

## INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

### ESL Computer Lab

The ESL Program has its own dedicated computer lab with a variety of software programs for all levels and classes. Students, at their convenience, practice and enhance language learned in class.

### High Tech Center and Learning Skills Lab

For information on the Accessible Education Center's (AEC) High Tech Center and Learning Skills Lab, refer to page 29.

### Learning Commons

The Learning Commons provides study rooms, drop-in tutoring, computers and printing, workshops, supplemental instruction, and professional learning opportunities. It is centrally located in the Library on the Gilroy campus.

### Library and Information Technology

The Gavilan College Library delivers an array of print and electronic resources. Augmenting the 60,000 title printed book collection are 24,000+ e-books, and over 2,500 magazine titles, many available online in electronic databases. The Library faculty also teaches various courses on internet use, and works in tandem with other faculty in planning and revising courses with an information literacy component. The Library homepage at [www.gavilan.edu/library/](http://www.gavilan.edu/library/) provides an online catalog of the book collection, links to various class websites and key online resources.

### Math Lab

The Math Lab provides a place for students to practice math skills and receive individualized help with math problems at every level, from Basic Mathematics to Calculus. Students can work with math instructors, the math lab assistant or other students. Computers in the lab provide tutorial software as well as math software for Geometry, Statistics and Calculus projects.

### Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement Program (MESA)

The MESA Undergraduate Program is a partnership between the University of California (UC) and California Community College Chancellor's Office. The program provides academic support services to qualified students who are majoring in math-based

fields and who plan to transfer to four-year universities. Open to all eligible students, MESA emphasizes participation by educationally underserved students. MESA provides a Study Center, Academic Excellence Workshops, trips to universities, Academic Advising, workshops and much more. MESA is the winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science, National Science Foundation (NSF) recipient, and the Innovations in American Government Award, a project of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Ford Foundation.

### Tutoring Services and Computer Place

Tutoring services are designed to help students increase their success in college courses and in the development of learning skills. Students work with trained tutors to engage in the examination of concepts and processes; discussion of ideas and theories; hands on practice; and summarization of findings. It is in this collaborative learning environment that students develop their confidence and independence as a learner. Tutoring services are free to all Gavilan Students. Tutoring services are available in The Tutoring Center in LI116 and the Computer Place in LI168., as well as at the Morgan Hill and Hollister sites.

### Writing Center

The Gavilan College Writing Center fosters, celebrates and encourages writers and the varied and multiple purposes and audiences that writing serves.

Specially trained student assistants help writers start and strengthen all kinds of class assignments as well as poetry, short stories, song lyrics, business letters and resumes. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in the center's welcoming atmosphere and meet other writers from across the college. The center also offers space for writing discussions, meetings, workshops and study groups. Special events include activities with acclaimed writers from our Visiting Writers and Scholars in Residence programs. We also provide self-directed mini-lessons and writing prompts. Work at your own pace and learn how to get your ideas on paper. Write more powerfully, be creative, enjoy writing, and practice using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

The center collaborates with faculty across the curriculum to increase students' academic success, providing links to assignments and effective research and writing strategies. We offer specially tailored assistant led in-class workshops upon request.