

# Student Success Center

Our mission is to provide resources for achieving academic excellence. We are proud of our constantly changing and improving menu of academic support services. We encourage you to work with our friendly staff to use our services to make your time at UT Martin a great success!

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| Supplemental Instruction  | <b>0 student visits (fall)</b> |
| Small Group Math tutoring | <b>0 student visits (fall)</b> |
| Residence Hall Tutoring   | <b>0 student visits (fall)</b> |

## Department Sponsored Labs

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hortense Parrish Writing Center | <b>368 student visits (summer)</b> |
| Mathematics Learning Center     | <b>0 student visits (fall)</b>     |
| Reading Center (Ed Studies)     | <b>0 student visits (fall)</b>     |

## Read&Write Gold

UT Martin has recently purchased Read&Write Gold.

This program is a flexible literacy software solution that helps struggling readers and writers, individuals with learning disabilities, such as Dyslexia or Dysgraphia, and English Language Learners access the support tools they need to reach their potential, build confidence and independence, and succeed.

- Improves reading fluency and comprehension.
- Helps with research, writing, studying, and test taking.
- Integrates with mainstream Windows applications.
- Encourages independence and inclusion.
- Supports common core state standards.
- Includes Powerful Teacher Support Tools.

The program is FREE to download for anyone. It is available from <http://www.utm.edu/departments/comstore/downloads/index.php>

For a demonstration of Read&Write Gold you can watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8uGm327icc>

This program can be recommended to any student who you feel might be struggling in your class.

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*Other resources to help with student accessibility to academic materials can be found:*

<http://ncdae.org/resources/cheatsheets/>

## Service Hours

Hours:

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday

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## meet Ashley Jackson ... by Tamara Beard



The braille on classroom doors is barely noticeable, if not even totally invisible, to most on the UT Martin Campus, but for 23-year-old Ashley Jackson it is the only printed language she knows. Blind and deaf since birth, Ashley has always relied on things like Braille and Sign Language, Interpreters and Mobility Instructors, and Cochlear Implants (which improve her hearing to a degree) and other assistive devices to help her live and learn at the same quality level as her peers. Starting her second year at UT Martin as a Family and Consumer Science major, Ashley says that some of the most helpful and caring individuals on campus are those found in the Student Success Center's Office of Disability Services. This team has assisted Ashley with getting appropriate and individualized accommodations in the classroom and around campus. Both compassionate and personal, the Office of Disability Services helps her with everything: from the small things—like ordering her books and getting her mail—to the big things—such as giving her a quiet testing environment that makes it easier to concentrate.

Ashley stated other groups of people who have been especially kind and accommodating, including professors and the Office of Housing (particularly her Resident Assistants). One area that she struggles in, however, is making connections with her peers. She doesn't talk often in classes because she never knows when someone is speaking with her; therefore she suggests that classmates say her name or touch her hand so that she can acknowledge and talk to them. She is also cautious of forming new friendships because she desires to meet true friends who look past her disability, because although many see her for her disability, she has many interests and talents—such as an extreme love and patience for children, an artistic hand, and a vivid imagination. If one takes a clear and closer look, that person will find that Ashley is a bright and beautiful young woman who just needs a helping hand every once in a while—but don't we all?

### Who do we serve?

The Office of Disability Services currently serves 216 UT Martin students. Each student needs a specialized plan that requires accommodations. Accessibility to academic materials is important and an ongoing challenge. Our student population is:

- 11 – hearing impaired
- 9 – visually impaired
- 33 – have learning disabilities
- 59 – AD/ADHD
- 51 – physical disabilities
- 4 – Autism

Remaining students have psychological/social disabilities

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