



# Academic Center for Excellence

## *Your Partner for Success at UIC*

*You can make an ACE appointment at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ace>.  
You can also call us at (312) 413-0031, email us at [uicace@uic.edu](mailto:uicace@uic.edu),  
or visit our offices in Student Services Building (SSB) Suite 2900.*

### —Take Advantage of ACE's—

- **Academic Counseling** to help you manage UIC challenges with a partner at your side.
- **Peer Coaching** to guide you in developing strong study habits and strategies.
- **Tutoring** to strengthen your skills in writing, reading, speaking, and understanding English.
- **Workshops, Presentations, and Guidance Materials** to teach you how to manage your time and studies most effectively.
- **ASP Courses** to improve your study strategies and strengthen your critical thinking and communication skills.

### Academic Counseling, Coaching, and Tutoring

If you need help with managing your schedule, are having difficulty with your courses, or could use some advice on dealing with stress at UIC, our **Academic Specialists** and **Peer Coaches** can assist you one-to-one with planning your activities, accessing UIC resources, and thinking through ways to improve your work and maintain your well-being.

### Workshops and Presentations

Check the ACE Website and campus announcements for **ACE Events** scheduled throughout the Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms. We also offer workshops and presentations tailored to particular cohorts of students in many UIC colleges and departments.

#### *ACE Event Topics Include:*

- Time Management
- Escaping Academic Probation
- Overcoming Procrastination
- Writing Academic Papers
- Study and Note-taking Strategies
- Giving Oral Presentations
- Preparing for Examinations
- Critical Thinking and Reading
- Test-Taking Strategies
- Managing Academic Stress

## ASP Courses

ACE offers 8- and 16-week courses that can help you succeed in your major and overall program of study. You can enroll on the UIC Class Schedule under Academic Skills Program (ASP). ASP courses contribute to full-time enrollment status and financial aid eligibility but carry no graduation credit.

### ❖ ASP 060 *Study/Learning Across Disciplines*

Learn study strategies in such areas as time management, reading and note-taking, and test-taking.

### ❖ ASP 062 *Semester Refresh: Strategies to Finish Strong*

Develop beneficial planning, study, test-taking, and communication skills in an 8-week course.

### ❖ ASP 090 *Critical Strategies for Reading and Writing Success*

Learn critical reading and thinking strategies that will help you in all your UIC courses. Practice writing academic arguments, evaluations, and summaries based on your reading.

### ❖ ASP 092 *Vocabulary Enrichment*

Learn college-level vocabulary in an 8-week course to strengthen your reading and writing.

*The following ASP courses are designed for International Students and other English Language Learners who want to improve their English communication skills.*

### ❖ ASP 050 *Speaking, Reading, and Writing in English as a Second Language*

Develop all of your college-level communication skills. (For Undergraduate Students)

### ❖ ASP 055 *Communication Skills for International Graduate Students*

Learn and practice skills to increase your comprehension and speaking fluency in formal and informal English. (For Graduate Students and Visiting Scholars)

### ❖ ASP 095 *Academic and Professional Writing*

Learn and practice graduate-level writing skills with a focus on formal academic style and advanced grammar. (For Graduate Students and Visiting Scholars)

## Support for Students Pursuing Health Professions

ACE services for pre-health and health professional students include **guidance** for application materials; **counseling** on time management, study skills, test-taking strategies, and dealing with academic stress; and **tutoring** in academic and professional communication skills.

## Online Services

Visit the ACE Website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ace> to schedule an appointment, access study guidance and other academic resources, and check out upcoming ACE Events. You can also sign up to receive the ACE Study Tip of the Week or arrange a Skype Conference with an Academic Specialist.



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