

# **A Quick Guide to Peer Tutoring**

## **The Teaching and Learning Center**

### **St. Bonaventure University**

#### **How much does tutoring cost?**

Tutoring is free for full-time SBU undergraduates.

#### **Are tutors available for all courses?**

Tutors are available for almost every subject. We are only limited by the number of tutors who qualify for employment.

#### **Where and when does tutoring take place?**

All tutoring takes place at the TLC located in the basement of Doyle Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### **Who is tutoring for?**

SBU full-time undergraduates – strong as well as struggling students. Students who acknowledge a need for additional assistance in a subject should first consult with their professor, then explore peer tutoring.

#### **Will I have a tutor all to myself?**

Possibly. Tutoring sessions consist of one tutor and one to three students. The TLC does its best to keep groups as small and effective as possible. Students in small tutoring groups have the advantage of sharing ideas and learning from each other. We encourage students interested in tutoring to be open to this experience.

#### **Who are the tutors?**

SBU undergrads (and sometimes grad students) who have successfully completed the courses that they tutor. Tutors must have received a final grade of B+ or higher and be recommended by their professor.

#### **Will tutors do my homework for me?**

**NO.** Our credo is to assist, not do. We encourage academic accountability. We want our students to accept responsibility for their own academic excellence. We provide background and assistance.

**How do I request a peer tutor?**

Tutor request forms are available online at [my.sbu.edu](http://my.sbu.edu) or at the TLC, 26 Doyle Hall (directly below Health Services), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 716-375-2066 or stop by. Usually, the TLC will contact you within five business days with your tutoring schedule.

**Can I request a tutor for more than one course?**

Absolutely.

**How often will I meet with my tutor?**

Students meet with a tutor for one hour per week per course for the duration of the semester. Tutoring sessions are regularly scheduled appointments at the same day and time each week. If you would rather not commit to weekly tutoring appointments, please seek assistance from your professor, the Writing Lab, or the Math Lab.

**What will happen during my weekly tutoring sessions?**

Please come prepared with issues you would like to clarify, the course syllabus, textbook, your notebook, and any other materials you might need. Tutors can help you prepare for an exam, further understand readings, go over practice problems, and develop better study habits and better note taking habits. Successful tutoring requires your earnest efforts. Tutoring cannot replace regular class attendance.

**When is the deadline to request a tutor?**

Usually three weeks before the last day of classes.

**What have students said in the past about their tutoring experience at the TLC?**

- “My 2nd test went up 20 pts.”
- “It helps me retain my grade in a low A.”
- “I went from failing (F) to a C.”
- “I used to dislike Spanish and now may minor in it.”
- “I am no longer overwhelmed and I am much more confident in my work.”
- “My grade has increased dramatically to say the least. It went from low 70’s to low 90’s.”

**Do you have more questions?**

Please contact the TLC Staff at 716-375-2066, [glarrabe@sbu.edu](mailto:glarrabe@sbu.edu) or [tlc@sbu.edu](mailto:tlc@sbu.edu), or stop by 26 Doyle Hall, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.