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El Camino College Compton Center's Learning Resource Center Boosts Student Success with Tutoring and Academic Support Tools

The El Camino College Compton Center Learning Resource Center's (LRC) No. 1 mission is to support student success, retention and graduation by serving as a hub for tutoring and academic support programs. The LRC is a set of programs and services that provide users with a wide range of academic learning materials and services. It is designed to creatively merge access to traditional library services with media and instructional support.

In the last year, with the help of a new LRC instructional specialist and input from students, faculty and staff, many enhancements have been implemented at the Learning Resource Center focusing on collaborative, group-oriented learning. The LRC also established a successful new Math/Science drop-in tutoring center, peer tutoring, and a Supplemental Instruction (SI) program, which offers learning assistance for difficult courses.

"We want all ECC Compton Center students to know the LRC is here to help them with all of their studying, class preparation and tutoring needs," said Albert Jimenez, LRC instructional specialist at ECC Compton Center. Jimenez joined the faculty in fall 2012 and is credited with facilitating the improvements to the LRC's programs and services.

With the fall 2013 semester just beginning, Jimenez says this is the perfect time for students to become acquainted with the LRC and all it has to offer. When asked about his advice to students, he emphasized that the LRC exists to help them succeed. "Don't wait until you get a poor grade, or are struggling with a concept, or get your first essay back and it's not graded as you anticipated," Jimenez said. "Make the LRC a place where you regularly come to study, because it is free and we are here to support your efforts."

Early on, Jimenez accomplished his mission of recruiting 10 new SI coaches. "Students are often less intimidated working with peers than being tutored by faculty members," said Jimenez. "We have worked hard to ensure the tutoring mirrors class instruction, teaching philosophy, and curriculum."

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“One of the things I was really excited to have happen, were the faculty-endorsed enhancements to the Supplemental Instruction program,” said Jimenez. “SI provides peer-facilitated group study sessions for difficult classes and we piloted it with an English course for the first time last year. We also implemented a mandatory two-day comprehensive SI training for all of the coaches, which has helped us add some talented and dedicated students to the Supplemental Instruction program.”

The Learning Resource Center provides the following services:

- **Study Skills Workshops** – A list of workshops are usually posted in the LRC and at www.compton.edu/library/learningresourcecenter/index.aspx at the beginning of each semester.
- **Academic Resources** – A wide range of software, covering a variety of subjects, is available for use at the LRC for independent study.
- **Computer Stations** – The computers are available for Internet access, word processing, academic research and printing of assignments.
- **Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) Lab** – Students in developmental courses are required to use the computers and educational software to enhance their reading and writing skills needed for their coursework. The CAI Lab is located in Room G-33.
- **Math/Science Center** – New Math/Science drop-in center (Math Bldg., Room 204) offers tutoring conducted in a group setting where collaborative learning is encouraged. Clarify key concepts, review chapter content and get problem-solving guidance.
- **Writing Center (Room F-33)** – Staffed by qualified writing specialists trained to assist with MLA and APA documentation style formats, structure and organization of ideas, as well as explanation of grammar and concepts.
- **Supplemental Instruction (SI)** – Peer group study geared toward promoting engagement and effective study skills for traditionally difficult classes.

The LRC is located in Room G-39. Current hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information about the services offered at the Learning Resource Center, please call (310) 900-1600, Ext. 2535.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.