

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER (ASC)

Highlights Fall 2020

OUR ACTIVITIES ONLINE!



A note from our Dean on Being a Leader



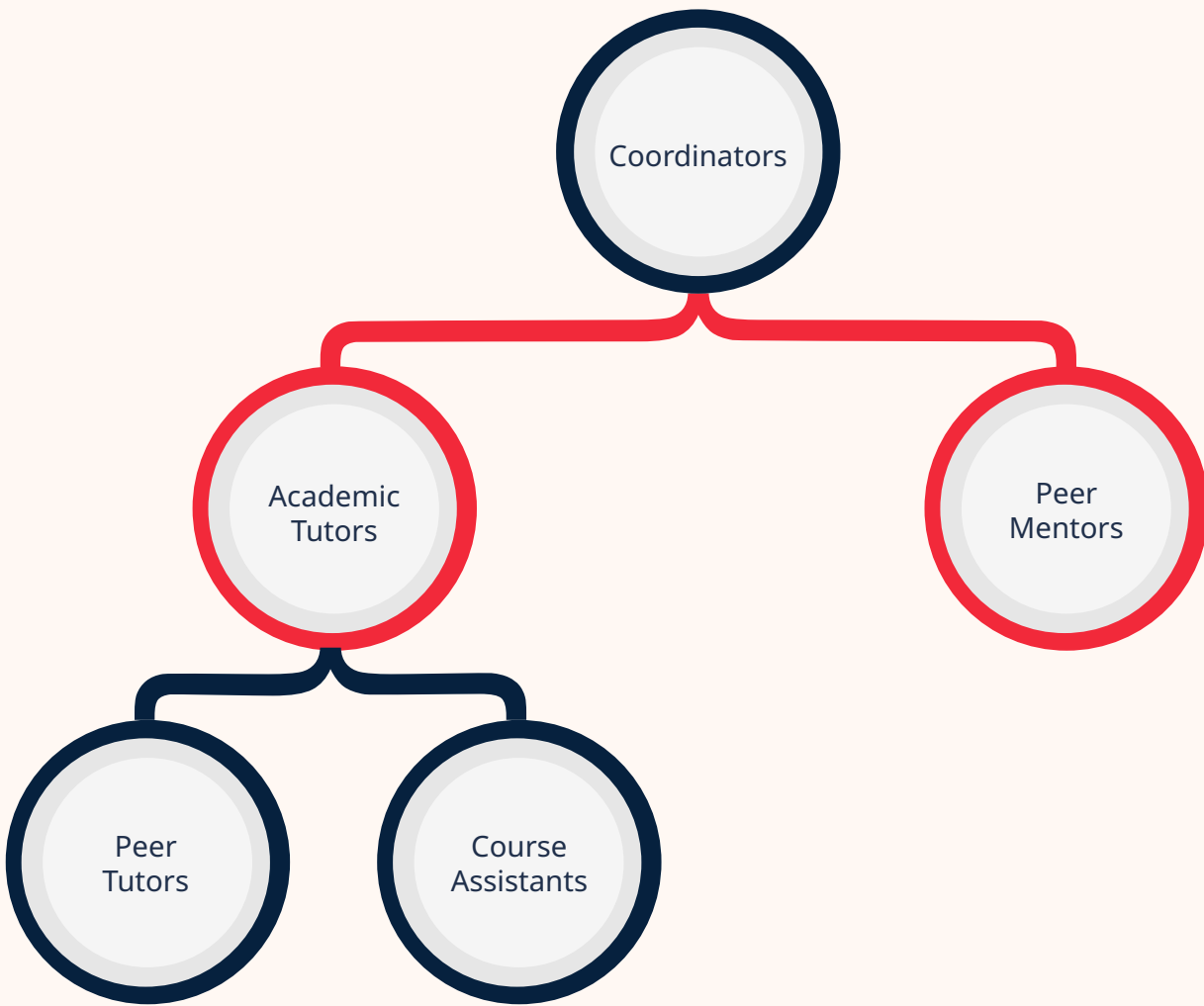
Dr. Sreethi Nair
Dean, College of Arts
and Science

I always knew I wanted to be in the educational sector, and I have always had an affinity towards helping children and empowering them with quality education that will help them in the real world independently. I have been fortunate over the years to be able to work with students and now have the responsibility to shape students' experience at Abu Dhabi University holistically.

Being a leader is an immensely satisfying job especially when you have a stellar team with you, but I cannot underplay the pressure and stress that comes with the role. Does it overwhelm me? There are certain days where I feel the decisions are too many and tasks are never-ending. In times like these, what I have learned is that it is important to first breathe and then prioritize. This way you are attending to things in a timely manner. Everything is urgent, so it is important to brace yourself to be able to cope with the workloads and forgive yourself. To err is human they say. So, remember the few hiccups along the way can always be fixed if you are agile and think on your toes.

