.

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