



About the University of Pittsburgh Writing Center

What is the Writing Center?

The Writing Center is an academic center supported by the Department of English and the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences for students to come to work on their writing. Students must be enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh in order to register for an appointment. Our staff, which includes faculty and undergraduate peer tutors, have been trained to help others with their writing.

You can get support on academic, professional, and creative writing. Our consultants can help you with writing for traditional or digital media.

When should I go to the Writing Center?

Suppose you're writing a paper for one of your classes and you find yourself wondering:

- Will what I've written make sense to the audience I've chosen?
- Have I done what the assignment asks me to do?
- Are there parts that are unclear?
- Have I left something important unsaid or included too much?
- How do I give credit to the sources I've used?
- How can I make sure that there aren't a lot of grammar mistakes?
- How can I revise my writing given the comments my instructor has made?

A consultant at the Writing Center can help you find the answers to these and other questions when you are writing.

Keep in mind that the consultant's role is to provide support and guidance, not to correct your writing for you or tell you what to write. Ultimately, only you, the writer, can be responsible for your writing. The success of every appointment depends on the work you are willing to put into your writing.

What happens when I go to the Writing Center?

There are no grades, no homework, and no grammar drills at the Writing Center. Instead, you will be asked to identify why you've come to the Center, what sort of paper you're working on, and when it is due. You and the consultant will discuss your concerns as well as any added suggestions that the consultant might have.

But what if I don't have anything written yet?

Come to the Writing Center with whatever you have: notes, questions, ideas, worries. You and your consultant can work from where you are to where you want to be.

Do you offer services for students who are veterans or enrolled in the College of General Studies?

Of course! Veterans and CGS students are welcome to make appointments at any Writing Center site, but they also have the option of meeting with our tutors right in 1400 Posvar Hall or online. Just select the CGS/Veteran's schedule from the drop-down menu on our online scheduler.

How do I arrange to speak with a consultant?

You can make an appointment by visiting our online scheduler at pitt.mywconline.com and selecting either the OSC, Hillman, or CGS schedule for the current term (note: the CGS schedule is restricted to veterans and CGS students).

You can also drop in during our operating hours at OSC or Hillman. If a consultant is available, you'll be seen right away.

Appointments are 25 minutes long, starting on the half-hour. Students may make two appointments per week. Using multiple identities to book additional time is a violation of academic integrity.

Does the Writing Center offer anything other than one-on-one tutoring?

For an event schedule, resources, and information about the **Writers' Café**, **International Café**, **Composition and Workshop Tutorial**, the **Peer Tutoring Program**, and **Dissertation Boot Camp**, visit our site: writingcenter.pitt.edu.

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OSC:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 to 7
Wednesday 11 to 7
Friday 9 to 3

Hillman Library, Ground Floor:

Tuesday 1–6, Wednesday 1–3, Thursday 1–4

CGS, 1400 Posvar Hall:

Tue & Thu 9–11:30 (in Posvar)
Sat 9–11:30 (online only)