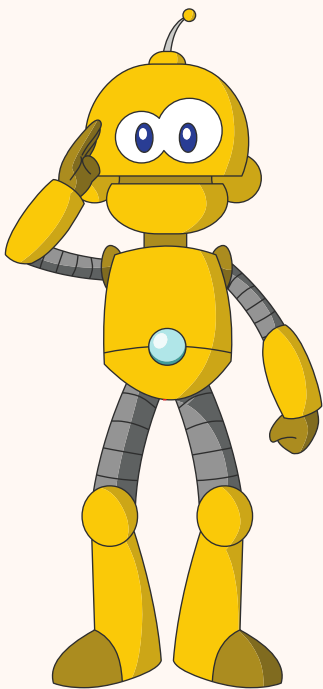
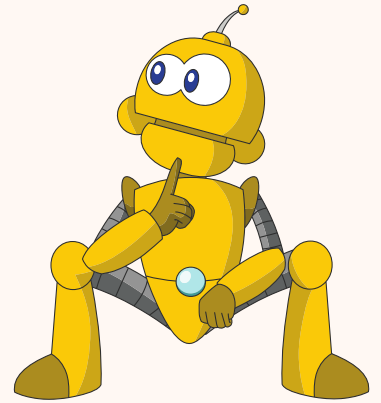
Over time, I have also learnt that it is important to reach out for help and work with the staff and faculty to ensure work is delivered efficiently. Being a leader does not simply mean to lead but to offer the people under you the space to grow and develop professionally. Their excellence translates collectively to help you lead a more organized system. I have had the privilege of leading, mentoring and endorsing some of the best instructors, staff, and students to help realize my vision of a university that offers world-class education.

The Team **Behind It All**



A Virtual Tour, Shall We?

Hi there! Welcome to our online Academic Success Center, a place for engaging and delightful workshops, exciting competitions, free tutoring and much more! !



Oh silly me! I was so excited to meet you that I forgot to introduce myself. I am your ASC Virtual Assistant, and I am going to take you over everything we have done this semester and what you can expect. To start off, let's get to know the team.

Core Team



Ms. Beena Vijayan
AD Coordinator

It has been a year, and it is still surreal to me how we have not met you in person. These can be trying times for many of us, but all I want to remind you is to stay hopeful. There are always unexpected challenges that come along, but there is also always someone you can reach out to especially at the Academic Success Center (ASC). All you need to do is ask for help, and you will have it. Talk to someone who will help you on how to approach the new normal and stay hopeful because these are new beginnings, ergo exciting times!

So, breathe and take it one step at a time.



Ms. Deenaz Kanji
AA Coordinator

To all of you students, I would like to share one of my favorite formulas. This one is about success. When you have a dream, and work hard to achieve it, with all your might and determination, then you will achieve that which your heart desires the most – success. We can see this in the example of role models such as Cristiano Ronaldo, who practices for hours each day; or in the example of the business tycoon, Warren Buffet, the 90-year old American business tycoon, who is one of the most successful investors in the world. Through him we learn that success is achievable, if we work hard, dream hard and dedicate ourselves to achieving our goals.

Good luck to our wonderful students and may you fare well in all you do.

Remember – set your goals high, aim and reach for the stars. It is in your hands!

“Leadership isn’t determined by power or prestige. It is determined by what kind of difference you make in the lives of others.”

Core Team

Academic Tutors are the cream of the crop. They are professionals who have been hired based on their expertise in the different subjects they have specialised to help students in their university work.

Ms. Feda Mustafa
Math, IT, and Humanities

Ms. Huda Sawafta
Math Courses and Sciences

Ms. Mahdeya Abuoudah
Math & IT Courses

Ms. Tarteel Jaafar
Math Courses, Sciences, Arabic, English, and Humanities Courses

Mr. Waleed Ihsan Ul Haq
Humanities in addition to Business and Math Courses

**“The strength of the team
is each individual member.
The strength of each
member is the team.”**

Phil Jackson

Course Assistants



Alvina Ashraf
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Amal Alansari
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Peer Tutors



