

What to expect from a learning session:

PAL (Peer-Alliance Learning) tutors here at the ASC are trained to be coaches, **not replacements** for your professors. They will ask that *you* do the “workout,” and they will suggest ways to make your “workout” more effective, and they will encourage your efforts. They will explain concepts in different ways, they will use reference books and show you how to use them, and they will share study and learning strategies with you. They cannot *make* you learn; that’s your responsibility. It’s also your responsibility to come to a tutoring session well-prepared. Keeping these in mind, you can expect the following:

- Expect to **do most of the talking**.
- Expect to **bring your assignments, drafts, homework, and textbooks** so you can fully explain to your tutor what you are trying to accomplish or don’t understand.
- Expect the tutor to **suggest another time** to meet **if you are not prepared** with the above materials.
- Expect the tutor to **model** ways of solving math, writing, science, etc. problems. **Tutors will not do your homework for you.**
- Expect the tutor **to be honest** about how much s/he can help if you come in right before something is due.
- Expect to do all of your own work, and understand that ultimately **your grade is your responsibility.**
- Expect to come for help **in plenty of time to actually improve**—not hours before or even the day before a paper is due or an exam is given.
- Expect to be **listened to** and **respected** and **encouraged**.
- Expect tutors to stay on the **task at hand**.