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Fall/Spring hours: Mon–Thu 9:30–5:30, Fri 9:30–1
Evenings in the library: Mon–Thu 7–9pm
Summers: Open by appointment

What is the Writing Center?

Writing serves as one of the primary means for learning and communicating during and beyond college. As you formulate, write, and revise your projects for courses or any other purpose, the Writing Center offers you free feedback from trained peer writing consultants. Sessions are held either face to face or over the phone and last about 30 minutes.

What can I do at the Writing Center?

You can

- Talk with a writing consultant about a project even before you begin writing
- Discuss research strategies and ways to use sources in your paper
- Experiment with your topic, thesis, or organization
- Get ideas for revising a draft so it's focused and clear to a reader
- Write in a relaxed academic environment
- Discuss or practice an oral presentation in private
- Get feedback on your word choice or grammar
- Ask about documentation and format
- Learn proofreading strategies
- Rest on the couch or grab a cup of coffee



Do I need an appointment?

Although we do hold sessions with people on a walk-in basis when consultants are available, scheduled appointments take priority. **Make your appointment on the Writing Center website** (linked at the bottom of the Lindsey homepage, under “Resources”). Or you can call or stop by the Center during our regular hours. Of course, you never need an appointment to just come in and write!

What if I can't visit the Writing Center in person?

Not to worry. If you can't make it to the Center in person, just schedule your appointment on our website and select “phone session” instead of “regular session.” The only difference in a phone session is that we need your draft 24 hours in advance so your consultant can read it before calling you.



What should I bring to my session?

Whether your session is face to face or over the phone, have your draft or notes ready, a pen for jotting down ideas, and your assignment description if you are writing the paper for a class. Preparing questions in advance, too, is a good way to keep your session focused and get the feedback you need. Plan on reading your paper with your consultant and discussing issues that come up. Sessions last about 30 minutes but can take up to an hour if you like.

What can the Writing Center do for English–Language Learners and international students?

The Writing Center is a valuable resource for students wanting to improve written and conversational English skills. Writing in American academia can be challenging for students from other cultures. In addition to considering word order, prepositions, idioms, and articles, international students may also want help considering audiences, navigating research articles, using sources, and organizing points. The Writing Center is here to help with whatever questions arise. Come see us in Slider room 200, or schedule a session any time on our website (linked at the bottom of the Lindsey homepage, under “Resources”). In the mean time, here are some tips that many students have found helpful:

- Talk with native English speakers and watch American TV and movies to refine your conversation skills
- Read books and articles that interest you to improve your grammar knowhow
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions or to ask people to repeat what they have said
- Writing Center consultants sometimes hold social events for English language–learners that are centered on language and culture. Be sure to watch your e-mail for announcements.

Does the Writing Center offer workshops?

The Writing Center offers class workshops on writing with sources, organization, critical thinking, academic integrity, and other topics. The Center also sponsors a creative writing circle that meets throughout the semester, and all are welcome to participate.