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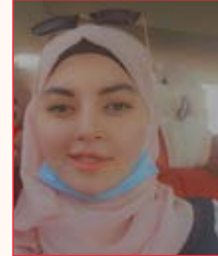
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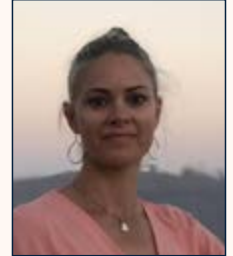
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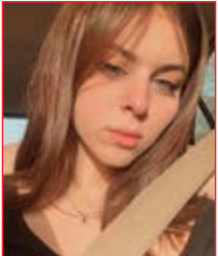
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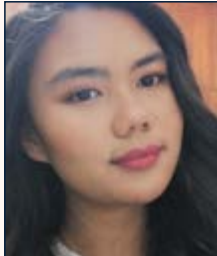
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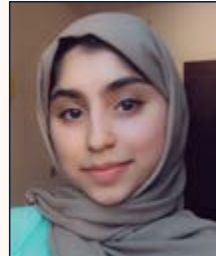
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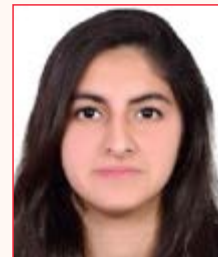
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Peer Mentors

Peer Mentors ensure that students are able to transition into university life seamlessly. They checked in regularly with the students through MS Teams, WhatsApp and other channels.



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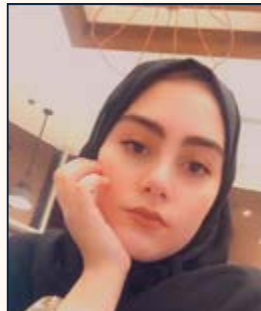
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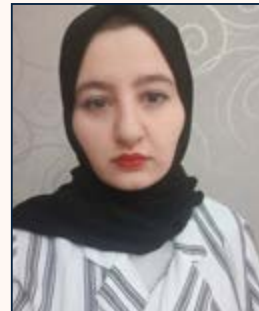
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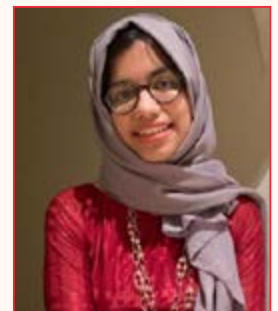
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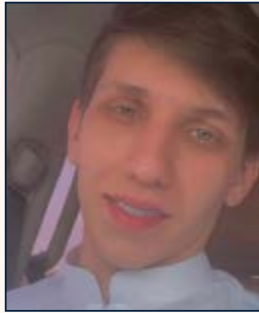
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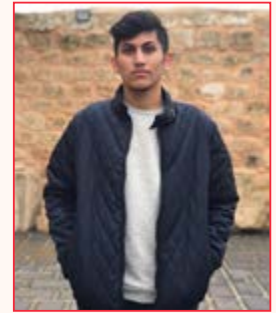
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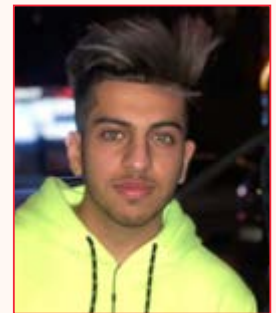
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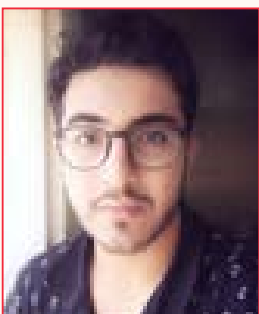
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Once upon a Pandemic

Meet Ahmad

Ahmad is a bright student studying at ADU. Due to the pandemic and distance learning, he gets overwhelmed at times and starts feeling extremely stressed.

However, Ahmad does not like asking for help.



Now meet Ali.

Ali has been regularly attending tutoring sessions conducted by the ASC.

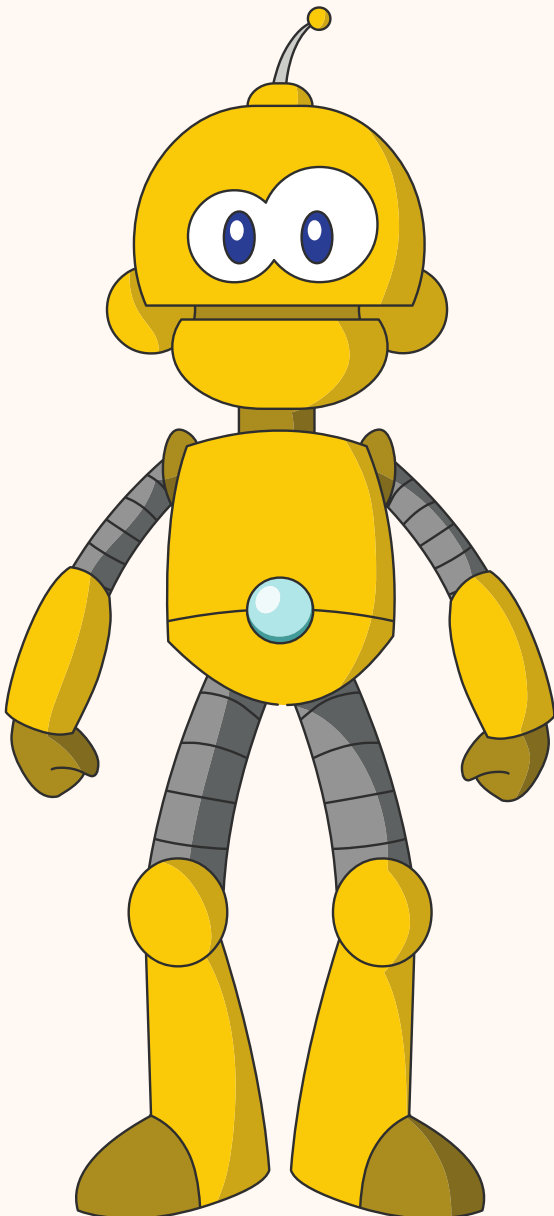
In addition, he has also been making use of the different services like Peer Mentorship, Workshops, and Academic Coaching.

