What do these University Academic Centers have in common?

Support for student-led “study group” programs.

In Fall 2015, the Academic Resource Center (ARC) at LMU will become one of the only Jesuit universities to launch a study groups program unique from our content tutoring. Our goal is to help students deeply engage with your course outside of class time. Please assist us in this pilot service.

How does it work?
Students may sign up with their own study groups, or they may express interest and receive help with forming a group. Groups will select an on-campus meeting location and time; by doing so, they will receive learning support, encouragement, and resources (e.g., a “midterm survival” pack). Research (such as Rybczynski and Schussler, 2011) indicates that group learning is effective when participants learn group facilitation skills explicitly.

Who runs the program?
The ARC hires and trains students as “Study Group Coordinators.” These students learn group facilitation skills and our “Kickstart” metacognitive strategies so they may assist groups with learning, efficiency, and motivation strategies as needed. SGCs communicate directly with study groups to support their attendance and engagement. Later, SGCs bring back their findings to ARC professional staff for additional recommendations.

Your Participation:
If you believe students in your course(s) could benefit from more engaged and committed study groups, please . . .
1. Share this opportunity with your class(es) and 2. If we receive interest from one of your students, please work with us to support group formation (e.g., send around a sign-up sheet, allow our Study Groups Coordinator to contact the class).

Questions?
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