

INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER

For all writers, from all disciplines and backgrounds, for all genres

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TODAY, YOU'LL LEARN:

- What is the Writing Center?
- What happens in the Writing Center?
- Who visits the Writing Center?
- Where is the Writing Center?



WHAT IS THE WRITING CENTER?

The USC Writing Center is committed to helping clients **at any stage of the writing process** become better writers.

Our mission is to **help writers in all academic disciplines** develop their writing abilities, to promote collaborative learning, to train graduate students in writing center teaching and administration, and to provide writing resources to our academic community.



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HOW IS THE WRITING CENTER UNIQUE?

We serve:

- Undergraduate and graduate students
- Faculty and staff
- Any course
- Any major
- Any discipline
- Literally every College and School at USC!



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HOW DOES THE WRITING CENTER HELP?

Brainstorming

Outlines

Thesis statements, topic sentences, and arguments

Source integration

Organization

Citations

Style

Grammar and syntax

Polishing/refining



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WHAT ARE THE WRITING CENTER'S HOURS?

- During the academic year:

Monday – Thursday: 10-3pm (in-person and virtual)
5-8pm (virtual only)

Friday: 1-4pm (virtual only)

- During the summer:

Check our website! We offer virtual appointments through July 31st.



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE WRITING CENTER?

- Work one-on-one with tutor
- Focus on a specific text/assignment
- Build transferrable skills for writing across the curriculum
- Two types of sessions:
 - In-Person: Appointments and Walk-Ins
 - Remote: Live Video



THE DETAILS:

- Complete an appointment form beforehand or walk-in
- Meet with a tutor in person or virtually
- Half-hour and hour-long sessions available
- Talk about client's needs and goals for the assignment
- Receive a client report by EOD
 - Can have report sent to instructor or 3rd party



WHAT HAPPENS DURING A SESSION?

Introduction and discuss your needs

Begin working together

- You may...
 - Read aloud
 - Discuss specific issues and consult resources
 - Receive direct advice
 - Ask questions

Wrap-Up

Next steps



WHAT MAKES THE WRITING CENTER SPECIAL?

- Supportive and non-judgmental
- Each session is tailored to the client
- All tutors are graduate students in the English department
- Clients can make recurring appointments
- The services are FREE!



WHO CAN VISIT THE WRITING CENTER?

- EVERYONE!!!



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WHERE IS THE WRITING CENTER?

901 Sumter St.
Byrnes Building
Room 703



VISIT OUR SITE AND SET UP A CLIENT PROFILE!



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