**Ahmad or Ali ?
Who do you want to be?**

ASC Services

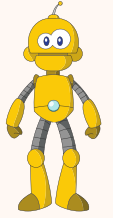
The team works hard to ensure that you have a holistic experience. Let me take you over the different ASC services that you can avail.

100% FREE



●	Academic Coaching
●	Resources
●	Tutoring
●	Workshops
●	Mentoring
●	Writing Assistance

Importance of Academic Integrity



The Head of the Office of Academic Integrity talks to us about how they go evaluating scholastic violations.



Dr. Hamdi Mustafa Sheibani

Dean of College of Engineering & Head of the Office of Academic Integrity

1. What does the word 'integrity' mean? How can a student become a person of integrity?

The word integrity is the quality that defines and measures a person's sense of ethics, morality, and social responsibility.

Students should value and promote ethical behavior and uphold the highest standards of academic honesty in all aspects of study.

2. What are some of the types of academic misconduct?

At ADU, there are six major types of violations: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, fabrication of data, falsification of documents and free riding.

3. Does being a person of integrity get challenging at times? If yes, what is the best way to handle it?

Being a person with integrity is challenging at some point as you may be dealing with different kinds of people, attitudes, cultures and beliefs. Sometimes, implementing the standards of academic integrity might not be welcomed by others who are not familiar with or used to a culture of academic integrity. However, if you appreciate the value of integrity, and your decisions are taken within the standards of academic integrity, others will have a chance to be educated about it and the challenges turn into opportunities.

4. During team projects, it is common to have students freeriding, and the professor does not know it. This causes anger and frustration for a hard-working student who wants to say something but does not want to be targeted as a snitch or tattletale. What can he do about it?

As we do not tolerate this kind of practice where a student is being dependent on his/her colleagues through freeriding, the OAI initiated an awareness campaign for such matters. For example, the objective of a team project is to implement a collaborative learning process that allows students to exchange knowledge, skills, and experiences. Therefore, in instances where some of the members may abuse their roles in the team and refuse to contribute to the teamwork after being notified more than once, students are, then, encouraged to report this kind of misconduct to their instructors or to the OAI. The necessary investigation and action will be taken by reforming the team or requesting a detailed progression report (peer review) from each team member while maintaining the confidentiality of information.

5. What are the rights of a student during an Academic Misconduct Hearing?

Students have the right to speak openly. They can/should provide proof to support their position in the case. We also allow students to appeal the decision of the initial hearing if it is justified and valid.

6. What is the best advice you can give to students?

Doing the right thing is more important than doing wrong things to feel good. If you think lying is going to help you get away with things, think twice—for honesty is always the best way to survive. Therefore, remain honest and uphold the standards of integrity in your daily lives.

Interview with the AA Academic Advisor



Our academic advisors are instrumental in coordinating communications between faculty, students and tutors.



Israa Hussein
Academic Advisor
(AA Campus)

1. What is your academic background?

I am an Abu Dhabi University product through and through as I graduated from Abu Dhabi University, where I majored in Business Administration and minored in Finance.

2. As an academic advisor, inspiration is important. Who has inspired you and why?

I never thought I would be working as an academic advisor, as advising is not a major, you decide to study in when you are in college. I was lucky enough to see the ASC in action and watch real-time how many of my peers were able to develop their skills and improve exponentially. Seeing that, I knew that I wanted to be part of this educational eco-system where I too could contribute in ways that would help students achieve success. It really is a wonderful feeling to see them succeed with your help.

