Eastman Academic Support Services

The Eastman School of Music offers a variety of services to support the academic work of students. In addition to the advising and teaching support provided by the faculty, assistance is also made available at Eastman through these services: Individual Study Skills Counseling, an individualized Study Skills Course, the Eastman Writing Center, and Theory Tutoring Program. Additional tutoring and support services may be arranged by contacting the Office of Academic Affairs.

Individual Study Skills Counseling
Our confidential study skills counseling offers individual discussions with an Eastman counselor who will help you improve your academic performance, time management and overcome obstacles to studying and practicing effectively. Your counselor will meet with you, discuss your concerns, and help you discover learning techniques that will enable you to enhance your overall academic performance. All appointments with study skills counselors are free, and you may meet with them for a one-time troubleshooting session or on a regular basis.

Study Skills Course
Eastman offers a study skills course every semester entitled EIC 090: Student Success Strategies focusing on the specific academic requirements of a music student. Student will meet with the study skills counselor individually to address their specific needs. This course focuses on issues such as time management, note taking, text study techniques, test-taking skills, memory strategies, practice strategies and stress management. Students apply these skills to their current courses through short assignments assigned throughout the semester. This course is offered during the fall and spring semesters and receives no credit. Assignment in the course is at the discretion of the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs.

Eastman Writing Center
The Eastman Writing Center offers individual writing consultations for students with experienced writing consultants. Students may come to the Eastman Writing Center on their own or at the request of an instructor. In the writing sessions, students may learn and practice any part of the writing process, from generating ideas to revisions to strategies for editing. The Center is available to all Eastman students, graduate and undergraduate. In the fall semester, the Eastman Writing Center works closely with the Freshman Writing Seminar to support students in their academic writing. (http://www.esm.rochester.edu/offices/wssc/)

Theory Tutoring Program
A small fund is available to provide individual tutoring for undergraduates in the core program who need special support in aural and written theory. Only students registered for a core theory course may apply for this tutoring, which should be done through the course instructor. The department allocates resources on the basis of a recommendation from the instructors normally based on an assessment of student work around the middle of the fall term, or in January for the spring term. Depending on demand, students may receive some subsidy for the tutor. If the instructor recommends tutoring and the department is not able to provide this for you, a tutor can be recommended. (http://www.esm.rochester.edu/theory/ug_core/)

For more information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at academicaffairs@esm.rochester.edu or by phone at 585.274.1020.