University Learning Center
A Unique Learning Experience
Contributed by Will Wilkinson, ULC Director

The University Learning Center (ULC) is the primary location on campus where students can get academic support in the form of tutoring. We offer students a unique learning opportunity in a no-pressure environment (no grades), where students can test ideas and develop academic skills through a variety of services. Our relaxed environment is in large part due to our tutors – upperclassmen who are faculty recommended and maintain a minimum GPA. ULC tutors go through an internationally certified tutor training program (CRLA), and are trained to help students learn content and develop academic success skills – for example: note-taking, editing, and problem-solving. Our tutors are trained to work with all students, whatever class they’re taking and whatever their approach to learning.

Students with disabilities who have particular learning preferences or needed accommodations just need to inform the tutor. ULC tutors will respond to those preferences and, if needed, consult with the Disability Resource Center or ensure accommodations are met. Often there is a stigma attached to tutoring, but students at UNCW quickly realize that we are not a remediation service for underprepared students. Last year, of the 4,800 students who sought tutoring at the ULC, 30% were C students who wanted to be B students and 62% were B students who wanted to be A students. After experiencing our tutoring services, students realize tutoring increases learning and academic success – more than 1/3 of UNCW students utilize the ULC each year; each of those students average 6 visits a year.

Even our tutors seek tutoring. In fact, the thing we hear again and again from students is they wish they had taken advantage of our services sooner.

By The Numbers
7% = Percent of students at UNCW in 2014/15 who registered with DRC

We’re Asking For Your Help!
In coming days you will receive a survey about technology usage, time management and organization. Graduate students enrolled in EDN553 at Watson College of Education are working with DRC to create and undertake this assessment. Upon completion of the survey you will be asked if you would like to volunteer for a follow up focus group. This information will be used for their class project, and will also inform DRC staff in serving students registered for support through the office.

Contact DRC with any questions.

Disability Resource Center
DePaolo Hall, 1033
(910) 962-7555
TDD: (800) 735-2962
DisabilityAdmin@uncw.edu

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm*  
*Closed until 9:30 am, Tuesdays  
*No Tests Scheduled After NOON on Fridays (Office still open for regular business)

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Effectively Strategies to Increase Involvement

By calling the Point-To-Point shuttle, you can have a safe ride from campus, to campus, and to your residence from campus within the one-mile radius. Transportation will be only to residences or UNCW parking lots. You must call the Point-To-Point Shuttle to request pickup.

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Additional Information is available: http://uncw.edu/parking/shuttle.htm

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### CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT CENTER
Connecting on Campus
Contributed by Jon Kapell, Director for CAIC

**DID YOU KNOW:**
There are over 285 registered student organizations at UNCW? They need solid student leaders willing to get involved & make a difference at UNCW? They need students just like you.

UNCW, the Campus Activities & Involvement Center (CAIC) and all student organizations are open to any student who wants to join them regardless of ability. Diversity is part of the fabric of life and our student organizations celebrate that through the various offerings they provide and the leaders who comprise their organizations. Student organization activities encourage the full participation of all students, including those with disabilities, so many groups work to make events and programs accessible to all.

The CAIC staff is committed to student leaders and student organizations, and want to help people find their connection on campus. Stop by the office on the second floor of the Fisher Student Center anytime from Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and CAIC staff can help connect you with a student organization.

You can also find the Campus Activities and Involvement Center on the web at uncw.edu/activities or email us at activities@uncw.edu.

CAIC is happy you are part of the Seahawk Nation and hopes you will make a difference at UNCW!

### DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

Disability Resource Center is more than a test proctoring site. We continually work to improve the experience of the students with whom we engage, and the campus community as a whole.

**Staff News**
Aimee Helmus, Disability Services Coordinator, presented her research “Effective Strategies to Increase Involvement Activities of Students with Disabilities” at the 34th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience, held February 7-10, in Dallas, TX. Aimee’s study was completed in partial fulfillment of her Master’s Degree in Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision from UNCW’s Watson College of Education in 2013.

Chris Stone, Assistant Director, with Jon Kapell (CAIC), presented “Normalizing” Disability: A Quasi-Case Study Of Enhancing Involvement Opportunities for SWD” at the Fall NC Association on Higher Education and Disability (NCAHEAD). On February 26, 2015, Chris defends his dissertation research, “What College Students with Physical Impairments Say About Discourses of Disability on Campus”, and will present that research at The George Washington University Educational Symposium for Research and Innovation (Feb 29) and the NCAHEAD Spring Conference (March 9).

Dr. Peggy Turner, Director, will present “Ensuring Online Accessibility for All Students” at the 26th Annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, March 30-April 2.

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### Download Read&Write Gold to your computer or laptop. RWG is a flexible literacy software solution that can help students--including some students with disabilities--access support tools needed to reach their potential, build confidence and independence, and succeed.

For information and download instructions:
http://uncw.edu/disability/technology.html

### By the Numbers
38% = Students registered with DRC who have transferred to UNCW