3. Explain your approach to counseling individuals to help them understand and overcome personal, social, or behavioral problems affecting their educational situations.

As an advisor, it is critical to always remember that advising is a form of teaching. An advisor must not be afraid to help students and work towards creating teachable moments. It is in those moments that an advisor can help students grow and develop. I believe that communication has the power of building a bond between people. I believe in connecting with the students as it really helps me assist them with their problems and difficulties.

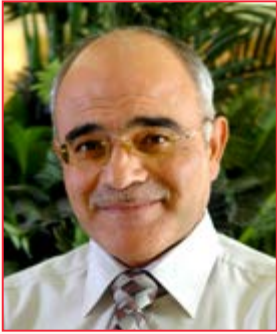
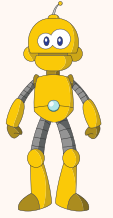
4. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of the students who approached you and successfully developed a way to guide them.

It is hard to mention a single situation; overall, I had wonderful experiences over the past five years working at ADU. A single session cannot measure it as every student has a challenging story, and together we have to make it successful, as it is not an option not to. Advising is not limited to educational and academic needs only. At the end, their overall success is the key and their self-satisfaction about their achievement is the most rewarding appreciation.

5. How do you ensure that students achieve their goals? How do you track their progress?

I always strive to help our students' lives and experiences to ensure they are smooth and fulfilling. However, being students, they have several things on their plate, and so I make sure to check on them regularly to ensure that they are not overwhelmed. I establish with them in advance their preferred modes of communication either via, texts, calling, e-mail etc. This way I track them on their terms and the regularity of it helps me ensure that I am able to help them when they have problems.

How we got our Peer Mentors ready





Prof. Dr. Ghanem J. Al Bustami, PhD. Ed. Psychology and Development was gracious enough to conduct a virtual orientation for our forty-nine peer mentors on leadership, a quality they need to embody to be to be effective mentors for freshmen students.

The one-hour session on Oct 8th from 12: 00 – 1: 00 pm really helped students understand the key factors of being a strong leader. Peer Mentors are vested with the responsibility of being a strong support system for freshmen students academically and mentally. Freshmen students are encouraged to approach the peer mentors with any concerns they have regarding university life and how to cope with them. Hence, we wanted to offer our Peer Mentors a session that would enlighten them with practical pointers they could exercise in their roles from an expert like Dr. Ghanem. It was indeed a great success!



**Dr. Ghanem
Al Bustami**

“We rise by lifting others”
Robert Ingersoll



Class Visits



Students learn about the services of the ASC through class visits.



Class visits are organized at the beginning of the semester by Academic Tutors and Course Assistants to interact with the students.



More students now recognize the center and are aware of the services provided and courses offered by the talented tutors.

Creativity

The ASC helps nurture not just your academic prowess but also works with you to enhance your creative abilities.

These are some of them.

Why Some Students Have Issues With Academics

Students encounter seven common issues which are: low motivation, distraction, issues with concentrating, difficulty in memorizing facts and figures, dislike of the subject and insufficient resources. The main reasons for these problems are finding the subject difficult and boring, poor time management, medical issues, lack of sleep and nerves about getting low grades. Students can overcome these problems with the right measures. First and foremost, students need to be positive. Also, many studies have proven that following a healthy diet and exercising contribute to reducing stress, increasing focus, and strengthening memory. In addition, finding a quiet place such as a library or any space that is free of distractions helps you focus. Finally, use different learning tools and methods to keep your workflow interesting and engaging. This way the process is fun despite the workload.

Abeer Matar Alshamsi

Have A Routine

How do you get yourself motivated and trick yourself into being productive? Routine! No matter how lazy and unmotivated you are, there are still things in your day that you should do no matter what; for example, you wake up and brush your teeth every morning (unless you're gross) without thinking, "Why am I doing this?" It is more like, "Oh yeah, it is morning, and I am going to brush my teeth!" So, channel the same energy for studying and attending classes. It is not so much thinking about it like a choice, but rather a routine. You should go to class simply because it is what you do in the mornings, and that is how a routine is. So, plan out your college schedule like a rhythm that you can fall into and do without really having to think about why you are doing it because it is much easier to go through the motions than to set the motions every single day.

Ahmed Zaitoun

Should Students Study Foreign Languages At University?

Studying a foreign language at the university is a sure way of creating a competitive advantage for yourself in the job market and increasing your career opportunities and choices. Thinking beyond the basic cognitive and social benefits that learning a foreign language holds, you will be able to enhance your communication skills suited for a diverse, multi-cultural work environment. Effective communication is one of the most important soft skills employers are seeking. Multilingual communication breaks down barriers between people and instills trust and appreciation of cultural diversity. Therefore, studying a foreign language at the university is the ideal opportunity for you to increase your employability and broaden your worldview and ensure future success.

