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Greetings Iowa State Community:

The [Academic Success Center](#) (ASC) looks forward to serving students during the Winter Session by offering a limited number of online academic support services that remain grounded in our [mission](#). To this end, we created a [Winter Session website](#) that will be a one-stop-shop for Winter Session Academic Success Center information.

We are excited to announce a new service designed specifically to support the needs of students during condensed course delivery. **Drop-in Study Sessions** will be available online for nine high-demand, traditionally difficult courses. Sessions are free and participation is voluntary for any student enrolled in the supported courses. Each course will have one-hour drop-in study sessions on each instructional day of Winter Session. A qualified, experienced undergraduate peer educator will be assigned to each course and will lead these sessions. Sessions for each course include time for students to ask questions as well as time for the peer educator to facilitate interactive learning opportunities. Sessions will assist students with pacing for accelerated course delivery by aligning each daily session closely with the course schedule and topics provided on the course syllabus. The last session of each week will be a “catch-all” where students can ask questions related to any of the course material that was covered throughout the week. While students can drop-in at any time during the session for their course, it is recommended that they attend the entire hour. Exam reviews will be scheduled by each peer educator in accordance with the exam schedule for the course they support. Session schedules and Zoom links for each course will be available in December on the [ASC Winter Session website](#). All students enrolled in the supported courses will receive an email notifying them of the availability of this support opportunity and information about how to access the Drop-in Study Sessions.

Supported courses include:

- ACCT 284
- BIOL 101, 212, 255
- COM S 113
- FSHN 167
- MATH 143, 165, 166

[Academic Coaching](#) and [Outreach](#) will offer a limited number of services during Winter Session.

- **Online coaching appointments** will be available and can be scheduled using ISU appointments on Accessplus.
- Campus partners and students have access to [prerecorded video workshops](#). There are four standard workshops available including ASC Services Overview, Time Management, The Study Cycle, and Exam Review.
- There will be a **Winter Session Course Organization and Time Management Tool-kit** available on the [ASC Winter Session website](#).

There will be no services available in the following areas during Winter Session:

- PSYCH 131: Academic Learning Skills Course
- Smart Start Academic Coaching
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- Tutoring Services

If students have a documented disability and need reasonable accommodations to access Academic Success Center services, they need to contact the Student Accessibility Services (SAS) by email at accessibility@iastate.edu or phone at 515-294-7220.

Contact information for each Winter Session ASC service is as follows:

Drop-in Study Sessions: mjscott@iastate.edu or whipplek@iastate.edu

Academic Coaching and Outreach: amg1@iastate.edu

Thank you for your support in helping students get connected to ASC services during this new academic session.

Sincerely,



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