

# GRIFF CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

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The Griff Center for Academic Engagement (<https://www.canisius.edu/student-experience/student-support-services/griff-center>) represents a collaboration between the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Student Affairs that provides comprehensive programs, services, and resources to support student academic and career success and a transformative learning experience grounded in our Catholic, Jesuit mission. The Griff Center assists students in their academic and professional development and provides them with the support and assistance they need to become successful lifelong learners.

## Strengths

The Griff Center uses StrengthsFinder to assist students in identifying and optimizing their strengths and applying them to all aspects of their lives. StrengthsFinder is used by hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States and it has been determined that students who are aware of their strengths are more likely to stay in college, earn higher GPA's, and find success securing internships and jobs.

A student's Strengths experience begins by taking the StrengthsFinder online assessment, which takes 20-30 minutes to complete. The top 5 talent themes are identified and this is the first step towards developing natural talents into strengths. The Griff Center helps guide students through the different themes, helps the student develop ways to incorporate their strengths into their daily life, and build upon them as they explore academic and career goals. Stop by the Griff Center to make an appointment to learn more about this great opportunity.

## Undecided Majors

The Griff Center for Academic Engagement provides advisement for students who are still deciding on a major. By working collaboratively with the team of professionals within the Griff Center, students have exposure to career development tools and academic major exploration. The Griff Center provides comprehensive advisement that empowers students to take responsibility for their educational, career, and personal goals. Additionally, the Griff Center team is dedicated to creating a supportive and friendly atmosphere where students feel comfortable seeking assistance.

## Tutoring Services (OM 315)

Tutoring services are available for all Canisius students and provide a variety of opportunities for them to achieve their own academic success. Group tutoring sessions allow students to receive academic assistance from peer and adjunct professor tutors. Tutors are available in the majority of academic disciplines and employ various academic strategies to help address individual student needs.

## Study Zone (OM 318)

Open to all Canisius students, Study Zone provides students with an opportunity to focus on academic work in a quiet environment conveniently located near Tutoring Services where additional assistance may be sought.

## Academic Mentor Program (OM 317)

This program presents students with an opportunity to meet one-on-one with an academic mentor on a regular basis to assist with better time

management, prioritization of responsibilities, study skills, and assistance needed to achieve academic success.

## Accessibility Support (OM 317)

Committed to creating equal access for all Canisius students with disabilities, Accessibility Support helps meet individual needs and oversees the administration of reasonable accommodations and proctoring exams. Academic and non-academic accommodations are determined on a case-by-case/course-by-course basis after review of a student's official documentation.

## Proctor Site (OM 317)

The Proctor Site assists in proctoring make-up exams for the campus community. Students must determine the feasibility of a make-up exam with their professor prior to making arrangements with the proctor site.

## Veterans Support (OM 320)

The Griff Center provides an environment that helps student-veterans achieve their academic and personal goals. Our staff is committed to creating a supportive and friendly atmosphere where students feel comfortable seeking assistance concerning both academic and non-academic issues. In addition, there is a lounge designated for student-veterans where they may study and relax between classes.

## Career Planning and Services: EXPLORE – EXPERIENCE – ENGAGE (OM 013)

The Griff Center is here to help students and alumni develop career plans and gain the professional skills needed in today's competitive job market.

Career development begins on day one at Canisius! The Griff Center has developed a three-point career action plan designed to help students and alumni:

- EXPLORE • Learn about their strengths and interests and how they relate to majors and careers
- EXPERIENCE • Gain experience through internships, service, and research
- ENGAGE • Network with alumni and employers to launch their career

The Griff Center provides personalized, services and programs to meet the complete career development needs of Canisius students and alumni. The Griff Center offers: Career coaching; Assistance with locating internship and job opportunities; Resume and cover letter review; Video mock interviews; On-Campus Interviews with local and national organizations; On-and Off-Campus recruiting events and professional development opportunities as well as engage in career programs and events.

## Handshake

The Griff Center is excited to provide students and alumni with free access to Handshake, a exclusive platform for Canisius students and alumni to search for full-time, part-time, volunteer, and internship opportunities as well as engage in career programs and events. Handshake also has online resources for students' professional development.