Betty Lucille Hillebrand

My Dream Job

When talking about a dream job, some people already know what they want to do right from their childhood. Some realize their dream a little bit later than others, and that is alright. A dream job is not one size fits all, so every person has a unique and profound journey in realizing and achieving their dreams. When I was young, I dreamt of becoming a doctor; however, as I got older, I found out that I was not that passionate about the medical field, so I realized that passions change. One day, after embarking on a plane en route to my home country, it dawned on me that I wanted to be able to bring people home safely to their loved ones and so began my ambition to become a pilot. It is ironic because I am afraid of heights, so I thought there is no way I will be able to conquer the skies, but during my doubts, I was fortunate enough to find a quote by Dr. Steve Maraboli who said, "Don't let other people's opinions distort your reality, be true to yourself, and be bold in pursuing your dreams." Do not let even your opinion of yourself distort reality, for the greatest limitations are the ones we make in our minds.

Elline Daren Flores

Creativity

Listening To Music While Studying

Listening to music is one of the studying habits that some students tend to build, as they believe doing this increases their productivity. For some it is a motivation, for others it is a distraction, so how to determine that? Although music can brighten up the mood and help in relaxation, but to answer this question two things should be considered - the music type and the task features. Listening to fast, loud or sad music has negative effects on the working memory as well as the mood. Similarly, some complex tasks require full attention and engagement which can be disturbed by any kind of background music. Therefore, it is not always recommended, but sometimes one should give it a try.

Hebatallah A. ALGhussein

How Educational Can Reading Be For You

I turned my life upside down through reading. I went from a kid who got bullied for not being able to speak English to a youngster who is now fluent in it. At the beginning of my journey, I only knew two words in English, "Hi" and "Bye". One day I got fed up and promised myself to learn how to speak English even if it was the hardest thing I could do. Reading was the first thing I did; I read countless short stories that had Arabic versions and translated word by word. It was hard in the beginning, but I kept reading. It started to get better with each book, and I soon realized that everything is possible with hard work. Reading made it possible for me to change myself, and I will always be thankful for that.

Jaafar Yasser Mardenli Khayat

How I Feel When I Achieve My Goals

Achieving something is the best feeling in the world be it educational or otherwise. Different people have different ways of excelling with their expertise but only a remote few have the capabilities of pushing it even further towards perfection. That is where the achievement comes in as a reward for their perseverance and unwavering efforts towards it. Whenever I plan out my goals, I always doubt myself about whether it is worth doing it or not. When trying to achieve those goals, I often feel overwhelmed and confused, yet I always keep moving forward without giving up. It is this feeling which enables me to accomplish my goals. Always remember, today's failure is tomorrow's success!

Mohammed Habibur Rahman

Studying In A Multicultural Environment

One of the main things that students need to work on cultivating is the ability to create relationships. It is here that multiculturalism is beneficial as it helps students interact with people of different cultures. When you are in a multicultural environment, you are naturally curious and tend to talk and communicate more with your peers. It can also build an open mind in the students. There are different people in a university, and each learner can teach his culture to his fellow peers. They can even exchange stories and facts about their country and other interesting data about their country, therefore paving way to several fun ways to build relationships. Moreover, a multicultural study room can also serve as an equal opportunity for people to understand and respect each other. University life has the potential to be diverse and rich and as students it is on us to make the best out of it. There is this saying in aviation, "You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck."

Salman Mujeeb Rahman

Creativity

What Motivates Me To Do Things?

Motivation can get you looking and feeling healthy for that summer break; you can even find yourself driving a shimmering new car out of your favorite dealership and all because of a little inspiration. Motivation is undoubtedly one of the most important driving factors in life. Personally, my motivation stems from an intrinsic curiosity; I am constantly trying to understand how things work. Grasping minor details that fit like rotating cogs into the machine, we call 'life' undeniably fascinates me. The primary motivator behind my career path, my hobbies, and most of my actions is this insatiable itch to comprehend everything around me. To leave with a little advice for those feeling unmotivated, take the time to find out where your passions lie, and you will find a bottomless pool of motivation.

Viyal Soni

Real-time accounting provides us with critical insight into our working

Tutors



I am part of the ASC because I love sharing my knowledge. Giving back to the ADU community is a passion of mine and being a Peer Tutor and Mentor enables me to do this.

Alvina Muhammad Ashraf



I love tutoring and assisting students who require guidance and support in their courses. When you don't have to struggle with your studies, I believe you feel a better sense of belonging within the university environment. My technical brain helps me help others to get organized and achieve their goals.

