

Academic Support Center (ASC)

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The Academic Support Center consists of two separate programs: **The Doane Learning Center (DLC) and Doane Student Support Services (DSS). Excluding DSS 090, up to nine DLC/DSS credits may be counted toward graduation.**

Any student may enroll in the DLC program offerings. The DSS program is funded by the federal government, so participants must meet federal eligibility guidelines. Eligibility is verified by the Director of Student Support Services each fall. **Only eligible students may enroll in DSS classes.** Eligible students receive program bulletins throughout the year.

In addition to credit courses, the Academic Support Center provides peer tutoring, academic counseling, writing assistance, and a variety of workshops. Students eligible for Student Support Services may also check out computer software and attend cultural events in Lincoln (tickets and transportation provided at no cost).

***NOTE:** All students must demonstrate adequate basic skills before enrolling in English 101. This requirement is met in one of the following ways:*

1. By attaining an ACT English subscore of 19 or above
2. By completing DLC 116/DSS 117 with a C- or higher
3. By completing English 100 with a C- or higher (for international students)

DOANE LEARNING CENTER (DLC)

The Doane Learning Center provides instruction in college reading efficiency and writing. A student may register for any DLC course at the beginning of a term or any time prior to the first day of each session. Students receive letter grades in these courses.

103 Reading Effectiveness (1)

A developmental mini-course designed to improve reading efficiency at the college level. Emphasis is on analyzing arguments, writing essays related to readings, and applying active reading and study techniques to texts used in college courses. Appropriate for any student interested in improving reading and study techniques for reading-based college courses.

107 Speed Reading Techniques (1)

A mini-course introduction to rapid reading theory and techniques. In-class drills focus on correct methods of rapid reading. Includes application of appropriate reading strategies to texts used in college courses. Special attention given to the importance of varying speed and technique depending on

the reading and the reader's background knowledge. Appropriate for any student interested in application of paced reading techniques to college texts.

116 Writing Skills (3)

An intensive writing course designed to improve basic skills in college-level composition. *Offered fall term.*

DOANE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)

The DSS program provides instruction in college-level study skills, writing, and basic computational mathematics. **Students must be eligible for the Student Support Services program to enroll in these courses. Eligible students may register for any DSS course at the beginning of a term or any time prior to the first day of each session. Students receive letter grades in these courses.**

090 Pre-Algebra (3)

An introductory algebra course that takes students' basic skills to the level of beginning college algebra. **Does not count toward minimum degree requirements. Requirement: DSS program eligibility.**

NOTE: All students must demonstrate adequate basic computational skills before enrolling in any mathematics course numbered above 090. This requirement is met in one of the following ways:

1. By attaining an Enhanced ACT math score of 19 or higher
2. By attaining an SAT math score of 500 or higher
3. By passing Doane's Computational Skills Test
4. By completing DSS 090 with a grade of C- or higher

117 Thinking Skills for Writing (3)

A course dealing with the thinking skills which underlie college-level writing and designed to improve basic writing skills through intensive practice. **Requirement: DSS program eligibility. Offered fall term.**

118 College Reading and Study Techniques (3)

An introduction to the active learning techniques and critical thinking skills fundamental to college success. Topics include: establishing academic goals, managing time, preparing for exams, using active reading and study strategies, analyzing arguments, writing essays, and coping with stress. Study techniques are applied to courses in which students are enrolled. **Requirement: DSS program eligibility.**

201 Writing the Research Paper (3)

This course is designed to emphasize the mechanical "how-to" problems of putting a formal research paper together, with a secondary emphasis on the evaluation and handling of a variety of sources. Several shorter papers are required, culminating in a 10-15 page term paper. **Requirement: DSS program eligibility. Prerequisite: English 101. Offered spring term.**