Ancell Commons FAQ
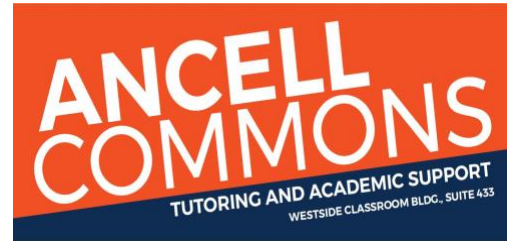
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What does the Ancell Commons do for students?
The Ancell Commons offers peer-to-peer tutoring in Justice and Law Administration, Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, MIS, and Economics 211 and 213.

Tutoring is FREE for registered students and generally lasts from 60 to 90 minutes. All tutoring is ONLINE for the Fall 2020 semester. You and your tutor begin by setting a goal for the session. A tutor may work with the student to better understand a difficult concept, complete sample problems, or find resources. Also, they can introduce new study skills and strategies, coach a presentation, or assist you with Microsoft Office skills. At the end of the appointment, the tutor will check for understanding, offer recommendations, and create a detailed record of the appointment.

How can I get the most from my tutoring appointment?
When you create your appointment on WCONLINE, tell us specifically where you are having difficulty so that your tutor can prepare in advance for the appointment. Complete reading assignments and try to solve problems before the appointment. Have all necessary materials easily accessible. Be on time for your appointment. Attend class regularly: tutoring cannot substitute for class attendance.

What are the limitations on tutoring?
The tutor cannot correct or review your homework, help you complete a take-home test, or cram for a test. The tutor cannot predict grades, correct mistakes, or complete your assignment for you. Our goal is to help you become an independent learner. Ancell Commons abides by the WCSU Academic Honesty Policy.

Are appointments required?
We operate by appointment only but if a tutor is available, you can make an appointment with just ten minutes notice. If you don't see what you need a last minute appointment, please email us at budnicke@wcsu.edu and we will do our best to help.

How do I schedule an appointment?
We use WCONLINE which you'll find at from www.wcsu.edu/ancell-commons/. After you create an account, you can log in on any device to schedule, modify, or cancel appointments.

How much tutoring can I receive?
Students may schedule up to 90 minutes of tutoring per day, three appointments per week, and up to two weeks in advance.

When can I get tutoring?
Although the Commons is open for a set schedule, specific tutoring hours vary by semester. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.
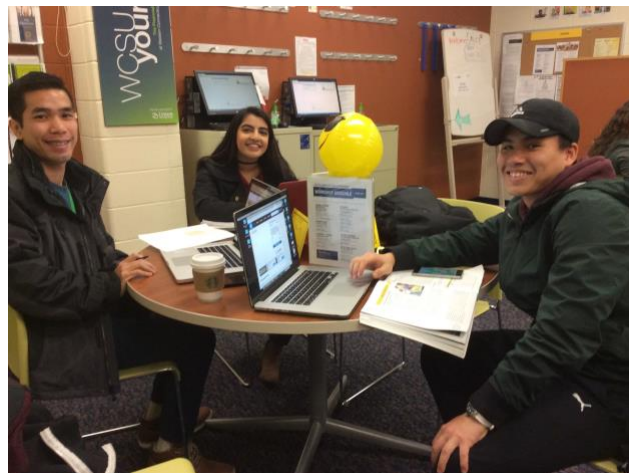
Who works in the Ancell Commons?
The Ancell Commons is staffed by students just like you who generally major in business or justice and law. Peer tutors will have a 3.0 GPA and they must have earned a 3.0 or better in each course they tutor.

Do I have to pay money for tutoring?
No! Part of your tuition goes to Academic Support so there is no additional charge for creating tutoring appointments or receiving help from our tutors.

What should I bring to my virtual appointment? Please
have your assignment, textbook, notes, and/or calculator plus the work you have already done for your assignment easily accessible. You are expected to attend class, do the reading, and make an effort to complete an assignment before a tutor can help you.

What if I am running late to my appointment?

- If you are late to your appointment: If you are more than 15 minutes late, we will mark your appointment "missed".

- If you know you will be late: Write that in the comments to your tutor when you're scheduling your appointment, so that you don't run the risk of losing your appointment.

What if I have to miss my tutoring appointment?
Please cancel your appointment as soon as you know you can't make it by emailing budnicke@wcsu.edu. Missing 3 appointments without notification will result in restricted use of tutoring services.

Will my professor know if I come for help?

That is entirely up to you. Just let us know if want us to email them and they will receive a detailed description of what you worked during your appointment plus any tutor recommendations that were made.

Can I have a tutor for my study group?
Yes! If other students in your class are interested in a virtual tutor-led study group, please email budnicke@wcsu.edu and we will work with you to schedule the best time and a tutor for your group.

How do I become an Ancell Commons tutor?
Earn good money, demonstrate leadership skills, and help others! Becoming a tutor is a great way to reinforce the concepts you've learned while giving you the satisfaction of knowing you're helping fellow students achieve their goals. Learn more and apply by visiting: https://www.wcsu.edu/ancell-commons/apply-for-tutoring-job/.