Ayat Sabati



Explaining concepts to others is an immense learning experience for yourself to learn and develop. This is just one of the many reasons I decided to become an ASC Peer Mentor. Throughout my years at ADU and school, I've enjoyed learning from older students, and now I have the chance to pay that back.

Basant Helal



I am an energetic student with strong leadership and management skills. I am also a motivated and effective communicator who learns quickly. I have chosen to be part of the ASC as a Peer Tutor and Mentor because I want to develop my leadership skills.

Salman Mujeeb Rahman

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ASC is designed in a way that works on helping students become academically successful and acquire essential skills. I am immensely glad to be part of this process as a tutor. It has helped me develop professionally and hone my potential as a mentor and a tutor. Of course, the satisfaction of being able to help my peers improve and achieve good grades is unparalleled. I am fortunate to be given a role at the ASC and hope to help a lot more students in the coming semesters.

Hadeel Fedaa Salman

The tutoring system at the ASC provides ADU's students with many advantageous opportunities. I was a bit nervous when I first started tutoring since it was my first experience, but as I continued, I realized just how much this program has helped me adjust to university life. My confidence and teamwork skills, which are critical in university, have improved. My tutees have also indicated that these one-on-one sessions have helped them a lot academically because it allows them to practice more and have all their questions answered. This has been an amazing learning experience for me!

Ismat Jahan

First and foremost, the assistance that I have been able to give my tutees has been gratifying. Although they have asked me questions that they already knew the answers to, I was not bothered by this because I wanted them to learn, or as you say 'master' the concept. Moreover, one of my students was very keen to learn, as he was working towards getting a better score. In fact, he thanked me so much because he got an outstanding mark that he never expected to receive, but I believed in him. My time at the ASC has been very useful for me and look forward to being a tutor again because I have gained such valuable experience that I will never take it for granted!

Joaquin Pagaling

Tutoring has helped me understand how enriching it can be to share knowledge and exchange experiences. It is a great learning curve for me in addition to being able to equip my peers with the academic know-how to cope with their classes. I highly appreciate ASC for giving me the opportunity to help other students in their studies. The Academic Success Center has a very warm environment with a great team who I look forward to working together with in the upcoming semesters as well.

Kamel Ahmed Qassem

Real-time accounting provides us with critical insight into our working

Tutors

As a freshman starting my university experience online, I was not only nervous but worried that I would not get the same involvement and opportunities that I would get face to face. However, this feeling quickly vanished when I was asked to be a tutor and got involved with the Academic Success Center. I am grateful for this opportunity because I was able to grow as a student and as a person. This experience helped me improve both my communication and social skills since I interacted with students whom I had never met or seen before. I then, slowly developed a relationship with each of the students and thanks to the back and forth communication which I'm most grateful for. I hope I can be of further assistance to my peers in the future with the help of ASC.

Raneem Al Homsy

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I'm really satisfied with my experience with the ASC tutoring program. It has really helped me a lot to understand my topics rather than mugging up the formulas. I'm really thankful to Ms. Huda for this amazing experience.

Esraa Abdul Razak

Some students might find it difficult to understand concepts the first-time round, but by approaching the ASC for help to understand those concepts gets a lot easier. Attending the ASC helped me gain confidence in class as well as it was easier to keep up with the subject. I was also able to ask more questions to understand what I needed to, rather than listening and not understanding.

Huda Wassim Zeid

In my opinion, the tutor helped me understand the subject a lot more, every time I faced difficulties. I would like to thank them for that care and attention I received.

Noor Nasser Al-Wahedi

Some students find difficulties in understanding concepts and that is where the ASC comes in- to solve all their queries and ensure that everything is smooth sailing for the students. By availing the help of the ASC, I have been able to cope better with my courses and confidently voice my questions and opinions on the subject too. I have also learnt to do my own research in a way that benefits my course objectives.

Huda Wassim Zeid

FAQs

How can tutees contact tutors online?

01

Kindly find both, the link to a step-by-step video tutorials that will walk you through the process of how tutees can contact tutors and vice versa:

[ADU Groups Video](#)
[How-to-contact-ASC-tutors](#)

- Book a session with one of the tutors, then contact them via e-mail or Microsoft Teams. You can find the tutors' schedules.
[For male students: here.](#)
[For female students, here.](#)
- Attend group sessions for different courses such as MTG100, MTT101, MTT102, STT100, ENG200, ENG102, conducted by the Academic Success Centre on a weekly basis.
- You can also access the [ASC Repository](#), where extra practice sheets provided by course instructors are available.

If I need extra practice on a specific course, what can I do?

