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Student learning support services are widely available on campus to increase student success. We know that students using these resources are more likely to persist to graduation, which has, in turn, helped the campus improve its retention rate. As we head into the Thanksgiving break—and return next week for the final push to the end of the semester—it is a good time to remind your students of the academic support provided by, or coordinated by, the [Bepko Learning Center](#).

Also available at various locations across campus is free departmental support in biology, psychology, math, physics, and other areas. Hours of availability vary, and some centers require an appointment, but a complete semester-by-semester list is always available [here](#).

The Bepko Learning Center and its Resource Desk (UC 2006) provide assistance in a variety of ways: through regular study sessions linked to high-risk courses, informal “Study Buddy” groups, study skills training, tutor matching services, and resources for particular student populations (such as veterans and athletes).


Peer mentoring—students helping students—is a key asset. It is based on the premise that collaborative learning is a way to engage students in deeper learning. Mentors are students who excel in the educational process so they not only model characteristics that lead to academic success but also understand the factors that impede learning. For many students, working with a peer mentor or tutor can be less intimidating than other types of supplemental instruction.

To see the Bepko Learning Center’s full range of support services and resources, visit <http://blc.uc.iupui.edu/>.

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