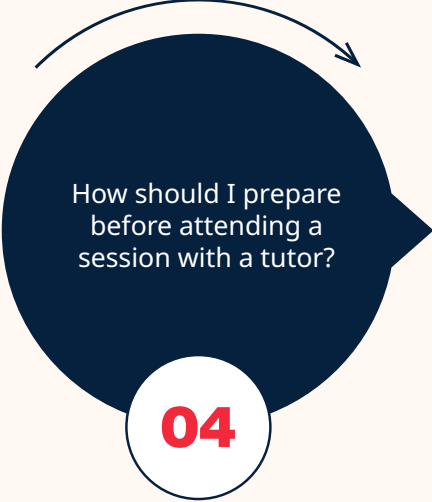
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How can I apply for a Course Assistant or Peer Tutor or Peer Mentor position , and what are the requirements?

03

- You can apply for being a peer tutor by filling the form sent out by the ASC. The requirements include maintaining a CGPA of 3.5 and above, and also having scored a minimum of B+ in the courses you have already completed and are planning on tutoring.
- In order to apply for being a course assistant, you must serve as a peer tutor at the ASC for at least two semesters and maintain a CGPA of 3.5 and above.
- To apply as a peer mentor, you also need to fill the form sent out by the ASC.

FAQs




How should I prepare before attending a session with a tutor?

04


Kindly make sure to review the material of the course that you need to clarify your inquiries in, before attending the session with the tutor. Also, make sure to send the tutor your questions via e-mail or Microsoft Teams beforehand so that they can be prepared as well.

Yes, you can! The ASC offers one-on-one tutoring as well as small-group tutoring sessions.



Can my friend and I both attend a session together?

05



If I need guidance to learn about how to use the university's online platform, what should I do?

06

The ASC has started a new initiative, where peer mentors are available to offer help regarding how the online platforms, such as Blackboard, University E-mail, ADU Groups, ADU Portal, Peoplesoft, and Microsoft Teams can be effectively used. They can also guide you with how to check your attendance, schedules, etc. To contact one of the peer mentors, you can check their office hours on ADU Groups,

[For male students: here.](#)

[For female students, here.](#)

Keep reading to find out the different workshops and competitions that unfolded during the semester.

ASC WORKSHOPS

Around 20 workshops were managed by the ASC in collaboration with different course instructors in order to provide useful information that students could incorporate in their studies to help them excel. List of workshops offered:

1. E-commerce
2. Basic Game Development with Unity
3. Time Management
4. The Art of Studying Smart and Managing Distance Learning Efficiently
5. Tips for Professional and Effective Communication with Professors
6. Organizing and Graphing Data
7. University Life and Communication Skills
8. Tips for Successful Distant Learning Experience
9. Solving Inequalities
10. Spread Sheet
11. Work Smart Not Hard
12. PowerPoint Presentation Tips and Tricks
13. How Your Brain Works
14. Arabic Research Writing Methodology
15. Arabic Research Citation Methodology
16. Trigonometric Functions
17. Resume Writing
18. Addition Rule
19. When You Think It, Ink It

**“Education is not the filling
of a pail, but the lighting of
a fire.”**

William Butler Yeats

Competitions

Flash Fiction Writing Competition in English and Arabic was held to celebrate UAE's Next 50 Years on October 29th



Prompt for the competition:

UAE's first astronaut Ali has landed on the moon with a mission to spend 10 days there. He has potatoes to grow and food to sustain himself for 10 days. Soon, Ali finds out that there is someone else already living on the moon.

Enjoy reading the stories of all our participants by clicking on the link!

Link: https://adugroups.adu.ac.ae/LSC/forum/section/flash-fiction-competition/300001183/?search_word=300000205

Winners

English Flash Fiction Winners

First:	1075505	Mohammed Al-Batani
Second:	1066672	Tuahir Hassan Nadeem Hussain
Third:	1080264	Bernabe Arica

Arabic Flash Fiction Winners

First:	1072014	Juman Sebai
Second:	1080032	Fatima Al Mansoori
Third:	1078671	Fatima Albreiki



Math Competition

The online Math Competition that was conducted from October 20th to November 11th, 2020 aimed to highlight the importance of mathematical concepts in daily life and create interest among students to learn mathematics. Twenty-two students from across the university participated in the competition that consisted of fifteen questions related to Algebra, Geometry and Pre-Calculus topics. The four winners who secured the highest marks were finalized through a lucky draw and were awarded with cash prizes.

Winners :

Imane Iraqi
Khadega Al-Serri
Mohammad Husni
Kamel Qassem

Why You Need the ASC

Before



Timid

Shy

Anxious

Indecisive

Now



Confident

Center of Attention

Decision Maker

Critical Thinker

**That is all from us for now. Get in touch if you need
help. We are only an e-mail away!**

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